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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.C. No.	1440	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 537. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1868 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapett, 8th May 1868, No. 134.

1. I have the honor to submit the weekly Season Report from 26th April to 3rd May.

2. No rain fell anywhere during the week under report, and the general state of the district continues the same.

3. Except in Chingleput and Madurantacum the want of pasture and water for cattle is very much felt.

4. Foot disease is prevalent amongst the cattle throughout the district and in Trivellore. Murrain is said to have appeared. Prices generally are stationary, and the supply from Madras abundant.

5. The large expenditure on the public works is felt to be a great relief to the people, and there is no complaint of present distress, but in Conjeveram talook the inhabitants are said to be depressed.

6. Small-pox is everywhere prevalent, but does not appear to be often fatal.

7. Fever was reported to have appeared on an extended scale at Ennore, and I was induced by the Tahsildar's report to communicate with the Medical authorities, and to despatch the Dresser attached to my office to the spot. From his report either the disease had very rapidly abated, or the original report was greatly exaggerated.

8. In Ponnary talook the Tahsildar has reported that in some villages the want of drinking water is much felt. I have authorized him to deepen ponds and clear spring-channels to a limited extent, and have called for more detailed reports of the wants of the talook in that respect. The unusual heat of the weather is much complained of.

9. In the last report slight showers were said to have fallen in Conjeveram and Trivellore talooks, I have since heard that at and around Tennary, in the former talook, on the 21st of April there was a fair fall of rain, it is described as amounting to two " Padams."

10. The ample supply of grain from Madras, and large expenditure on public works, prevents any present show of distress amongst the population, but the prospects for the cattle are, I fear, very bad.

11. Some few applications for advances for the purchase of seed have been made. I shall address the Board separately on this point in a few days.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The provision for works made by G. O. (quoted) renders further action on this report unnecessary.

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on state of season, prices of
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No. 538. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1868, No. 1,440.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
„ the Editors' Table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.