

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	185	Press ~~Mis.~~
³⁷¹⁻³⁷² Dated	22-1-	1868.

Not to be folded or roughly handled*M.R.*

No. 371. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1868 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 14th January 1868, No. 119.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd January 1868, No. 19, and Government Order thereon, dated 11th January 1868, No. 93, I beg to submit a further report as to the prospects of the season in this district. My Season Report, submitted on the 9th, will have informed the Board that there was partial rain during December in most of the talooks except Udayageri, but not sufficient to supply the tanks. The most distressed portions of the district are to the south and the west.

2. As regards the sub-division comprising the three Talooks of Ongole, Kandukur, and Kanigeri, the Acting Sub-Collector writes, 7th January :—

“ I have been round the greater part of the sub-division, and from personal inspection and inquiry in the course of a journey over a hundred miles, found that the wet crops are almost everywhere in good order, with enough water stored in the tanks for them.

“ The staple dry food-grain of Kandukur, *Aregalu*, was not very flourishing when I last heard, but the late rain will have benefited it. The *Jonna* harvested was much blighted throughout the greater part of the division, but *Worigalu*, the principal dry food-grain of Ongole, and of the greater part of the sub-division, is in capital order. The heavy dews which fall nightly contribute in no small degree to the nurture of this crop. The oil-seed crop has in some places been slightly blighted, but cotton, horse-gram, red-gram, green-gram, are all in good order; Raggy is now being transplanted, and the wells for the watering of this crop are full.

“ On the 24th ultimo we had a day's rain, apparently generally throughout the sub-division (district?) but not so heavy, I hear, as in the sub-division. On the whole, agricultural prospects are very satisfactory.”

3. I next take the Head Assistant's charge comprising the Talooks of Kavali and Udayageri. The Acting Head Assistant Collector wrote, 3rd January :—

“ The fall of rain which we had in Nellore on the 24th seems to have been heavier in Kavali. The Tahsildar reports that a little more than two inches have fallen in Kavali, and that the wet crops throughout the talook are now safe, and that a tolerable yield may be expected. He says in an English communication to me that the rain has been heavier in the west of the talook, which caused me to hope that the Udayageri Talook had got some rain. The Udayageri Tahsildar in his Arzi, received this day, informs me, however, that no rain whatever has fallen, and that the people and cattle are already suffering from drought. I am afraid that there will be considerable distress in the talook this year. Prices of food-grains, it will be seen (from a comparison of the lists given in the two Arzis), have considerably risen, but the rise is said to be due to some extent to demands from the inland districts. Prices in Kavali have risen since the date of the Tahsildar's first Arzi but he says that the rise had been checked by the fall of rain.”

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd January 1868.*

4. In my last I reported having visited the Talooks of Udayageri and Atmakur. I have again sent Mr. Knox, Assistant Collector, out there, personally to note any changes. There is a road now in progress from the Dornal road to Udayageri. The Department Public Works have hitherto had some difficulty in procuring labor for this work, but I hear that coolies are now flocking in.

5. The Superintending Engineer thinks that this road, the Dornal road, and the Someswaram road will all afford abundant labor for this neighbourhood; but he also thinks it would be desirable to draw away the people from the worst localities to places where prices are lower, and therefore he considers that the Sarvapalli project is one of the most suitable to expend money on, to afford labor to the distressed classes. As Colonel Winscom states that a sufficient supply of tools are not available, I request the early sanction of Government for Rupees 1,000 for this purpose.

6. I have commenced the Jummabundy of the Nellore Talook, and find that a large number of tanks have received an inadequate supply, so that much wet land has been left waste. I have notified the Board's sanction to my proposal, to charge only the highest dry rate on wet lands cultivated this year with dry crops, and the ryots, I am inclined to think, will avail themselves of the privilege to a large extent. If the water is insufficient for rice crops, it is better to encourage the cultivation of other food-grains.

7. The Head Assistant has lately made a tour, at my request, through the Gudur Talook. There also the tanks have in many cases received a very insufficient supply, and there is much waste. In the south, particularly, the drought is more severely felt, where the crops which have been put down are perishing. The same or a worst state of things prevails in the Rapur Talook, which has lately been visited by Mr. Knox, Assistant Collector, and the scarcity will also, I fear, be much felt in the Zemindary Tracts of Venkatageri. I hope the road from Gudur and Venkatageri will shortly be put in hand, and also the road from Manubole to Podalakur. The Superintending Engineer has been pushing on the plan and estimates of the district roads, and several I have already submitted for sanction.

8. I have directed all the Tahsildars to send in weekly reports every Saturday on the state of the season, prospects of the harvest, prices, &c., I hope, therefore, to be able to give fuller details in a few days.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with the request that a supply of tools may be despatched to Nellore.

2. The Government will be glad to observe that the season in the northern portion of the district has been favorable.

3. When submitting future reports of the state of each talook, the Acting Collector should forward a comparative statement, giving details of the rain-fall, cultivation, and prices, compared with the averages of the same statistics for the Fuslies 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, and 1275, at the same period of the Fusly.

No. 372.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1868, No. 185.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government authorize the Acting Collector to incur such expense within the sum of Rupees 1,000 as may

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd January 1868.*

be necessary for the provision of tools; but they are of opinion that in every part of the country the laborers will themselves bring their own tools, if a small bonus, or additional rate of pay be offered as inducement, and they desire the recourse be had, in the first instance, to this expedient, before indenting on the Public Works Stores, or incurring the expense and delay of making up tools. Those on hand in the Public Works Stores are not well suited for the kind of work on which the distressed poor will be employed, being generally too heavy, and intended for quarrying stone and such work.

2. The Acting Collector is also authorized to set in hand, when necessary, the Local Fund works to which he alludes, and for which it is presumed provision has been made in the Budget for the current or next ensuing year, in anticipation of sanction to the detailed estimates, the submission of which should, however, be expedited.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Collector of Nellore.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.
„ W. Robinson, Esq.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

AVERAGE Bazar Prices of Grain and Salt per Garce and Cultivation in the District of

Kellene in the month of December 1867, Fasli 1277.

PRICES.				CULTIVATION UP TO THE MONTH OF			
Species.	Fasli 1275.	Fasli 1276.	Fasli 1277.	Items.	Fasli 1276.	Fasli 1277.	
1	2	3	4		2	3	4
					Extent	Assessment	Extent
					Acres.	Rs.	Acres.
Paddy, 1st sort ...	Rs. 184	Rs. 225	Rs. 187	Dry ...	468,583	623,050	473,722
Do. 2nd do. ...	163	214	170	Wet ...	120,350	627,609	142,369
Cholum or Javery...	203	290	217	Total...	5,83,403	12,50,659	6,16,091
Cumboo or Buyru...	191	259	199	Remarks on the state of season.			
Raggy... ..	174	260	189	Fasli 1275 1276 1277			
Horse-gram... ..	258	411	226	Cleaned Cotton } 176 157 100			
Rice, 1st sort ...	392	477	400	per Canoy of 500 lbs. }			
Do. 2nd do. ...	365	439	364	Indigo per } 47 46 43			
Vergoo... ..	128	163	143	maund of 25 lbs. }			
Oolondoo... ..	356	610	486	Rain is reported to have			
Wheat... ..	642	770	673				
Sea Salt	234	268	259				

Rain Report of the Kellene for the month of December 1867, Fasli 1277

Sections.	Number of Stations in each Section.	Aggregate fall at all the Stations in each Section.		Average of each Section.		KEMA Greatest continuous fall during the month.		
		Inches.	Tenths.	Inches.	Tenths.	Date.	Inches.	Tenths.
Northern	7	13.52	"	1.93	"	24 th	8.70	"
Southern	4	5.99	"	1.50	"	24 th	1.70	"
Eastern	4	7.12	"	1.78	"	23 rd	1.75	"
Western	2	1.51	"	.50	"	26 th	.50	"
Total...	18	28.14	"	5.71	"			
		Average of the District		1.43	"			

Statement of Cotton and Indigo Cultivation for the month of December 1867, Fasli 1277.

Corps.	Fasli 1277.		Fasli 1276.		Remarks.
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
	Acres.	Rupees.	Acres.	Rupees.	
Government land	Cotton... 15,683	18,564	17,063	18,691	Price of cleaned Cotton per Candy of 500 lbs. Rs. 100
	Indigo... 100 24	20,806	12,639	24,381	
Zemindary and Inam lands..	Cotton... 13,084	11,696	15,674	14,248	Price of Indigo per Maund of 25 lbs. Rs. 4.3
	Indigo... 2,835	10,469	4,068	11,692	
Total...	Cotton... 28,767	12,859	32,737	33,039	
	Indigo... 30,260	31,275	16,707	26,073	

Kellene
Collector's Office
3rd January 1868Comptroller
M. J. S. R.

Collector.

by a fresh in the Penner)
has still lots of water. The
whole area seems to be
under cultivation with fine
crops. Dry crops too in this
vicinity are fair. I believe
the same state of things exists
all along the coast line of
Talays to the N. - The con-
dition of Giridhar Talay
S. of below is worse. Many
tanks dry - ^{last} but crops w.
failure in large proportion

of dry crops likely to fail
(we had very heavy rain
here last night & if it
extended thro' the country
will do great good to dry
crops) Water low in tanks.
Cattle likely to die for want
of pasture. Poorer classes
already suffering from
~~want of~~ to some extent.
So elsewhere for work -
Small pox prevailing -
The condition of the Western
Talays & Kaidoopeet (S.

Yfidur / is worse again
than this - Scarcely any
rain has fallen there -

Cattle disease raging - The
cattle from all parts are
driven to the line of hills
for pasture & many are
perishing there from disease.

Rice not very high - Average
about 8 hundred measures
rice per ruple - $7\frac{1}{2}$ are
suffering Talips - The poorer
clases in these parts are
said to be on $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ meals.

Goswami is going there this
to. Talips & will see for
himself what is needed.

A few good showers (if
it there be not a chance)
will help the dry crops
but in any case I should
think the poorer clases
in some parts of the District
will need employment for
wages - No work seems to

have been let me for yet.
at the road in N. Crest
from Tappety to Cheltenham
it to be let going at once
in to better boundary
should think it will be
a very good thing to finish
it at once in better dist.
till it joins Tappety road
at Handcroft - People
in Handcroft are suffering
to need work -

from him

C. I. Ham

No tendency to increase
of crime apparent.

No. 185.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 22nd January 1868.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Forwarding for the infor-
mation of Govt. letter from the
Coll^r of Bellary reporting on
the state & prospects of the
season in his District.

(Here enter 18th Jan^y/68)

The Govt. authorize
the Acting Collector to incur
such expense within the sum
of Rs. 1,000 as may be neces-
sary for the provision of
tools - but they are of opinion
that in every part of the
country the laborers will
themselves bring their
own tools if a small
bonus

N.
W. H.

W. H.
C. H.

Attach this to
the Bellary letter
report for Govt.

bonus or additional rate of
pay be offered as induc-
ement, and they desire the
recourse be ⁱⁿ the first in-
stances ~~to~~ to this expedient
before indenting on the Pub-
lic Works stores, or incurring
the expense and delay of
making up tools. Those on
hand in the Public Works
stores are not well suited
for the kind of work on which
the distressed poor will be
employed - being generally
too heavy and intended for
quarrying stone and
such work.

The St. Collector
is also authorized to set in
hand when necessary, the Local
Fund works to which he alludes,
and for which it is presumed
provision has been made in

the

The Budget for the cur-
rent or next ensuing
year - in anticipation of
sanction to the detailed
estimates, the submission
of which should however
be expedited.

L.B.

1 Copy to Mr. A. G. Allen Dec 23rd
11 Copy to Board
6 - " Asst. General
2 - " Dep. Secy. Works
1 - " Mr. Robinson Esq.

65

8

G. A. Ball

No. 182-83

11/1/88

No. 371-372

Revenue 1868 Q4

No. of yrs for January

No 185

No. of the Machine for

of 25 January 1868

22-1-88