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No. 29.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. In my letter dated 14th instant, No. 110, the Government of India were informed that this Government had deputed Mr. W. Robinson, Acting Member of the Revenue Board, to investigate the condition of the Madras, North Arcot, and South Arcot Districts, where, owing to the serious failure of the North-East Monsoon, apprehensions of distress among the poorer classes were entertained.

2. I am now directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India (with other papers), the reports submitted by Mr. Robinson on the condition of certain talooks, &c., of the North Arcot District. The Government of India will regret to find so much in these reports to justify the apprehensions entertained by this Government as to the position and prospects of this part of the country, and their anticipation of threatening distress among the poorer classes from the interruption in the demand for their labor; but it will be noted, with satisfaction, that Mr. Robinson does not at present find any need for affording aid in the form of alms-giving, and that his proposals are limited to providing labor for those thrown out of work, and improving the water-supply for man and beast. Mr. Robinson's proposals, and the views expressed by Government in reference thereto, are stated in Proceedings of 22nd instant, No. 178, to which a reference is requested.

Procs. of Govt.,	14th	Jan.	1868, Nos.	215, 216.
Do.	15th	,,	,,	225, 226.
Do.	15th	,,	,,	233—237.
Do.	18th	,,	,,	286, 287.
Do.	22nd	,,	,,	331, 332.
Do.	22nd	,,	,,	356—358.
Do.	22nd	,,	,,	364—367.
Do.	23rd	,,	,,	387, 388.
Do.	23rd	,,	,,	399, 400.
Do.	24th	,,	,,	424, 425.

3. The Government have also received unfavorable reports as to the prospects of the season in the Nellore and Coimbatore Districts. These reports, with the Proceedings of Government thereon, are herewith forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

Procs. of Govt.,	11th	Jan.	1868, Nos.	182, 183.
Do.	21st	,,	,,	320—322.
Do.	22nd	,,	,,	368—370.
Do.	22nd	,,	,,	371, 372.

4. There was a good fall of rain on 24th and 25th, which appears to have been tolerably general in the most suffering districts, and though too late to save the bulk of the crops affected by drought, will benefit some, and will undoubtedly mitigate much of the distress experienced or anticipated from failure of pasture and water.

5. It is not likely to have much effect on prices, or to improve the demand for labor.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department
1st July 68

No. 294

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Famine Department

Sir,

In my letter dated 11th instant No. 110 the Govt of India were informed that this Govt had deputed Mr W. Robinson, Acting Member of the Revenue Board, to investigate the condition of the Madras, North Arcot, and South Arcot Districts, where, owing to the serious failure of the North East monsoon, apprehensions of distress among the poorer classes were entertained.

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3 The Govt. have also received unfavorable reports as to the prospects of the season in the Salem and Coimbatore Districts. These reports, with the Proceedings of Government thereon are herewith forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

Rec. of Govt. 11th January 58 Nos. 182. 183
" 21st " " 321. 322
" 22nd " " 335. 337
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4 The case for Captain Ouchterlony and Lieut. Hamilton will be noted in the margin. The Govt. of India will be glad to learn the result of the enquiry ordered by Major Hill; and will

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