M.R.O. 14-5,459—22-10-25.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	305	Press ~~Mis.~~
51-52. Dated	3-2-	1868.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

305
Ms

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd February 1868.

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th January 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallum, Tanjore talook, 25th January 1868, No. 23 :—

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum of the 22nd instant, No. 87, I have the honor to report that, although the north-east monsoon has this year on the whole been exceedingly light in this district, yet there is at present no reason to apprehend any considerable deficiency in the out-turn of the crops.

2. In the whole of the delta, excepting the Tritrapundi talook, which forms its south-eastern extremity, the crops are in a generally promising condition; indeed, they are so much so in parts, that the probable excess above the average yield therein is expected in a great measure to cover the deficiency elsewhere.

3. In the south-eastern extremity of the delta, as also in the whole of the Kadarambham, or the upland portion of the district, which comprises the whole of the Pattukottai talook and parts of the talooks of Tanjore, Munnargudi, and Tritrapundy, the crops have to a great extent failed ; but so far as the wet cultivation in these parts is concerned, the requirements of the season will be sufficiently met by the remissions allowable under the ordinary Remission Rules, and no special measure of relief is therefore needed.

4. With respect to dry cultivation, however, it will most probably be found necessary to allow, throughout the upland portion of the district, a special remission at a general per-centage on a scale varying with reference to the extent of loss sustained in the different parts, similar to that granted in Fusly 1275, but the actual extent of loss not being at present ascertainable, the amount of such remission as will have to be granted cannot now be estimated with any degree of precision. On this point, therefore, I will address the Board more fully and more definitely before the middle of next month.

5. There are even yet hopes of our getting more rain ; and indeed, the state of the weather just now affords every indication of an immediate and abundant rain-fall. Such a rain-fall at this moment, though somewhat late, will be of considerable value to the standing dry crops generally, as also to such portions of the wet crop as have not yet come to maturity, and the amount of special remission above indicated depends therefore upon the extent to which the present expectations of rain are realized.

6. As regards the condition of the people, no sign of distress present or prospective has yet manifested itself, and although cholera as well as cattle diseases incidental to a scanty monsoon prevail here and there with more or less virulence, the health of both men and cattle is at present tolerably good. Neither has there yet been any failure of pasture for cattle, and if the present appearances of rain do not end in disappointment, there need be no apprehensions of future drought or sickness.

7. The grain markets throughout the district are well and fully supplied, and although the high range of prices naturally presses very hard on the poorer classes, there is no fear of any thing like scarcity.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd February 1863.

8. In the event of an eventual failure of crops, it may probably be found necessary in the most unfavorably situated localities to provide employment for the poorer and laboring classes of the ryots, in order to prevent them deserting their villages in quest of livelihood, and with view also at the same time towards repairing and restoring such works of irrigation as are now in a neglected state; but as matters now stand, I am at present not in a position to submit any definite proposals on this subject. Should I find it necessary hereafter, I will address the Board on the subject at the earliest possible date.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board await the Collector's further report.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1868, No. 305.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Relief Committee.
,, W. Robinson, Esq.
,, the Editors' Table.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Rev. 1868. Dgt. Feby
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 30th Jan. 30 Received 3/2 } January 1868.

Submitting for the information of Government letter from Collector of Tanjore reporting on the prospects of the Season.

No. 305.

Recorded

3rd Feby 68

Sent to Relief Committee
" W. Robinson
" Editors' Table