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3. The yield of the early dry crops such as Korra, Chama and Ganty on the islands in the Godavery was good, while that of the same crops on the main lands was bad owing to the early heavy rain stagnating in the fields where the grain was sown while the crop was young, and too little rain subsequently. The gingilly crops both on lankas and mainlands were very productive and remunerative. The black paddy crop has suffered severely from the failure of North-East Monsoon rains, except where it was within the reach of the anicut irigatin, and so irrigated. Cholum, Raggy and Karaga which were sown in October will be almost a total failure from the absence of rain subsequently.

4. The cultivation of the later dry crops such as Bengal, green, black, horse and Cow grains, Coriander, Fenugreek and mustard has been much impeded from the same causes. Sugar cane which is chiefly cultivated in lands always irrigable from the yélérs, and Anicut channels, is now in a flourishing state; but its extent is much smaller than in last year.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 3rd December 1868.

Read the following

No. 298.

From

James Fraser Esqre

Collector

To

A. Macgregor Esqre

Acting secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Madras.

Sir,

As directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st Instant No. —— communicating the Order of Government of 19th Instant No. 2900 A, I have the honor to report on the present condition and prospects of the Godavery District.

2. The cultivation of Wet and dry crops was carried on to the usual extent. The wet cultivation under the influence of the Anicut Channels is in a good condition and a good out-turn is expected. There is an increase of about 10,000 Acres in the area of Wet cultivation in the Uplands Talugs over that of the last year owing to the very heavy early rains; but this cultivation under most of the rainfed Tanks as well as in a few villages under the yélém has been so injured by the failure of the

No. 252. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1868:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 28th November 1868, No. 298.

1. As directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st instant, No. ——, communicating the Order of Government of 19th instant, No. 2,900A, I have the honor to report on the present condition and prospects of the Godavery District.

2. The cultivation of wet and dry crops was carried on to the usual extent. The wet cultivation, under the influence of the anicut channels, is in a good condition, and a good out-turn is expected. There is an increase of about 10,000 acres in the area of wet cultivation in the upland talooks over that of the last year, owing to the very heavy early rains; but this cultivation under most of the rain-fed tanks, as well as in a few villages under the Yelcru, has been so injured by the failure of the north-east monsoon rains that an almost total loss is anticipated.

3. The yield of the early dry crops, such as korra, chama, and ganty on the islands in the Godavery was good, while that of the same crops on the main lands was bad, owing to the early heavy rain stagnating in the fields where the grain was sown while the crop was young, and too little rain subsequently. The gingelly crops, both on lankas and main lands, were very productive and remunerative. The black paddy crop has suffered severely from the failure of the north-east monsoon rains, except where it was within the reach of the anicut irrigation, and so irrigated. Cholum, raggy, and varagu, which were sown in October, will be almost a total failure from the absence of rain subsequently.

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5. On the whole, the prospects of the crop of food grains in the district are not good; but as there is plenty of paddy of the last year's crop in the possession of merchants and rich ryots, there will be no scarcity of food in this district, though prices will range high, especially if there be much export to Vizagapatam and Ganjam. Paddy is now being exported to those districts both by sea and by land. The prices of paddy and other grains are rising high in this district, but they have not nearly reached the figure at which they sold in 1866. Rice (2nd sort) is now sold in the Cocanada market at fifteen seers, or ten Madras measures per Rupee, while it was sold at twenty-four seers per Rupee about six weeks ago. In the year 1866, when there was a famine in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts, the price of the rice in this district was between eight and ten seers a Rupee. The rising prices will be felt much by certain classes, especially those who receive fixed salaries.

6. Laborers are well off here, as their wages have lately risen to a high figure; they receive now four Annas a day.

7. Ryots pay their agricultural laborers mostly in kind.

8. Under the foregoing circumstances, I do not think that any relief works will be necessary for the support of the poorer classes. There is at present a scarcity of labor for both public and private works, which are already numerous throughout the district, notwithstanding the high pay given.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's report is not favorable, but there is, the Board consider, no cause for anxiety.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1868, No. 3,135.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 16th.

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 16th December 1868, No. 3,135.

DECIDED.

Nos. 252-253.

Season in Godavery District.—Report of the Collector on the present condition and prospects of the District, recorded.

8. Under the foregoing circumstances, I do not think that any relief works will be necessary for the support of the poorer classes. There is at present a scarcity of labor for both public and private works, which are already numerous throughout the District, notwithstanding the high pay given.

I have &c.

Godavery District Collector's Office Cocanada 28th November 1868

/Signed/ J. Fraser
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government

The Collector's report is not favorable, but there is, the Board consider, no cause for anxiety.

(A true Copy & Extract)

A Chambers
Acting Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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