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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	474	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1868.*

No. 413. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 3rd February 1868, No. 253:—

I have the honor to submit my weekly season report of the Nellore District, from 19th to 25th January 1868.

Rain.—On the 24th January there fell $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches rain in Kasba Nellore and some villages; one inch in Atmakur talook; and there was a slight drizzling in Gudur, Udayagiri, and Kandukur talooks.

State of crops.—The well land and tank cultivation is good, as also that under the river channels. The Pishanam in the Nellore talook is about to be reaped. Lamp-oil seed and the various grains are partially blighted. Jonna and Ariga are withering in Atmakur talook.

Prices.—Have slightly advanced in Kavali, but fallen in Ongole, owing to imports from the Kistna District; elsewhere stationary.

Public Health.—Small-pox, fever, and ague prevail to a small extent in Nellore, Gudur, Kanigiri, and Kandukur talooks. In Udayagiri talook the poorer classes are suffering much for want of water and want of the means of earning a livelihood.

Cattle.—Cattle disease prevails in the talooks of Gudur, Atmakur, Nellore, and Udayagiri. In the two former, many cases prove fatal. The reserved tracts of pasturage in the Udayagiri talook have commenced withering.

Mr. Charles Rundall, Special Assistant Collector, writing from the Gudur talook: states,—“The late rain, though not sufficient to put water into the tanks, is too late for the dry crops, and is bad for the Jonna now well on in ear. The ryots have not been pleased with it therefore. Lamp-oil is blighted. Ariga is very indifferent, and Valisa is likewise blighted.”

I have requested the Superintending Engineer to instruct the Range Officer to commence work on the roads at once in Udayagiri, Atmakur, Rapur, and Gudur talooks, and to advertise the number of coolies to whom they can give employment. According to the number applying we can gradually extend operations.

I have just returned from a tour through the talooks of Ongole, Kanigiri, Kandukur, and Kavali, where throughout, the prospects of the season are most satisfactory, and pasturage generally abundant. Grain is being carried from the Eastern to the Western Talooks, which serve to keep down prices, and supplies are also coming in from Kistna and the north.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Boswell should address Veterinary Surgeon Thacker upon the subject of the cattle disease reported to be so prevalent in Atmakur and Gudur. He is also requested to consider whether it would not be advisable to make advances for the construction of wells in the Udayagiri talook.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1868, No. 474.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government infer from the Collector's report that any distress in his district from the failure of rain is likely to be limited to a narrow area.
2. They trust that the works referred to, have been put in hand.
3. Mr. Boswell having by G. O., dated 11th January 1868, No. 93, been vested with discretion to commence works where needed to relieve actual distress, the Government are at a loss to understand why in the Udayagiri talook any "suffering of the poorer classes from want of the means of earning a livelihood" should have to be noticed. They look to him to prevent such suffering.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Nellore.
,, W. Robinson, Esq.
,, the Relief Committee.
,, the Public Works Department
,, the Editors' Table.

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