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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 465. 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, 7th February 1868, No. 338:—

I have the honor to report on the state of season in this district for the week ending 1st February.

Rain.—Some rain in Rapur talook, which, though not favorable for Jonna, will do good to the drooping wet crops for a time. The rain on the 24th ultimo is said to have brought a month and a half's supply of water to the Kalavayi tank, in Atmakur talook. Other tanks throughout the district have also received a partial supply, but the want of water is being felt more than ever in Udayagiri talook.

State of Crops.—Wet cultivation generally less promising than the dry, Peshanam in Nellore, Sanavari under the river-channels in Atmakur, and the dry crops of Ariga, Variga, Chama, Raggy, Horse-gram, Lamp-oil seed, and Cotton, in the Northern and Western Talooks are being reaped. The crops dry and wet are most prosperous in the talooks of Ongole and Kavali.

Prices.—Under this head no material changes have taken place during the week to call for special remarks.

Public Health.—Small-pox, ague, and fever are still prevalent in all the talooks except Kavali and Udayagiri.

Cattle.—Cattle are suffering severely in Rapur, and to a less extent in parts of Nellore, Gudur, Udayagiri, Atmakur, Kanigiri, and Kandukur talooks.

Mr. Rundall, Officiating Deputy Director, Revenue Settlement, writing from the Atmakur talook, states—"Jonna about Dachur and this part is very promising. "The ryots are trying hard to impress on me that they have not had so good a crop "for twenty years. The recent rain put some water, I hear, into the Kalavayi "tank, but curiously none into the neighbouring Anantasagaram tank."

Mr. Knox, Assistant Collector, writes with regard to the cooly class of laborers in the same talook: "Just at present there is work for them to a considerable "extent, as the Sanavari and Ariga crops are being harvested, so that their condi- "tion is better than it was, but still it would be an advantage to employ them, as I "before observed, in such unskilled labor, as clearing tracts for roads between the "principal villages, thereby also rendering it more easy to convey food from village "to village, and in some degree putting a stop to famine prices prevailing in any "particular locality."

I am informed by the Department of Public Works that as yet there has been no marked influx in the number of coolies applying for work on the roads, &c. The demand for laborers continues greater than the supply. Prices too are kept down by grain being brought into those talooks wherever there is shewn a tendency of prices to rise. The grain is being taken from Kavali to Udayagiri and also to Cuddapah.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

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