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11th March 1868.

No. 168. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 24th February 1868, No. 554 :—

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, on the prospects of the season in this district for the week ending the 15th February.

2. No rain during the week, nor any freshes in the rivers.

3. The wet cultivation in some villages of Gudur talook is withering. Jonna in Rapur promises well. In Nellore most of the crops generally have turned out bad, and the Pishanam is very nearly all reaped. The crops in Kavali talook are good, with some rare exceptions, and the crops in some villages, both dry and wet, are being cut. The dry crops as Ariga, Chama, Pedaragi, and Karralu, in Udayagiri; Sannavari and Ariga in Atmakur and Kandukur, also Lamp-oil seed and Variga in the latter talook, and Paddy, Horse-gram, and Cotton in Kanigiri are being reaped. In parts of Ongole talook the Paddy crops have been cut already, and in others they are just being harvested. Variga has been mostly gathered, and the grains lately attacked with blight are now gradually recovering. The standing crops in Kandukur are improving.

4. Prices of the principal grains stand as reported last week, and the following table shews their average retail sales in Madras measures per rupee for last and current Fuslies during this part of the year :—

Names of Grains.	No. of Madras Measures per Rupee in Fusly 1276.	No. of Madras Measures per Rupee in Fusly 1277.	Increase.	Decrease.
Paddy ... 1st sort	15	17	2	...
Paddy ... 2nd ,, ...	16	19	3	...
Rice ... 1st sort	7	8	1	...
Rice ... 2nd ,, ...	8	9	1	...
Dagulu	13	17	4	...
Cholum or Jonna	12	13	1	...
Cumboo or Sajja	12	15	3	...
Ariga	.....	22	...	....
Varigalu	21	18	...	3
Horse-gram	8	14	6	...

5. With the exception of Kavali, all other talooks are visited with small-pox and ague, but the cases are not generally proving fatal. The distress for want of water for drinking purposes at Udayagiri is becoming very severe, especially in the Kasbah, where, in anticipation of sanction, I have authorized the Tahsildar to advance Rupees 200 for digging or deepening wells.

6. In most talooks cattle disease prevails under different denominations, as "Galikuntlu," "Pedachida," and "Gudipethe." It is shewing itself more deadly in parts of Gudur, Atmakur, Nellore, Udayagiri, and Kandukur talooks. Reports are being sent to Mr. Thacker.

7. I have been engaged in the Jummahbundy of the Nellore talook, and regret to find much waste and shavy. There will be necessity to remit a very large sum this year.

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8. The Executive Engineer, Mr. Fraser, has arrived at Dugarazapatam, so that the canal will be commenced at once. Hitherto for the last two years the Rajah of Venkatagiri has given a good deal of employment in the repairs of tank channels, &c. As he has just now somewhat inopportunely turned adrift his Department of Public Works, I have no doubt the coolies will be glad to seek employment on the canal.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Collector should report from what source he proposes to meet the charge of Rupees 200, referred to in paragraph 5 of his letter.

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1868, No. 640.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be laid on the Editors' Table.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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