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18th March 1868.

No. 290. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 6th March 1868, No. 695 :—

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the prospects of season, condition of people, &c., in the Nellore District, for the week closing 29th February.

2. No rain of any description during the week. The Pennar is almost entirely dry.

3. The wet crops in the Gudur talook seem to realize but half the usual yield. In Rapur and Atmakur the dry crops of Ariga, Jonna, Lamp-oil seed, and Horse-gram are being cut. The wet crops in the former talook are partly withering. In Nellore, Pishanam and Sannavari have for the greater part been harvested. The crops generally, in Kavali, Sunnavari in Kandukur, and Variga in Ongole, are all being cut. In the last-named talook, Bengal-gram and Gingelly-oil seeds are in a flourishing state. In Udayagherry, Jonna is to some extent blighted, and the wet crops are looking bad.

4. Throughout the district there is a slight rise in the prices. The subjoined statement shows the average retail prices of the principal grains :—

Comparative Statement of the average prices of the past and present week.

Madras Measures per Rupee.	PADDY.				RICE.				RAGGY.		CHOLUM.		CUMBOO.		ARIGA.		VARIGALU.		HORSE-GRAM.	
	1st Sort.		2nd Sort.		1st Sort.		2nd Sort.													
	Week ending 22nd February 1868.	Week ending 29th February 1868.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.	Do. 22nd do.	Do. 29th do.
	17	16½	19	18½	8	8	9	8½	17	16	13	13	15	15	22	20½	18	15	14	14

5. Ague and small-pox still continue in parts of the district, but seem to be gradually abating.

6. Cattle disease exists in most talooks. In Rapur, Atmakur, and Kandukur talooks it is more fatal.

7. The Head Assistant Collector is at present engaged in the settlement of the Udayagherry talook.

8. Mr. Fraser, Executive Engineer, in charge of the extension of the East Coast Canal from Dugarazapatam to Kristnapatam, writes under date 4th March :—

“ I have not asked you to send in coolies, as I was desirous of seeing first how many we could get from the neighbouring villages and from those along the canal to Madras, as it is objectionable to bring coolies from a long distance. From information received I am of opinion that we shall get as many coolies as we require without calling upon the more distant parts of the country. I have already marked out and surveyed about five miles, and gave it on contract, and there will, I expect, be at least 1,000 coolies at work in a few days.”

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9. The Executive Engineer in charge of the Nellore Range verbally informed me the other day, that he estimated that there were about 1,300 coolies now employed on the Sarvapalli works, about 1,000 on the Chenar project, and about 600 on the Venkatagherry road. A considerable number of coolies have also found employment on the roads now in progress in the Western Talooks, although so many do not come to seek employment as would indicate the existence of any severe distress.

Submitted for the information of Government..

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1868, No. 701.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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9. The Executive Engineer in charge of the Nellore Range.

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