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2nd April 1868.*

No. 84. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Vencatagherry, 21st March 1868, No. 844:—

1. I have the honor to forward the usual season report of this district for the week ending 14th March.

2. On the 8th instant about two padunus (half inch) of rain are reported to have fallen in six villages towards the north of the Rapur talook. The rain was accompanied by high wind, which has somewhat injured the dry crops.

3. In Gudur the wet crops are withering to a great extent. The Jonna crop is being harvested in Atmakur, Udayagiri, Rapur, and Kandukur talooks; also Raggy in Atmakur, Lamp-oil seed in Udayagiri and Ongole, and Sannavari in Kandukur. The black Paddy crop, known as "Iswaracora," has suffered much in the Nellore talook. In Kavali the crops are generally cut for the most part in a few localities, only the wet crops are withering. In Ongole the Bengal and Red-gram are doing well.

4. The following statement will indicate the average prices of the present and past week. It will be observed there has been, with some exceptions, a slight rise during the period under report:—

Madras Measures per Rupee.	PADDY.				RICE.				RAGGY	CHOLUM.		CUMBOO.	ARIGA.		VARIGALU.		HORSE-GRAM.			
	1st Sort.		2nd Sort.		1st Sort.		2nd Sort.													
	Week ending 7th March 1868.	Do. 14th March 1868.	Do. 7th do. 1868.	Do. 14th do. do.	Do. 7th do. do.	Do. 14th do. do.	Do. 7th do. do.	Do. 14th do. do.												
	16½	16½	18½	18½	8	7½	8½	8½	16½	16½	13	13	14½	14½	23	22	18½	18½	14	14½

5. Small-pox, fever, and ague still continue in several talooks. In Gudur some deaths have been reported during the week from small-pox. The weather is now getting hot, and, as the season advances in Udayagiri, the largest wells are running dry.

6. Cattle disease still prevails, and with fatal results in Atmakur, Udayagiri, and Kandukur talooks; elsewhere it is not so severe. In Rapur it is gradually disappearing.

7. I am at present making a tour of inspection through the west and south portions of the district. In the Atmakur talook I found much wet land waste, and a good deal of Shavy. The dry crops have, however, done well, and the people are so fully occupied with the harvest, that coolies for road-work are procurable with difficulty. In the Rapur talook, with the exception of only a few villages, the wet crops have failed entirely. Rapur, however, is chiefly a dry talook, and the dry crops are on the whole good. The people have abundant employment for the present, so that they will not come to public works.

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8. In the Vencatagherry division, as in the adjoining Government talooks, the wet crops have suffered in many places, from the tanks running dry; but the dry crops are good.

9. The Salt Deputy Collector, A. Narrain Rao, writes from the Gudur talook that the northern and western portions of that talook seems to have suffered much; that further south, near Dugarazupatnam, by wells an average crop has been secured, and that the Zemindary villages, bordering on the Gudur talook, seem to have suffered more.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 85.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1868, No. 885.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
„ the Editors' Table.

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Board of Revenue*

*dated 30th March
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*Submitting for the
information of Govt
letter from the A.
Collector of Mallore
reporting on the
state of the season
in that Dist.*

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