

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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11th January 1868.*

No. 182. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd January 1868; No. 19.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th December 1867, No. 1,781 :—

Since the despatch of my letter, dated 6th December 1867, No. 1,651, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th December 1867, No. 8,072, I regret to say that, in consequence of the absence of rain due during all December, the prospects of the season in this district have changed very much for the worse. The dry crops dependent entirely upon rain are looking bad, and many of the tanks are running low, and threaten to afford an insufficient supply for the lands irrigated by them unless we have rain before long. I have just returned from a short tour in the Western Talooks of Atmakur and Udayagiri; the former a wet, and the latter a dry talook, which I visited to be able to judge personally of the prospects of the season. I find the effects of the drought manifest everywhere. Much of the irrigated land was waste for want of water to commence cultivation, and some of the crops put down already looked brown and withering. My impression is that unless we have rain soon, there will be much loss this year. Prices have made a sudden rise, and in one village (Atmakur), which I visited, the people came to me in a body and complained that the Komaties refused to sell. I sent for and spoke to them, when they said they were quite willing to sell if they could sell at the enhanced prices. These things, however, shew that there are anticipations of scarcity abroad. I trust in a few days to receive the Monthly Season Reports from the different talooks, when I will write again more fully. In some instances, when the supply of water appears insufficient for paddy, I have heard of dry crops having been put down, which will require a comparatively small supply of water to bring them to maturity. Several claims for a reduction of assessment have been presented in such cases. I would suggest that when there is undoubted insufficiency of water, we would do well to encourage the ryots to raise dry crops by offering a partial remission of the wet assessment in such cases, and I would request the Board's sanction for the adoption of this course.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board have received this report with much regret. They trust to obtain from the Collector, at the earliest possible date, a more detailed account of the condition of his district, and they request the permission of Government to his commencing special relief works in any locality in which he may deem it necessary.
3. Mr. Boswell should submit the information obtained of the condition of each talook as soon as it is received by him, and should send a weekly report of the general condition of the people, markets, prices, &c. He would do well also at once to consult the Superintending Engineer as to the best works to be undertaken should necessity arise, and should ascertain whether a sufficient supply of tools are available. Should he require any special assistance, he should state his wants, and the Board will be prepared to recommend Government to attach some additional officers to the district.
4. The Board approve and sanction the proposals made at the close of the Acting Collector's letter.

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5. The annexed statement exhibits the condition of the district up to November 30th, compared with previous years.

NELLORE.
Rain-fall.

Fuslies.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	Total.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1271	1.27	1.83	2.74	6.20	6.67	18.71
1272	0.85	1.86	5.11	8.89	3.27	19.98
1273	2.15	1.77	1.97	11.76	1.28	18.93
1274	2.93	4.42	1.27	6.73	9.80	25.15
1275	1.25	4.73	1.72	1.77	8.12	17.59
Total...	8.45	14.61	12.81	35.35	29.14	100.36
Average ...	1.69	2.92	2.56	7.07	5.83	20.07
1276	1.86	3.09	2.14	6.59	7.14	20.82
1277	0.88	3.51	1.91	8.77	3.42	18.49

Cultivation.

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Average cultivation up to November for five Fuslies, from 1271 to 1276.	3,95,052	9,70,432
Cultivation up to November 1866 in Fusly 1276	4,61,786	10,32,607
Do. up to do. 1867 in do. 1277	4,70,512	10,14,909

Prices.

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Second sort Rice... Average price per garce in November of five Fuslies, from 1271 to 1275	348
Price per garce in November of Fusly 1276	440
Do. do. of do. 1277	353
Raggy..... Average price per garce in November of five Fuslies, from 1271 to 1275	170
Price per garce in November of Fusly 1276	259
Do. do. of do. 1277	173
Cholum..... Average price per garce in November of five Fuslies, from 1271 to 1275	195
Price per garce in November of Fusly 1276	281
Do. do. of do. 1277	207

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1868, No. 93.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government desire to receive from Mr. Boswell, through the Board, with as little delay as possible, detailed information as to the state of the crops and general prospects of the season in each talook of his district.

2. He should keep his attention directed to the selection of useful and re-productive works on which labor may be employed, should proved distress render it necessary to provide employment for the poorer classes thrown out of work, and he is authorized to commence such works on his own responsibility, reporting his

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proceedings to Government, should sudden and pressing need arise in any locality for such assistance. The Government will, on his requisition, arrange to furnish him with special agency for promoting the attainment of the object in view.

3. The Board's Proceedings on the Acting Collector's report are approved.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Acting Collector of Nellore.

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Rev. DEPARTMENT.

No. 10

~~From~~ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3^d January 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

The Govt, I fear, have no other
alternative than that of sanctioning
in respect of Mellore, a commencement
of relief works, as soon as Mr. Bonnell
may be of opinion that it is
necessary. - The order passed by
the Bd. of Rev. on the other points
raised in Mr. Bonnell's Comr., are
proper.

W.D.H.

The Minto does not hint at any
necessity for relief works or at

the existence of actual distress,
and considering the time of
the report made by that officer
only this day month. which
had the Board & represent the
passer ^{in letters} as having been "unusually
favorable," I cannot but think
that they are somewhat precipitate
in suggesting the necessity of
Relief works and of a general
agency in that District. I suppose
that there are other Districts
parts of Louisiana & elsewhere
for instance much worse off
than others. I would call

for a more detailed report as to the
state of the whole District before
sanctioning the commencement of
Relief works.

G. A.

I would call upon Mr. Bownell for
early and detailed information
respecting the state of the crop and
general prospects of the country -
and I look of his District and
advise him to deliberate upon the
reproductive works which it might
be desirable to set in motion in
case of general distress among the
laboring class thrown out of work,

but I could also authorize him to
commence such works as his own
responsibility should any locality
be suddenly in special need of them
and I could promise him should
agency on his request. I presume
the same necessity in Calcutta and
Madras and I think we must have
a special Commissioner or a member of
the Board for these Districts
constantly but we need not yet
take a resolution in that behalf.

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Revenue Department

No. 93.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 11th Jan^y 1868-

Read the fol-
lowing Pro: of the Bd^y
of Rev^y:-

Submitting a
letter from the Coll^y of
Mellore, reporting on the
state of the season in his
dist^y and requesting the per-
mission of Govt to the Coll^y
commencing special re-
-lief works in any locality
in which he may deem
it necessary, and issuing
instructions to the Coll^y on
the subject -

(These enter 3rd
Jan^y 1868)-

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L. A.

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