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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1869.

No. 419. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Kondakirla, 19th March 1869, No. 148.

As promised in the last paragraph of my letter of the 22nd ultimo, No. 104, I have the honor to report on what appears to have been the approximate loss of outturn in the Government talooks of this district.

2. I beg to submit a statement, which I have caused to be prepared, showing the extent of cultivation, wet and dry, as compared with the previous five years' average; and the extent of wet cultivation on which there has been a decided deficiency.

3. With regard to the dry cultivation, carried on before the close of September, up to which date the season was favorable, I believe that there was a fair average outturn; and in some large proprietary estates I know that the returns from the dry cultivation were considered so remunerative as to enable the whole demand to be collected from the ryots without arrear.

4. The loss in the wet cultivation has been serious. The statement for the Golgonda Talook was prepared after a careful personal inspection of every village by the Tahsildar, and is, I believe, trustworthy. I fear that the statement for the Sarvasiddhi Talook is not equally accurate.

5. In the Golgonda Talook, out of 8,730 acres of wet cultivation, it was necessary to grant entire or partial remission on 5,624 acres. Of this amount, 2,510 acres were entirely withered; 1,050 had a half crop; and 2,062 a quarter crop. It may, therefore, be estimated that the produce of these 5,624 acres was not more than an average crop on 1,000 acres, and there was probably, therefore, a loss of one half the usual wet crop of the talook.

6. In Sarvasiddhi Talook, out of 14,282 acres of wet cultivation, 6,363 acres were entirely withered, and the whole loss of the outturn must have been in excess of one half the ordinary crop.

7. The settlement having been completed, a statement is appended showing the amount of remissions that have been granted on the wet cultivation, being Rupees 16,578 out of Rupees 46,155 in Golgonda, and Rupees 44,920 out of Rupees 82,499 in Sarvasiddhi.

8. I have already reported fully on the condition of these talooks, and have nothing to add on the subject. I have seen nowhere any signs of want, and, in spite of the deficiency of the crop, the markets are everywhere well supplied, and rice is procurable wherever I have been at the retail price of from 30 to 32 lbs. per Rupee.

9. In correspondence with the Public Works Department, I find that ample work has been hitherto provided for the people, and will be provided for the next two months on sanctioned works and repairs.

10. There is no need at present of undertaking any special works. Everything will, of course, depend on the nature of the next agricultural season. If we have favorable rains in June, the people will then be employed in cultivation, and the present stress will be entirely relieved.

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11. I would take this opportunity of stating that the failure in these talooks is in no way to be attributed to the state of the Public Works: many of which I have now had an opportunity of inspecting, and have found them in very fair order. Doubtless great improvement has been effected since the correspondence on the subject about three years ago. I fear, however, that, with the very precarious water-supply of these talooks, and their great extent of wet cultivation, no amount of attention to the existing small works can, in bad seasons, save the people from loss of crops and the Government from loss of revenue. Small tanks must fail in a dry season: the channels in these talooks are supplied by mere hill streams that are dry as soon as the rains cease to fall. The only remedy against the vicissitudes of seasons in this locality is, the improvement of existing natural reservoirs, and, possibly, the construction of new ones where water could be stored in sufficiency for the whole wet cultivation, at least of the Sarvasiddhi Talook.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, in continuation of the subject of Proceedings, dated 8th March 1869, No. 1,567.

No. 420. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1869, No. 1,071.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 20th.

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G. O., 20th April 1869, No. 1,071.

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Loss of crops in Government talooks of Vizagapatam.—Collector's report on this subject submitted through the Board of Revenue, recorded.

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Vizagapatam Dt
Camp Kondakirla
19th March 1869 —

I have &c
(signed) J. J. Minchin
Collector -

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of the subject of Proceedings dated 8th March 1869 No 1567.

(A true Copy & Extract)

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Ag Secretary

To, The Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Ex'd
C.W.H. Cameron Supt

with 2 Statements

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Statement shewing the Wet cultivation &c in the Government Taluq in the Vizagapatam District.

Taluq	Average extent of wet cultivation.	Extent of Do this year	Supposed deficiency of crops in extent cultivated	Average Do for this extent of Dry cultivation	Do for this year up to end of September.	After September.
	acres.	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Goluguntla	8,416	8,730	5,624 of which 2510 Full shavy 1052 Half shavy 2062 3/4 shavy. 5624	21,986	21,046	1,797

J. J. Minchin
Collector

Statement shewing the Wet cultivation &c in the Government Taluq in the Vizagapatam District

Taluq	5 Years Average extent of wet cultivation	Extent of Do this year.	Supposed deficiency of crops in extent cultivated.	5 Years Average extent of Dry cultivation	Do for this year up to the end of September	After September
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Sarvasiddhy	13,654	14,282	8,725 of which 6,363 Full shavy 2,362 Partial shavy 8725	24,556	23,173	1,231.

Vizagapatam District
Camp Kondakirla.
19th March 1869

J. J. Minchin
Collector

Statement showing the Settlement of the Government Talaw in the Vizagapatam District for Fasly 1278.

Talaw	Name of Village	Total Extent of Village	Extent of Government Talaw	Settlement Rent
		Acres	Acres	
1	2	3	4	5
Ryotwar	Dry Crop. Wet Crop. Total Dry Crop. Wet Crop. Total			Rs. As. P.
Ryotwar	Rayanipalle	13457 152 27677	8 7 5729 7 9	14378 3 3 36757 4 6
Ryotwar	Kalagadda	4285 8 11 5179 . 1	12763 8 5 2200 6 11	10563 1 6
Ryotwar	Vizianagram	17737 6 46155 8 8	63893 . 2	165718 10 2 47314 6 .

J. J. Ramsbotham
Collector

Statement shewing the Settlement of the Government Talaq in the Vizagapatam District for Fasly 1278.

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Collector

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Secretariat
Enclosure No. 1.

In a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam dated 19th March 1869 No. 148

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Statement shewing the cultivation &c. of the Government talooks in the Vizagapatam District

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Statement shewing the
Settlements of the Govern
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Vizagapatam District