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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 540. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th March 1869:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 2nd March 1869, No. 58.

1. I have the honor to report on the state of the season, &c., in this district, as directed in the Official Memorandum from Government, dated 11th February 1869.

2. The past season has been healthy and generally favorable for agricultural operations.

	1867 Inches.	1868 Inches.
January	...	69
February	...	...
March	80	27
April	1-43	2-65
May	9-02	1-41
June	24-94	49-95
July	30-09	15-46*
August ...	13-99	8-29
September	9-11	3-80
October	6-09	6-46
November ...	0-66	1-62
December	0-14	...
Total ...	97-17	90-60

3. The south-west monsoon set in early (in April) and the fall of rain which followed it, was copious. It was generally favorable to the Kani or first crop, which yielded an average out-turn. The north-east monsoon brought with it heavy showers of rain in its early portion. The out-turn of the Magaram crop was good. The aggregate fall of rain during the last Calendar year is returned as less than that of the previous year by about 7 inch[illegible]

4. The prices of ar[illegible] of consumption were generally lower than in the previous year for the first six or seven months of the Calendar year 1868. The prices seem to have risen in the latter half of the year, especially in paddy and rice, affected probably by the somewhat short rains in the north-east monsoon, and the general rumours of impending scarcity in other parts of the country.

5. The rise has not however, been sufficient to lead to any general or deeply felt inconvenience.

6. There is nothing particular to remark upon in the condition of the poorer classes, as far as the past season is concerned.

7. The prospects of the approaching cultivating season cannot be spoken of with any certainty or precision at so early a period.

8. There is no special ground for apprehending an unfavorable season.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

* The fall of rain in June 1868, was given in that month's account submitted to the Board as 67·37 inches. This has since been found to be incorrect, a Memorandum of alterations will follow.

No. 541. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1869, No. 777.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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G. O. dated March 20th, No. 777.

Secretary to Board of Revenue. Report of the Collector of Malabar upon certain proposals for settlement of waste lands.

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