

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th April 1869.*

No. 82. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, No. 48.

I HAVE been requested by the Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, in his official memorandum of the 11th February 1869, No. 16, to submit, through the Board of Revenue, a report on the state of the season, past and prospective, with an account of the outturn of the crops, the condition of the poorer classes, and ruling prices of grain most generally in use, as compared with the previous years.

2. Although the season, during the current Fusly, has not been favorable throughout the district, it cannot be said to have been very unpropitious.

3. In those parts of the district under the influence of the south-west monsoon the rain-fall was seasonable, and not below the average. The north-east monsoon did not fail in the talooks of Pollachy, Coimbatore, Palladam, Colligal, and parts of Dharapoorum and Oodoomalpettah. In the other parts of the district it was deficient. Where the north-east monsoon was favorable the dry crops have yielded an average return. Where it was deficient the outturn was about half the usual crop. In some villages the crop was less, but in no case did it entirely fail.

4. A good season in Coimbatore might be represented by 30 inches of rain; but the benefit of the rain does not depend so much on its actual quantity as on its seasonable fall. The rain-fall, from the first of the current official year up to last month, was about 20½ inches. This, though less than the average fall, was seasonable in the greater part of the district.

5. The most important wet crops are dependent chiefly on river-irrigation, and have turned out well.

6. Garden cultivation has been good, and the supply of water in the wells has not failed, but, as is usual at this time of the year, is now decreasing.

7. On the whole the season has been much better than last year. The only parts of the district where the crops have been below the average are in a few villages of the Caroor Talook and in those parts of the Dharapoorum and Oodoomalpettah Talooks adjacent to the Madura frontier. Even in these villages I do not think the season has been so unfavorable as to render remissions necessary. In the Bhowany and Perindoray Talooks the rain-fall, though by no means scanty, was unseasonable, and in consequence the crops were below the average.

8. The demand for labor is not less than usual in the greater part of the district. In those parts above alluded to, where the crops were light, it is reported that the labor-market is dull. At this time of the year there is generally but little demand for labor even in the best years, and I do not, therefore, attribute this falling off in the demand for labor to other than ordinary causes. I am sending an Assistant through that part of the district, and shall follow myself should any necessity arise. At present I see no cause for anxiety.

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9. The marginal table shows the average prices of the staple food-grains of the poorer classes for the last three years. The prices are taken for the month of January. There has been a great reduction in the price of all grains; but as prices have lately fallen considerably, I enclose a talookwar statement showing the average prices which obtained during the past eight months, as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. From this statement it will be perceived that, except in the Colligal Talook, prices are considerably higher than last year.

	January 1867, aver- age price per garce.	January 1868, aver- age price per garce.	January 1869, aver- age price per garce.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Raggy	289	233	210
Cholum	393	286	226
Cumboo... ..	228	210	198
Horse-gram ...	433	301	258

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10. We have had several good showers lately, which, besides being of great benefit to the pasturage, will, I think, tend very materially still further to reduce prices.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The information given by the Collector shows that, on the whole, the District of Coimbatore has had a fair average season.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1869, No. 907.

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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Season Report on the
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 5th.

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And

G. O., 5th April 1869, No. 907.

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No. 82-83.

Season in Coimbatore District — Proceed-
ings of the Board of Revenue on the Collector's
report, recorded.

Season in Coimbatore District 1869
No. 1220.