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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 9 th April 1869

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th April* 1869.

No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 10th March 1869, No. 588.

With reference to the official memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated the 11th February 1869, No. 16, I have the honor to state that the present season in the Nellore District has been on the whole more favorable than the average of the past two or three years, but is not altogether as good a year as could be desired. The rains towards the latter part of the year having been insufficient.

2. Rains.—The early rains commenced with May 1868, but were scanty. In June there was a copious fall of rain all throughout the district. In July likewise the season was very favorable: there was rain all over the district, and several tanks received fair supply of water. There were good freshes down the Pannair; the freshes in July were more frequent and abundant. There was some rain-fall in August, September, and October, but not much. In November, towards the latter part, we had the last instalment of rain in abundance. In December, January, and February, there were no rains. Further rains are desired now for the support of the later crops.

3. Crops.—The cultivation for Fusly 1278 was commenced in May 1868, but on a very scanty scale. The operations towards ploughing and sowing were deferred till June and July, when the season turned very favorable, and heavy rains fell. The crops were in a very good condition in July and August. From September the want of rains has been felt, and wet crops in some talooks began to wither. On the whole the rains not being quite sufficient towards the latter part of the year, the dry crop outturn seems to have fallen short of a full crop, ranging on the average between half and three-quarters. In Udayagiri the dry crops were good. In Kandukur all the dry crops have been good, except the aruga which seems to have failed to some extent. In the Ongole Talook the dry crops, with the exception of sujja and jonna, are said to have failed, and yielded but a poor outturn; but the crops I saw in January did not give me this impression.

4. As regards the wet crops those under the anicut-irrigation have been good, while those under the rain-fed tanks have been reported to have yielded an outturn ranging between half and three-quarters. The wet crop seems to have suffered much in the talooks of Kavali, Kandukur, and partly at Ongole. In Gudur and Rapur the later crops now standing appear to be withering away for want of rains.

5. The poorer classes are reported to be finding labor in agricultural operations and in Public Works and in private employment.

6. The food-grains most generally in use in the district are—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Paddy. | 1 Cumbu. |
| 1 Raggy. | 1 Jonna. |
| 1 Arika. | |

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| | 1864 | 1865 | 1866 | 1867 | 1868 |
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| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Paddy ... ... | 200 | 184 | 207 | 203 | 181 |
| Raggy ... ... | 187 | 173 | 216 | 212 | 169 |
| Arika ... ... | 131 | 126 | 141 | 149 | 125 |
| Cumbu ... ... | 190 | 187 | 228 | 226 | 186 |
| Jonna ... ... | 216 | 194 | 246 | 250 | 196 |

and I beg to annex a memorandum of prices of the above grains during the past five years, from this it will be seen that the prices of grain have fallen much below the high prices of the past two years.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's report shows that the season has been on the whole favorable, more so than that of the last two or three years.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1869, No. 978.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of (1869) Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

*Dated April, 9th.*
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*Season in Nellore District.* — Favorable report of the Collector, submitted by the Board of Revenue, recorded.

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