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No. 441. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1869 :—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichendore, 1st May 1869, No. 177:—

Referring to the Official Memorandum from Government, No. 16, dated 11th February, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. *State of Season.*—The season has been very favorable. The rain-fall was abundant on the whole, and much more evenly distributed over the season, and district, than last year; the sandy tracts to the south towards Cape Comorin having this year been exceptionally favored.

Comparative Statement showing the Rain-fall this year as compared with last.

	1868.									1869.			
	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.
Fusly 1277	32·95	13·64	3·96	5·61	0·25	3·96	117·67	46·0	2·77	44·02	12·91	13·67	296·63
Fusly 1278	9·90	23·60	35·11	12·54	2·89	20·36	86·02	66·25	11·64	13·23	10·74	4·44	296·81

3. *Wet Cultivation.*—At the commencement of the Kar cultivation in May and June the south-west monsoon broke in steady, and copious showers bringing down freshes in the Tambrapoorny and other minor streams, resulting in an increase as shown below of the area brought under Kar cultivation in the river-irrigated valley of the Tambrapoorny. The rain-fed tanks, however, not receiving a full supply, there was a decrease in the area cultivated under these tanks. The outturn of Kar was between 50 and 65 per cent. of the full crop:—

		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Kar ...	Tambrapoorny	37,700	37,800	100	...
	Minor rivers	24,700	24,900	200	...
	Rain-fed Tanks	8,097	8,708	611	...
	Total	70,497	71,408	911	...

4. A copious north-east monsoon followed, breaking in seasonable bursts, and the prospects of the Peshanum crop looked bright. It was harvested early in the current year, the outturn being 70 or 80 per cent. The table below shows at a glance the present season's wet crop as compared with last year's, and the result may, on the whole, I think, be considered satisfactory:—

	Kar.	Peshanum.	Total.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Fusly 1277	70,497	1,54,736	2,25,233
„ 1278	71,408	1,55,252	2,26,660
Increase	911	516	1,427
Decrease	.....	.....	.....

Fusly.	Acres
1277	8,34,300
1278	8,47,787
Increase	13,487

5. *Dry Cultivation.*—Owing to the favorable rains in June and July a larger area was sown this year as shown in the margin; the outturn of the dry crop was about three-fourths of the full crop.

6. *Garden cultivation.*—As compared with last year this year has fallen short, as shown per margin: this must not be set down to any defect in the season. The ryots only have recourse to garden cultivation when the season is unfavorable for raising wet and dry crops or when these fail.

Fasly.	Acres.
1277	18,238
1278	16,886
Decrease	1,352

7. *Standing Crops.*—Cotton, Rape-seed, and Cholum are looking fairly well, but would be better for a few showers of rain which we may daily expect.

8. *Palmirah.*—The Palmirahs on which so many people in this district depend for food yielded a large crop of jaggery this year.

9. *Price of food-grains supplies, etc.*—The subjoined Statement gives the prices of food-grains as compared with the previous two years; there is a downward tendency. The average price at which Paddy is now being sold is Rupees 6 per Cottah or 6¼ Madras measures of Rice per Rupee. The chief causes for this I attribute—

I. To a diminished demand in other parts.

II. A very great increase in production.

	Fasly 1276.	Fasly 1277.	Fasly 1278.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Paddy. 1st Sort	319	247	236
Paddy. 2nd Sort	273	203	198
Cumboo	332	225	212
Raggy	313	204	203
Cholum	339	188	234
Varagu	...	...	156

10. *Condition of the poorer classes, health, etc.*—Is decidedly improving; there is no absolute poverty anywhere in the district; there is a constant and ever increasing demand for labor in cultivating the fields, on the district coffee estates, and on the large and important irrigation and other works at present being carried out.

11. The number of emigrants has decreased considerably during the past year, proving how demand for well-paid labor will keep the people at home. In the best paid parts of the district a man can earn from 4 to 6 Annas and an adult from 3 to 4 Annas per diem.

12. The district is very healthy with the exception of small-pox prevailing in parts. There is no cholera whatever. Cattle are thriving. There is no fear of a failure of pasture owing to the monsoon having fallen so copiously; there is no scarcity of drinking-water.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The state of the district, as shown in the report, is, with reference to the question of season, everything that could be desired.

No. 442. Order thereon, 19th May 1869, No. 1,396.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May 19th.

Read.

G. O., 19th May 1869, No. 1,396.

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Season in Tinnevelly District.—Proceedings of Board of Revenue forwarding Collector's letter reporting favorably on it, recorded.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Commissioners

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No. 1

In the Matter of the Petition of
Samuel Tee - Colored Man.
praying, admission
to Practice

Filed Sept 7th 1863
Wm Parker Clk