

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
18th August 1871.*

No. <sup>168</sup>170. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government:—

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce—Meteorology, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 31st July 1871, No. 25.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,161, dated 5th instant, and in reply to state that it was not intended in the Circular of the 27th idem to prescribe the weekly submission of such an elaborate and detailed statement as that now forwarded by you.

2. What the Governor-General in Council desires is a brief statement showing, in a general way, the state of the weather and the prospects of the crops in the Madras Presidency. For this purpose it will be sufficient to select such districts, not more than five in number, as may be considered fairly to illustrate the variations of meteorological condition. From these selected districts telegraphic reports should be obtained every fortnight, and a combined report forwarded, also by telegraph, to the Government of India. These should be so arranged that they may be at once published in the *Gazette of India* in a concise tabular form.

3. In transmitting the telegram therefore the following order should be observed:—Name of selected district A., date of district report, rainfall for

| Presidency or Province. | District. | Date of district report. | Rainfall for fortnight preceding. | State of agricultural prospects. | Date of message from local Government. | Remarks of local Government. |
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previous fortnight, brief statement of agricultural prospects; the same particulars in the same order for each of the other selected districts; date of telegraphic report by the local Government; remarks of that Government. Such a telegram could on receipt be at once thrown into a tabular form (see margin), and published with those from other parts of India.

4. Should any special circumstances call for such a course, the reports may be forwarded at more frequent intervals.

5. These orders supersede those conveyed in the Circular cited in the 1st paragraph of this letter.

6. The Governor-General in Council will, however, be glad to receive the fuller monthly statement prepared by the Board of Revenue. At the same time I am to observe that the statement for April does not seem to have been submitted till the 23rd May—a delay which detracts from its usefulness.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,  
Chief Secretary.

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No. 171.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1871, No. 1,409.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be communicated to  
the Board of Revenue, with the request  
that, in communication with the Govern-

ment Astronomer, they will select five representative stations from which fortnightly telegraphic reports of the rainfall in the previous fortnight, commencing from 15th August, and the local prospects of agriculture, may be submitted direct to Government for transmission to the Government of India.

2. The Board will issue the necessary instructions for the despatch of the report to Government, the first of which should reach Government on 30th August, and regularly thenceforward every other Wednesday.

3. It appears to Government that the stations selected should be on the  
West Coast,  
East do., northerly,  
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Inland, northerly,  
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and that those where European Medical officers record the observation should be preferred.

4. The Collectors will, of course, arrange for obtaining the best information as to agricultural prospects.

5. A copy of the Board's monthly Season Report will be furnished to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. DE C. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,  
Under-Secy., P.W.D.;  
for Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Government Astronomer.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated August 18th.

Recd.

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G. O., 18th August 1871, No. 1,409.

AUGUST.

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Fortnightly telegraphic reports of rainfall and agricultural prospects in this Presidency.—Letter from Government of India on this subject communicated to Board of Revenue, with instructions relative to the submission of these reports from five representative stations.

No. 25

FROM

A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.,  
Secretary to the Govt. of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

Dept. of Agriculture,  
Revenue, and Commerce.  
(Meteorology.)

SIMLA, the 3/ July 1871.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

*A. O. Hume*

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No 2522  
Rev. 1871. Sept.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

[Meteorology.]

To the Government of Madras.

Dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 1871. No. 25  
Recd. 9<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Transferred to the  
Revenue Department  
R. E. H. S.

DESIRES the submission of a brief statement showing in a general way the state of the weather and the prospects of the crops in the Madras Presidency.

Order of the Govt. of Madras

No. 1409

18 Aug. 71

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