

No. 57. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1871 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 6th December 1871, No. 3,444.

I HAVE just returned from a tour of inspection of the tanks in the Divi Perganah in Bander Talook, and beg to submit the following report for the information of the Board : I have personally inspected a considerable number of the tanks, some of them in company with the Superintending Engineer. I find that the whole extent of land under thirty-nine tanks has been left waste owing to non-supply of water to the tanks.

2. In the three villages of Bhavadaverapally, Chodavaram, and Kodur, the tanks having received a small supply of water, the ryots cultivated 1,222·49 acres of wet land, assessed at Rs. 5,092-1-0.

3. In some other villages a few acres of wet land were cultivated with dry crops.

4. The accompanying statement shows the extent of land occupied, cultivated, and left waste in the various villages.

5. The whole of the waste, amounting to acres 8,999·13, is owing to failure of freshes in the Kistna and is in no way attributable to neglect on the part of the ryots. In some villages the nursery crops were raised in anticipation of the usual freshes ; but, of course, were raised in vain, as no water reached the tanks.

6. The tanks and feeders of the three villages referred to in paragraph 2 being on a lower level than in other villages, a limited supply of water was received in the tanks and some cultivation carried on.

7. The beds of some of the tanks are now cultivated with dry crops, which, in ordinary cases, are not cultivated in these tank-beds until the water has been drawn off in the wet cultivation.

8. The Superintending Engineer informs me that it is contemplated to carry channels supplied from the anicut through the Divi Perganah, and I trust that this measure will reduce the present precarious nature of the cultivation which is now dependant on the recurrence of *high* freshes in the Kistna.

9. The total amount of land rendered waste from want of water is 8,999·13 acres, assessed at 41,830 Rs. 3 Annas, for which amount remission is necessary.

10. I may here report with regard to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 17th November 1871, No. 4,751, that, owing to a providential fall of rain just as the dry crops were beginning to suffer from the drought, these crops have been almost entirely saved, and no remission will be necessary in this direction.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to recent correspondence on the state of the season in the Northern Districts.

2. It would appear from paragraph 10 that the Kistna may be considered free from all danger of distress.

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8th January 1872.*

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ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1872, No. 30.

Irrigation, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Department
Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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 of certain tanks in
 the Dwi Pargunah in
 Brander Lake

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Tanks in Divi Pergamah of Kistna District.—Collector's Inspection Report in connection with them, communicated to Department Public Works.