

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1872.*

No. 98. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th December 1871, No. 954 :—

REFERRING to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated December 19th, 1871, I have the honour to report on the prospects of the season in Jeypore proper.

With the exception of the Koraput Division the wet crops are fully up to average. The dry crops have not produced so well. In Koraput the paddy crop sown on rain-fed lands failed altogether. The oil-seed crop (niger), when sown in August, yielded three-quarters of a full crop. Where the crop was sown later it failed altogether. The outturn of the raggi crop amounted to half of an average crop. The rice grown on hollows between the downs yielded a full crop. No difficulty is to be apprehended from want of water in any part of the country.

2. Owing to large exports to the low country prices have risen considerably ; but the country, with the exception of Koraput, is well supplied with grain. Mr. Turner writes that " no distress will be felt in the Nowrangapore and Kotapud Talooks, even if no rain falls for six months. On the other hand, there is " scarcity of food in the Koraput Talook, and, as there are no grain-stores and no " early crops to fall back on, the poorer people are likely to suffer. Against this " view there is a further consideration that the cooly-class is not largely represented " here unless recruited from the country below the ghaut.

" I shall be able to provide work for many coolies of the Panchipenta " Zemindary on the new ghaut, and if Government will be pleased to pass me the " Rs. 5,000 for the house at Koraput, some relief will be afforded to the labouring " class on the western edge of the table-land of the town of Jeypore."

3. The placing at Mr. Turner's disposal some of the money already sanctioned for his house will, as he remarks, enable him to find employment in the only part of the country where distress need be apprehended.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for information.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1872, No. 51.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that the amount of Rs. 5,000, granted in G. O. dated 19th August 1871, No. 1,152,

Judicial Department, towards the cost of the house to be built at Koraput, is at the Collector's disposal from general funds, and should be at once employed. The Collector will be instructed accordingly by telegraph.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Judicial Department.
,, G. Thornhill, Esq.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Dept.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To The Secretary
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