Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

20th September 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 161. From Collector of Bellary, to Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated 17th September 1873.

No rain in twelve taluqs. Only a sprinkling in three. Anxiously looked for. Ryots becoming hopeless. No grass grown for cattle. Dry crops withering. Health generally good. Prices risen in Tadpatry and Hadgally Taluqs; elsewhere steady.

No. 161A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1873, Miscellaneous No. 6,020.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th September 1873, No. 306.

DURING the past week only in the taluq of Hospett to the west and in Anantapore has the rain-fall amounted to as much as half an inch. In other taluqs there has been none to speak of, and the dry crops which, sown during the past fortnight, were sprouting, are feeling the want of rain much. The moisture has all been absorbed.

2. Pasture is badly wanted, as all cattle cannot be supplied with dry fodder. Some deaths are reported amongst them simply from lack of food.

3. The wet crops under tanks are in a precarious condition; for there has been no rain sufficient to give a supply to the tanks, and what water there was has been used up. Some of our largest tanks, Dawanaikenkerra in Hospett and Harisamudram in Madakserah, are said to have dried up.

4. The heat of the sun is at present intense, so that we are in hopes more rain is coming.

5. The public health is generally good. Thirty villages in the Bellary Taluq are still in straits for drinking water.

6. Prices have only risen, and that slightly in the Tadpatry Taluq. In some places they have actually fallen.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1873, No. 1,013.

Miscellaneous.

THE telegram recorded above, which bears date six days after the Collector's letter recorded in the Board's Proceedings, will be communicated to the Board.

2. The provision of works in those parts of the district where want of labour is likely to be felt should continue to engage the attention of the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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The telegram mentioned above which bears date six days after the Colonial Letter received in the Board's Proceedings will be communicated to the Board.

The proximity of water in those parts of the District where want of Labour is chiefly to be felt should

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