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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th September 1873.

3. The normal state of all classes from the highest to the lowest is that of debt. Most of the ryots are in books of soucars who are wont to lend them money as they require on the mortgage of crops. This year, owing to the anticipation of an unfavourable harvest, they find greater difficulty in obtaining their accustomed loans, and hence, although prices as yet have not risen much, they find it hard to get on.

4. I may mention further that as the north-east monsoon falls very lightly here, no second crops of the staple grains are obtainable.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Heavy rain has, the Board believe, since fallen in Bellary.

ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1873, No. 165.

RECORDED, with reference to the Collector's season telegram of the 24th instant, which will be communicated to the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th September 1873.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1873, Miscellaneous No. 6,308 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th September 1873, No. 320.

DURING the past week there has been no rain whatever in twelve taluqs, and only a sprinkling in the other three. The ryots have begun rather to despair, as the time has arrived when the second or cold weather crops should be sown in dry lands.

2. All moisture has disappeared, so the crops which were sown in August are not thriving. Labourers are again out of work. Cattle have no green grass as yet, and dry fodder gets scarcer and dearer each day.

3. There is not such distress for drinking water in the Bellary Taluq as there was a month ago.

In Tadpatry and Hadgully only, taluqs at opposite ends of the district, have prices risen, and this principally with regard to cholum, the staple food-grain. In other places they are steady, but there is a fear that there will soon be a general rise if rain does not fall.

4. Public health is generally good. There has been an outbreak of bowel-complaint in one village in the Raidroog Taluq, and I hear it is prevalent at Adoni.

5. The stormy winds which have been blowing lately have had a blighting effect. As I write they have subsided, so we may hope that this is a good sign.

6. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 5,685, of the 5th instant, calling for a further report upon the state of Sundoor Jaghire, I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter just received from the Agent. It will be observed that, although crops were sown in dry lands, their condition now is anything but promising.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. McCARTNEY, Esq., Agent, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Sundoor, 12th September 1873, No. 44.

IN reply to your letter, No. 1,396, dated 9th instant, requesting, for the information of the Board of Revenue, a further report on the present state of the Sundoor villages and the prospects of the harvest, I have the honour to inform you that the light rain mentioned in my former letter was followed by several heavier showers, when many fields which had withered with drought, or in which the grain had never sprung, were re-sown, and sowing became general. The crops are now a few inches above the ground, but in consequence of prevailing high drying winds during the last ten days, they are not so healthy and vigorous as in ordinary years, and are somewhat thinly scattered. Indeed, one entire rain-fall this season has not exceeded a fourth of what are usually have, and the present aspect of the weather is anything but promising.

2. I have every reason to believe that the poorer class of ryots and labourers are suffering to some extent, and that their state will be worse before it is better. I am often accosted by persons whom I meet in my rides with such explanations as, "What are we to do?" "What hope is there for us?"

Sundoor Agent's Office
12th September 1873

No. 44

To,

The Member of Bellary

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 1396 dated 9th Instant, requesting for the information of the Board of Revenue a further report on the present state of the Sundoor Villages, and the prospects of the harvest, I have the honor to inform you that the light rain mentioned in my former letter was followed by several heavier showers, when many fields which had withered with drought, or in which the grain had never sprung were re-sown, and sowing became general. The crops are now a few inches above the ground, but in consequence of prevailing high drying winds during the last ten days, they are not so healthy and vigorous as in ordinary years, and are somewhat thinly scattered. Indeed one entire rain fall this season has not exceeded a fourth of what are usually have and the present aspect of the weather is anything but promising.

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some extent, and that there stak will be worse before it is better. I am often accosted by persons whom I meet in my rides with such explanations as — "what are we to do?" "what hope is there for us?"

3. The normal stak of all classes from the highest to the lowest is that of debt. Most of the ryots are in books of Sowcars who are wont to lend them money as they require on the mortgage of crops. This year owing to the anticipation of an unfavorable harvest they find greater difficulty in obtaining their accustomed loans, and hence although prices as yet remain unaffected they find it hard to get on.

4. I may mention further that as the North East Monsoon falls very lightly here no second crops of the staple grains are obtainable.

I have the honor &c.

(signed) J. Macartney

Agent

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W. Chaster

Collector

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MISCELLANEOUS No. 6308. REVENUE DEPARTMENT. 165/3

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 22nd September 1873.

Read the following

No. 320.

From

The Collector of Bellary

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

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2. All moisture has disappeared, so the crops which were sown in August are not thriving. Labourers are again out of work. Cattle have no green grass as yet, and dry fodder gets scarcer and dearer each day.

There is no such distress for drinking water in the Bellary Taluq

Talug as there was a month ago.

In Tadpatry and Hadgully only, Talugs at opposite ends of the District, have prices risen, and this principally with regard to Cholum, the staple food grain. In other places they are steady, but there is a fear that there will soon be a general rise, if rain does not fall.

4. Public health is generally good. There has been an outbreak of bowel complaint in one village in the Raidroog Talug and I hear it is prevalent at present.

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the honor to enclose copy of a letter just received from the Agent, & it will be observed that although crops were sown in dry lands, their condition now is anything but promising.

Bellary Camp 18th September 1873. } I have &c
} (sd) J. H. Maskell
Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

Heavy rain has the Board believe since fallen in Bellary.

True Copy & Extract

H Stokes

Sy. Secretary

To
The Sy. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with one original enclosure
to be returned.

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Sd Ruskappa

Revenue 1873 Dept
No 2981

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Dated 22nd
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Subject.

Submitting reason
to depart from the Collr
of Bellary- 165-

To Revenue
Sept-r 10-73

No 165.

Received with reference
to the Collr's Telegram
of the 24th inst which should
be com.d to the Board

Sent
22 Septr 73