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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd August 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 193. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,204.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 12th August 1873, No. 267.

You will have observed by the season report for last month lately submitted that the agricultural prospects of this district for this season are up to date bad.

2. The scanty fall of rain in June and July has very seldom been sufficient to enable the ryots to sow their seed. The consequence is that the first or dry crops in lands not dependant upon wells must of necessity generally fail. Even if rain were to fall now, hardly anything but a crop of fodder would be obtained.

3. I propose therefore, to submit weekly reports of the state of the season for the information of the Board. The first is enclosed.

REPORT on the State of the Season from 1st to 8th August 1873.

STATE OF THE SEASON.		CROPS.			CATTLE.			
Rain-fall.	River Freshes.	Sown.	Standing and their condition.	Harvested and its Out-turn.	Condition.	Pasture.	Public Health.	Prices.
Very scanty.	Toongabudra and Chitravatti were in fresh but not from local rain.	Early dry crops, such as Cumboo, Cholum, Raggy, Corra, and Pulse crops, have, in a few instances been sown, but have in many cases withered away.			Suffering from want of fodder.	Not procurable. Cattle fed on dry fodder. Want of water in some places.	Good. Fever here and there, but on the decline.	Rice 9 to 20 Seers per Rupee. (Cholum 24 to 34; Wheat 9½ to 12, Raggy 28 to 31 Seers per Rupee; and other Grains in proportion.

Scarcity of water is experienced in the northern and eastern talugs; in many talugs the labouring classes cannot find work; but prices do not as yet range at a high figure.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector will keep the Board informed of the state of the season, and report at least once a-week in some detail as respects the locality which are worst off.

No. 194. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,203.

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 13th August 1873, No. 136.

I REGRET to have to report to the Board that the season has so far been most unfavourable to agriculture. The rain-fall has been so very scanty that little or no dry land has been cultivated. I have lately been travelling over the main division, and I have found the same complaint everywhere that the cultivation of dry lands has been hindered from want of rain. Where Indigo is not dependant on wells, it has withered. The only crops of any kind on the ground are those which are irrigated by wells. In the sub-division, the same state of things exists. A little more than one-fourth of the land under cultivation this time last year is now cultivated. If rain continues to hold off, it will be necessary to apply for remission on dry lands. I do not look upon the case as utterly hopeless yet. The weather is most oppressive, and there are still indications of coming rain. If rain does fall shortly, there is still time to sow some grains, besides cotton and horse-gram. The season for sowing most of the dry grains, I am sorry to say, has already gone by. I will report again on the same subject.

P.S.—Since writing the above, inches 1·20 of rain fell on the night of the 11th.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector will keep the Board informed of the state of the district.

No. 195. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1873, Miscellaneous No. 4,925.

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 2nd August 1873, No. 229.

REFERRING to Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 28th July 1873, No. 1,122, I have the honour to forward copy of last Wednesday's telegram on the state of the season and of a letter received, on the 31st ultimo, from the Deputy-Collector of Peapally, reporting the failure of the early rains in Owk and other villages situated in the western portion of the Koilakuntla Taluq.

2. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, and the year preceding, the rain-fall, since the setting in of the monsoon, has been very limited as shown in the margin. Unfavourable reports are received from nearly all the taluqs of the district; but as yet there seems no cause for alarm. I have full confidence in the Deputy-Collector's

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judgment in recommending measures of relief to the inhabitants of Owk and its surrounding villages, should the necessity actually arise; and I have further instructed the Tahsildars to move about their respective taluqs, and ascertain by personal inquiries the condition of the crops, the state of the markets, etc., and furnish me with weekly reports of the result of their inspection and the prospects of the season. These will be laid before the Board as they are received. Meanwhile, I may remind the Board that no Covenanted Assistant has yet been appointed to this district as promised in G. O., No. 430, dated 25th April 1873.

Enclosure No. 1

Telegram from Treasury Deputy-Collector, Kurnool, to Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated 30th July 1873.

Rain scarce throughout. Early crops sown, but fading in most parts. Markets not well supplied. Prices high. Pasture and water not much procurable. Men and cattle generally unhealthy. Rain ·619 inches in Kurnool on 3 days. 3·2 feet water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.

Enclosure No. 2.

From D. TIMMAPPA, Deputy-Collector of Peapally, to J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 28th July 1873, No. 144.

I have the honour to submit a copy of the Arzi, No. 17, dated 25th instant, from the Deputy Tahsildar of Owk, intimating the disastered state anticipated by the people of Owk, for your consideration and such notice as you may deem proper.

2. The season of sowing the seed in red and masab lands is nearly over, but I believe that all such land (except that of Peapally and of some of its surrounding villages) in Pattikonda and Koilakuntla Taluqs has not been sown as yet, owing to the failure of rain; I have, however, asked the Tahsildars to submit a complete information on the subject, and will place it before you as early as possible.

3. At Owk and its surrounding villages there had been no proper rains for the last two years, and consequently there had been a failure in both the dry and wet crops. In my estimation the average quantity of produce yielded during the last two years in that part of the taluq does not exceed more than one-third, and that of the other part of the taluq also in the last year was very unsatisfactory; and consider, therefore, that there would have been no sufficient quantity of grain required by the people in deposit with the ryots and the merchants in the said taluq. This fact supplemented with failure of rain in this year up to this time might have created alarm among the people of Owk earlier.

4. I have directed the Deputy-Tahsildar to advise the merchants to have a fair dealing with the poor; beyond this, over-interference in the matter will be uncalled for.

5. In case of the state of country remaining in the same condition for a fortnight more the rates of the grain would fall off to a considerable extent, which would go hard with the people of the poorer classes; and, therefore, it will be desirable to afford relief to them by opening some Local Fund Works chiefly at Owk and some other parts of the division, the matter of which will be considered more fully if it happens necessary, and will be reported in detail.

6. The Deputy-Tahsildar has been further directed to keep me informed of the state of his division by sending biweekly reports which will be brought to your notice at the same time.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board hope that Kurnool has shared in the rain which has fallen over a great part of the Presidency during the last few days.

No. 196. Telegram from Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated 19th August 1873.

State of the season the same as that reported on the 11th instant. Very slight rain has fallen in the south of the district only. Prices have not risen.

No. 197. Order thereon, 22nd August 1873, No. 897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Collector of Bellary will be requested to submit the telegraphic report on the state of the season in his district every Wednesday instead of Monday, and the Collector of Cuddapah will be good enough to forward a similar report for his district on the same day.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Bellary.
,, the Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd, F. R. Bantleman.

Read the following papers ij

MISCELLANEOUS No. 5204 REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 15th *August* 1873.

Read the following

No 267

193 - From

The Collector of
Bellary

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

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weekly reports of the state of the season for the information of the Board. The first is enclosed.-

Ballary Collector's Office
12th August 1873.-

I have &c
&c
(sd) J H Wallaster
Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

The Collector will keep the Board informed of the state of the season and report at least once a week in some detail as respects the locality which are worst off.-

/ True Copy & Extract

J Grose
Secretary

For
the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with original enclosure returned.

E Haughton
Asst Secretary

Revenue 1873 Sept
6 No 2513

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Circuit

Dated 15th August 1873.
Despatched 16 " "
Received 18 " "
Ent. Mis: No 5,204

SUBJECT.

Submitting Report.
unfavorable report
from Coll^r of Bellary
as to Agricultural pro-
=perty of Dt^o.

22 Sept 1873

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Report on the State of the Season from 1st to 8th August 1873.

State of the Season		Crops.			Prices.	Public health.	Cattle		Remarks.
Rain-fall	River-floods	Sown	Standing & their condition	Harvested & its outturn			Condition	Pasture	
Very Scanty					Cholera 24 & 34, Mhadgi				
Songadhadra & Chikhawatti area in fresh but not from local rain.									
Rabi, Juar & Cumbo, Chickpea, Baggy, Castor, Linseed less than ½ but Kardi & Wal less than ¼ of usual area.									
						Here and there but on the decline.			
							Generally Poor.		
								Suffering from want of Fodder.	
								Not necessarily so, Cattle fed on dry fodder. Market is also Supplemented by Bombay.	
									Generally speaking the Northern Talukas: in many talukas the Labouring classes cannot feed themselves: but here do not appear to suffer.
Early day Cotton Shallu early here in many cases withered away.					Rabi 9 to 10 annas Kardi 12 to 14, Juari 20 to 24 Local prices				

V. Master

Collector.

Ex. H. H.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 5203 — REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Sp 194 — **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE**

Dated 15th August 1873.

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Collector of Cuddapah.

To J. Grose Esqre.
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Cuddapah Collector's Office
13th August 1873.

I have &c.
sd/ W.D. Horsley
Collector

Since writing the above inches 1.20 of rain fell on the night of the 11th.

sd/ W.D. Horsley.

Submitted

Submitted for the information of Government.

The Collector will keep the Board informed of the state of the District.

/ True Copy / Extract

J Gole
Secretary

For the Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Sd/ Illegible

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 4925

195

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 6th August 1873

Read the following

No. 229.

From

James Hope Esquire
Acting Collector of Kurnool

To

James Gross Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir

Referring to Board's Circular Memorandum dated 28th July 1873 No. 1122. I have the honor to forward copy of last Wednesday's telegram on the State of the Season, and of a letter received, on the 31st Ultimo, from the Deputy Collector of Peapally reporting the failure of the early rains in Owk and other villages situated in the Western portion of the Koilakuntla Taluq.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 5th August 1873.
Despatched 15—
Received 15—
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SUBJECT.

Transmitting copies of letters in the Madras Native Association Petitions in Parliament.

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as promised in Government Order No. 430 dated 25th April 1873.

I have &c.

Kurnool Collector's Office 2d August 1873. } (Signed) James Hope
Ag. Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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(True Copy & Extract)

J. G. & S.
Secretary.

To The Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with Copy of letter from the Deputy Collector, dated 28th July 1873 No. 144, and of Telegram.

E. Thompson
Copd. J. Sadasiva

Revenue 1873 & 74

Proceedings of the Board

Extract

No 2408

Dated 6th Sept 73

Read 6th "

Rec'd 9th "

Miscellaneous No 4925

Gd 22nd Aug 73 No 897

Subscribed for the information of the Board

Board Rot No Communicated

Service Message

From Surmont To Cotacamund

" Treasury Dy Collector " Madras Revenue

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30th July 1873. (Sigd) A. Gopalakrishna Chetty
Dy Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

(Sigd) J. Stokes
Ag Collector

(True Copy)

J Grose
Secretary.

Peapally Dy Collector's Office
28th July 1873.

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To

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before

Received in Board
Proceedings dated
5th September 1873
Asy Collectors Office
Asy Secretary & Sheristadar

Rec: 2407/73

Copy of
Telegram from Dy
Collector of Peapally
Collector of Kurnool
Rain-gauge Returns
and Sabeildars
Reports to be sent
immediately after
receipt

before you as early as possible.

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(Sig'd) D. Simmappa
Deputy Collector

(True copy)
(Sig'd) J. Stokes
Asst Collector

(True copy)

J. Grote
Secretary

C. Simmappa
Ct. Blandale

Nos. 2513. 2514. 2400 & 2525.

No. 897. 22 Augt. 1873.

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T.R.B.

Sent

1 B.d of Revenue
3 Colr. of Bellary
3 Colr. of Cuddapah

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Bonds to Wardens
of Churches
touching in Ms
to Colvin

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