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No. 137. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1874, No. 3,272 :—

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tavalam, 2nd November 1874, extra No. 17 :—

ENCLOSED is the report of the Sub-Collector regarding the late heavy rains in the Sub-Division. I have just learned (November 2nd) of the effect of the rain in the main Division. From what I have experienced here in the Kadiri Taluq, and from what I have just learned from a copy of a telegram sent by the Head-Assistant-Collector to the Board, the country on the Cuddapah side of the ghats has suffered much more than has the Sub-Division. This is natural, as Cuddapah is lower down the water shed.

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4. The Sub-Collector's rain-fall register enclosed in his letter does not include the rain-fall of October, but from what he says in his letter of the fall at Madanapalle, and from what the Head-Assistant Collector says in his telegram, it appears to me that the rain all over the district except in Pullampet was very much the same during the 23rd, 24th and 25th of last month. In this taluq the rain-fall during those days was 10 inches 5 ounces.

5. I have seen no distress in these parts, and I apprehend none. For fear the Board should think that I have treated too lightly the report from Voilpaud, I give a translation of what the Tahsildar says on the subject.

"In consequence of this rain, many thatched and a few terraced houses have fallen in, and thereby eatables stored therein have been destroyed. The poor are in deep sorrow at having no dwellings and provisions. If the weather continues fine, it will afford some relief."

6. The Board have already been told by telegram that the Pullampet Cutcherry has been destroyed. I have to add that the wall of the Record-room in the Kadiri Taluq Cutcherry has fallen. The records have been removed to the female ward of the sub-jail in want of more suitable accommodation. The whole building has leaked very much, though weak places in the roof were only recently repaired by the Department Public Works. I am afraid the building is in a worse condition that its appearance would indicate to an unprofessional man. The Voilpaud Cutcherry was never better than a patched up ruin, and naturally it has suffered considerably. I am afraid the report regarding the Pulivandla Cutcherry will be equally bad, as it consists of a collection of thatched mud huts.

7. I am at present prevented from moving by the river Papagni. I will, however, lose no time in making my way to Cuddapah.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. B. GRIEBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalle, 20th October 1874, No. 582.

I HAVE the honor to forward a brief report on the south-west monsoon and its effects on my division.

The monsoon commenced with the burst of a cyclone on the 4th and 5th May, and lasted for five months until the commencement of the present month. There was then a lull of about ten days, and the north-east monsoon broke on the 17th, the day of the eclipse of the sun. Strange to say the rain commenced with the commencement of the eclipse, it lasted less than an hour, but in that short time, two inches and a half were registered at Madanapalle.

2. The annexed Statement shows the rain-fall in each taluq as registered by the Department Public Works, and the Tahsildar's rain-gauges. It will at once strike you that the increase has been very great over last year, and in almost every case, the rain during these five months has exceeded the average annual rain-fall for a whole year, which is twenty-eight inches. You will also notice the difference between the totals registered in the Tahsildars' gauges and those in the Department Public Works gauges. In Madanapalle, this is slight, and is perhaps owing to the Department Public Works gauge being situated at the foot of the hill (Basinik onda), whereas the Tahsildar's gauge is a mile removed from it.

3. At Voilpaud the difference is greater, being nearly four inches. The greater amount of rain has been registered in the Tahsildar's gauge situated at the foot of a range of hills. The Department Public Works gauge is kept at Peelair, twenty miles off, and gives probably a better test of the general rain-fall in the taluq. The very great difference at Kadiri, nearly nineteen inches, is unaccountable to me. The gauges are kept within half a mile of each other, are both on the same plain, and there are no special causes why one should be more affected than the other. There must be some wrong registering in one or the other. I am taking steps to ascertain which is at fault.

4. At Royachoty the difference is accounted for by the Department Public Works gauge being kept at the Goolcheruvoo pass where it is exposed to the influence of the Seshachellam hills,

where the Tahsildar's gauge is kept at the Cusba Town, situated in the middle of the plain which characterizes the taluq.

5. As might be expected, the heavy rains have caused considerable damage not only to the tanks but also to the dry crops. The ground-nut-seeds and Raggy will, I fear, for the most part be lost. Dry crops, however, which were sown early, and have therefore not been affected by both monsoons, yielded a good harvest. Since the commencement of the north-east monsoon on the 17th instant, about twelve inches of rain have fallen here, and it appears to have been general. During three days, both here and in Voilpaud over nine inches fell. For two days the stream between my house and the town was impassable, nearly 100 houses in the town fell in, and I was apprehensive lest there would be distress amongst the poor classes. No Madras tappal has been received for six days, this being the fifth stoppage of several days this season. No reports from Kadiri have been received for seven days, and the Cuddapah and Royachoty tappals were stopped for four days.

6. In Voilpaud a number of houses have also fallen in, and distress is reported to exist amongst the poorer classes. All over the Sub-Division the excessive rain has produced much sickness. Fever is reported to be prevalent everywhere, and to be of a virulent type. I have despatched my Dresser to Voilpaud and to Royachoty with a supply of quinine in order to treat the sick.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.
RAIN-FALL.
Department Public Works Register, 1874.

Taluqs.	Months. May.		June.		July.		August.		September.		Total 1874.		Total 1873 during the five months.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.	In.	oz.
Madanapalli	9	75	5	05	3	91	1	45	13	60	33	76	8	50	25	26	...	...
Voilpaud	5	20	1	70	8	35	...	...	10	80	26	05	14	67	11	38	...	...
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Royachoty	8	79	3	22	5	75	1	74	15	65	35	12	12	48	22	84	...	...
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Tahsildar's Register.

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Royachoty	4	8	2	2	5	4½	1	7½	6	7	20	9	9	4	11	5	...	...
Total...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	4	38	6½	...	...	0	0

Total of 5 years.

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1873 ...	25	39	...	...	...	...
1872 ...	31	43	...	...	...	...
1871 ...	28	35	...	...	...	...
1870 ...	33	76	...	...	...	...
1869 ...	23	23	...	...	...	...
	142	16	...	...	28	43
Average...	...		...		...	

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
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(True Copy.)

MADANAPALLI,
29th October 1874.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector should take measures to ascertain the exact state of affairs in Voilpaud and report fully when he receives information as to the general state of the district.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1874, No. 1,452.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the further report called for by the Board.

Paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter will receive notice in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Cuddapah Sub-Collector's office
Madanapalle 29th October 1874.

No. 582.

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A. O. 25th November 1874, No. 1462.
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(Sd) J. D. Brandreth
Asst. Collector

(True copy)
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Madanapalle
29 October 1874

Revenue Dept.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 13th November — 1874.

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Sub Collr's Office

Gooty 30th Octr 1874

Rain fall Report.

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Cuddapah
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On Circuit
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Submitted

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To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copy of Sub Collectors report
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Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue.

Dated 13th November 1874

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Rainfall in Cuddapah

Dist — report of Collr

on state of — and damage

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for information of Govt. Collr requested

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Ct № 1452 25 November 1874

With Order

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