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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th February 1874, No. 331:—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1874, No. 78:—

IN continuation of my letters of 22nd ultimo, and 1st and 3rd instant, Nos. 42, 58, and 63 respectively, relative to the state of the season, I have the honour to enclose a Memorandum on the food supply of the district.

2. The harvest has now begun, and the ripened crops are turning out better than anticipated; very great exertions have been made to utilize what water there is to the best advantage, and these exertions have been so far successful that under the Palayan channel, which has the most scanty supply of any of the channels fed by the Tambrapurni, the crops have only failed in two villages out of twenty-seven, and the enclosed list shows the average yield to be considerably above the half, I have taken credit for in my Memorandum.

3. Under the Kodagan channel the crop has failed in only one out of the twelve villages, and under the Tinnevely channel in only two out of the twenty-three villages; the Ambasamudram Taluq higher up is far better supplied, and the usual crops will be harvested; in the Tenkarei Taluq there is about the same deficiency under the Marudur channels as under the Palayan channel, but the tanks under the Strivikuntam anicut have water sufficient for the crops coming on to maturity, and the crops in the blade will yet be saved if it rains.

4. The anicuts on the Sittar river were turning water into the channels down to the very last only a few days ago, and the accounts from the villages near the foot of the hills in Strivilliputtur, Tenkasi, Ambasamudram, and Nanguneri are satisfactory.

5. Altogether I anticipate a sufficient supply of food to last till the kar crop is reaped in September next, and the high prices peculiar to this district have hitherto been so far beneficial as to keep the markets always well supplied with grain.

6. The Travancore planters are clearing 10,000 acres on the western side of our frontier hills, and coffee planters there and in Ceylon require a much larger number of hands than are usually obtainable. There is nothing whatever needed here but rather larger remissions than usual, and these have been arranged for. I do not therefore require the special officer suggested by Government, nor will the district require relief works or any special importation of grain.

7. If scarcity is felt here it will not be till August, or just before the next crop is reaped; but, as I mentioned before, with our high standard of prices I do not anticipate scarcity being felt at all.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Memorandum on Food supply.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1874.*

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It is gratifying to learn that the yield of the harvest in Tinnevely will after all turn out better than was anticipated, and that owing to the several causes succinctly stated by the Collector in his Memorandum and letter there is no apprehension of any scarcity of food-grains.

3. As regards the Special Deputy Collector whom Government have stated that they are prepared to appoint there seems to be now no reason for this extra aid in the district. The Board remarked in their Proceedings of the 13th February 1874 that the examinations of tracts where remission is needed seemed still to be required in Ambasamudram, but as the river irrigated tracts appear to be about to yield their "usual crops" Mr. Puckle can no doubt arrange for the inspection of the uplands in this taluq by means of his regular Revenue staff.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1874, No. 282.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED; it is observed there is no cause for alarm as to any deficiency of grain.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 14 February 1874.

Read the following

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R. H. Puckro, Esqre
Collector.

To,
J. Gross Esqre,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 2nd.

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G. O. 2nd March 1874, No. 282.

MARCH.
Nos. 11-12

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Tinnevely

9th February 1874

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(True Copy & Extract)

Wm. C. Grose
Secretary

To: The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with two original Enclosures.

Wm. C. Grose
C. P. L.

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Resolves 1874 & 1875
No. 503.
Proceedings of the
Board of Directors.

Date 14th February 1874.
Ref. 14th — " — "
16th 1874 — " — "
and 18th 1874 — " — "

Submitting with this
memo a letter from
the Colls. of Limerick
forwarding a business
in the good supply
of the district

It is observed that
the Colls. of Limerick
claim to be in the
possession of the
land of the Colls. of Limerick