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No. 100. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1873, Miscellaneous No. 8,733:—

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. GROSE, Esq.; Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichinopoly, 15th December 1873, No. 8,733.

With reference to my season telegram of the 9th instant, I think it desirable to apprise the Board of the *possibility* of a considerable failure in the harvest to the east of the Trichinopoly Taluq, chiefly in the villages dependant on the great *Kuttapar* Tank which is now empty.

2. As intimated in my telegram there has been a practical failure of the monsoon almost all over the district; for, though we had a considerable fall of

Inches 16.

* Inches only 1-12.

rain (from the west) in October as noted in the margin, the weather cleared up at the beginning of November, and there has been no rain to speak of* in this part of the district since. One consequence of this failure of the rain that is expected here in November and the beginning of December has been that the Cauvery has been too low to furnish a full supply to the channels, and yet too high to permit of the construction of Coramboos; so that the first constructed (on the 27th ultimo) was breached almost immediately.

3. It has been successfully repaired at last, and water is again coming down the channel; but whether it will reach Kuttapar in time to save the crops remains to be seen.

4. The Tahsildar has just returned from the head of the Weyacondan, and is now on his way to Kuttapar, the channel being full again. Every effort is being made to expedite the flow of water by clearing out the channel; a Revenue Inspector has been sent to the villages affected to report daily on the state of affairs, and I am making special inquiries as to the condition of the crops in the Illupur Division to the south where, I am afraid, the season has been peculiarly bad and the tanks are all rain-fed.

5. A capricious season like the present clearly proves how much these long and ill-regulated channels require subsidiary reservoirs such as that described in Mr. Banbury's Report to the Board, dated 29th December 1868, No. 266, to the importance of which I drew attention in forwarding* a copy on the 10th June

* Vide Board's Proceedings No. 1,364, dated 1873. As it is, the land affected is practically as much dependant on the local rain-fall as that under any purely rain-fed tank.

6. There was slight rain here yesterday, but it seems to have passed off again.

P. S. I HAVE just learnt that water is flowing freely into the Kuttapar Tank, and trust that the crops may nearly all be saved. There is also some slight prospect of rain to-day, but the accounts from the south are not hopeful.

(Signed) J. PENNINGTON,

17th December 1873.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1874.*

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

The Board are glad to say they have heard that rain has fallen in Trichinopoly since this letter was written.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1874, No. 52.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to hear that later accounts are more favourable.

2. These papers will be communicated to the Department Public Works, for early consideration of paragraph 5 of the Acting Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th December 1873.

Read the following

From

The Collector of Trichinopoly

To

*The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Madras.*

Sir,

With reference to my season telegram of the 9th instant, I think it desirable to apprise the Board of the possibility of a considerable failure in the harvest to the East of the Trichinopoly Taluk, chiefly in the villages dependent on the great Chattapar Tank, which is now empty.

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Inches
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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Kc., Kc., Kc.

Dated January 13th.

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G. O., 13th January 1874, No. 52.

JANUARY.

Nos. 100-101.

Threatened failure in the harvest to the east of Trichinopoly.—Noticing with pleasure the more favourable accounts made by the Board of Revenue relative to the — as reported by the Acting Collector, and directing communication of these papers to the Department of Public Works for early consideration of paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter relative to the requirement of subsidiary reservoirs.

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3 It has been successfully repaired at last, and water is again coming down the channel; but whether it will reach *Mullapar* in time to save the crops remains to be seen.

4 The *Sahildar* has just returned from the head of the *Weyacandam*, and is now on his way to *Mullapar*, the channel being full again. Every effort is being made to expedite the flow of water by clearing out the channel; a Revenue Inspector has been sent to the villages affected to report daily on the state of affairs, and I am making special enquiries as to the condition of the crops in the *Mullapar* Division to the South where I am afraid the season has been peculiarly bad and the tanks are all *rainfed*.

* Vide Bds Pro. No. 1364 dated 23rd Feb. 1873.

5 A capricious season like the present clearly proves how much these long and ill-regulated channels require subsidiary reservoirs such as that described in Mr. Bamberg's report to the Board dated 29th December 1868 No. 266 to the importance of which I drew attention in forwarding a copy on the 10th June 1873. As it is the land affected is practically as much dependent on the local rainfall as that under any purely *rainfed* tank.

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Trichinopoly Coll^y Office.
15th December 1873. } Sig. d/ J. B. Pennington
Sg. Collector.

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South are not hopeful.

17th December 1873. (Sgd.) J. Pennington.

Submitted for the information
of Government.

The Board are glad to say
they have heard that rain has
fallen in Trichinopoly since
this letter was written.

(True copy & extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary

To the Secretary to Govt N. C. D.

Attest
By C. W. G. G.

