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No. 230. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1876, No. 2,579:—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 9th October 1876, No. 1,786.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Board, copy of a report from the General Deputy Collector at Vinukonda, No. 357, dated 29th September 1876.

2. The Board will observe that the rainfall in the three taluqs of his division is very scanty when compared with that of the previous years. The south-west monsoon has failed, and there is time yet to see whether the north-east monsoon may not prove favorable. But I am afraid that it may not as I see no signs of it yet. The early dry crops, which depend upon the first monsoon, have suffered very seriously.

3. The prices are not high yet as compared with those of former years, but I fully expect that they will rise most rapidly if there is the least likelihood of the later dry crops failing. They are even now rising in consequence of continued export of all kinds of grain.

4. The second monsoon commences about the middle of October, and in the course of a month it may be possible to judge whether a scarcity may prevail.

5. The Deputy Collector thinks that the laborers in the taluqs of Narasarowpeta and Palnad have sufficient work, and proposes that a sum of Rupees 10,000 be spent on the repairs of the Karempudi, Guntur, and Kambham roads so as to employ the laboring classes of Vinukonda Taluq.

6. The Range Officer says that the laborers of the taluqs of Narasarowpeta and Palnad also have not enough of work, and that their services may conveniently be utilized now. Labor being now easily procurable, if the work of improving some of the important roads is put in hand, it will be beneficial both to the district and to the poorer classes. It will also prevent them from turning their attention to the commission of crime, which is also reported to be on the increase.

7. I request that the Board will be pleased to order the immediate transfer of Rupees 5,000 from the General Fund Balance, Guntur Local Fund, to be spent on the improvement of the following roads, for which I have asked Major Hasted to prepare and send me estimates at once:—

	RS.
Trunk Road No. 7	2,000
Road from Chilakaluripeta to Nekarikallu through Narasarowpeta	1,000
Road from Vinukonda to Narasarowpeta	1,000
Road from Vinukonda to Kambham	1,000
Total	5,000

8. I also request that the Board will be pleased to move the Government to place at my disposal a sum of Rupees 5,000 to be spent on famine relief works should the necessity for them hereafter arise. These will be the clearing out and repairing, where necessary, of village tanks and wells, which are used as reservoirs of

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drinking water for people and cattle, making new ones where necessary, and other similar works, a list of which I have directed the Deputy Collector to prepare at once.

9. I would in any case advocate the expenditure of the Local Funds, but the relief money I do not propose to spend unless the necessity of the people is greater than at this present time.

10. I have not the least doubt that the Local Fund Board will pass a resolution applying for the transfer, which I shall have the honor to forward as soon as I receive it.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From KANCHI SUBBA ROW, Deputy Collector, Kistna District, to G. D. LEMAN, Esq.,
Collector of the Kistna District, dated Vinukonda, 29th September 1876, No. 357.

In reply to your letter, No. 1,640, of the 18th instant, I have the honor to report on the state of the season in this division up to date.

2. The subjoined statement shows rain-fall from July to September this year compared with that of the same period in the preceding three years :—

Talug.	Rain-fall in Faslis							
	1286.		1285.		1284.		1283.	
	INCHES.	TENTHS.	INCHES.	TENTHS.	INCHES.	TENTHS.	INCHES.	TENTHS.
1. Vinukonda ...	3	7½	16	4½	13	0	4	6½
2. Narasarowpeta.	7	4½	15	1½	13	5½	7	1½
3. Palnad ...	7	2½	15	7½	16	2½	11	6½

It would thus appear that the quantity of rain has fallen considerably less this year than in the last two years, though there was similar scarcity prevailed in Fasli 1283. The failure of seasonable rains is, however, more severely felt this year than in Fasli 1283, because we have had no rain at all in Vinukonda this month against inches 1·9½ in the same month in Fasli 1283, and the rain-fall being likewise measured at Palnad Talug only inches 1·6 this month against inches 4·9 in Fasli 1283. September has been the month always to sow cotton seeds in large extent both in Vinukonda and Palnad Taluqs. This year they have been disappointed considerably. A large tract of lands is left waste in the latter talug, which were prepared for sowing varigu. Cotton and variga did not find generally favorable season as yet for sowing. Other dry crops have been sown to a certain extent. In a few villages sujja crop is said to have yielded one-third of the ordinary outturn, while in a large number of villages of Narasarowpeta, and most particularly in Vinukonda, the crop has been almost withered. In a few villages of Palnad and Narasarowpeta jonna promises a very poor yield. In a large number of villages they suffer for want of rain. Up to date ryots are not discouraged, and they anticipate at least very poor and inferior harvest of dry crops if they at least get sufficient showers before the north-east monsoon is over. Of the three taluqs, so far as my limited personal inspection of crops goes, I can fairly say there will not be much loss to crops in Palnad Talug. Narasarowpeta will be next to Palnad in yield: Vinukonda is the worst of the three. Wet crops have been raised below a few tanks, and they suffer for want of irrigation. It is not an important crop in this division, the failure of which may not work hard on the general population, and especially on poorer classes. As we have yet hopes of rain, I am not prepared to make any suggestions as to any general remissions being granted as regards dry crops. I have already received a petition from a village in Vinukonda Talug, stating that their dry crops have been entirely withered. Until north-eastern monsoon is

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over, I am not willing to permit any Tahsildars to make any inspections about the condition of dry crops. I must, however, suggest here that this year the Jamabandi of these taluqs may not be commenced before 15th January 1877.

3. The quantity of grain sold per rupee in each talug I show hereunder in the same manner as in the rain-fall.

	Vinukonda, Madras Measures.				Narasarowpeta, Manikas.				Palnad, Manikas.			
	1286.	1285.	1284.	1283.	1286.	1285.	1284.	1283.	1286.	1285.	1284.	1283.
Fasli ...	18	21	20	17	19½	21	17	14	20	18	16	15
Paddy ...	18	19	16½	13	21	21	17	10½	20	16½	13	11
Jonnalu ...	23	22	20	16½	24	23	22	12	25	18	21	14
Varigalu ...	18	16	16	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sujjalu ...	18	16	16	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

With all the prospect of unfavorable season, the prices are not too high when compared even with the prices of the preceding two favorable years; Fasli 1283 being an exceptional one. As much distress is said to have prevailed in Kurnool District, grain in large quantities is exported daily from Vinukonda if not from Narasarowpeta and Palnad Taluqs also. Looking this serious demand for grain from other districts, and looking also to the want of rain in September,—a month in which there was to be abundant rain-fall,—the people generally, and especially of Vinukonda Talug, are apprehensive of famine. If there is to be no rain-fall in October, it is no wonder why the prices will not at once be very highly raised.

4. No water flows in jungle-streams, rivers, or vagus. In some villages springs in wells are gradually reduced for want of rains. Houses are taken by fire in a few villages. The sufferings of cattle for want of fodder are the general cry throughout. As there have been not sufficient rains no pasture is available. As the dry fodder already exhausted in anticipation of good pasture in rainy season, the people find most difficult to maintain cattle. Some serve them with the beaten stuff of brushes of Regu Kampalu, and others make use of jonna and sujja straw extracted from the roofs which form their dwelling houses. They offer cattle for sale at a low price owing to hardship for maintaining them. Apart from these the atmosphere is not cool. People feel over-thirsty and suffer with immense heat in day times. Nights pass on very sultry. We, however, feel cold just before day-break as dews already set in.

5. Now to alleviate the distress of the poorer classes, I have nothing to suggest as regards Palnad and Narasarowpeta Taluqs, as the laborers are adequately employed on public works. A large number of destitute Mussulmans and other poorer classes live in Vinukonda Talug for want of sufficient means of livelihood. I hear about Rs. 2,000 alone sanctioned for the whole year for Vinukonda Talug for the up-keep of Karempudi, Guntur, and Kumbham roads, &c; so there are not sufficient works to give the poorer classes any livelihood. As rains not set in, ryots do not find them employment in fields or even in repairing their houses, &c. Since of late crimes also are being increased here and there. Only eight days ago two females of a village-watcher were openly robbed of some jewels in broad day-light in a field by three men. Burglaries and other crimes are in increase. The crimes reported are greater in Vinukonda Talug than in others. Tank-diggers, who are generally employed on road-work, are suspected of the crimes. To put a stop to crimes as well as to alleviate the distress, I respectfully suggest that some special funds, i.e., Rs. 10,000, be placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department without further delay, and thus to employ laborers on daily coolies on the three roads named above in Vinukonda Talug. The roads are in worst condition in this division and particularly the road from Vinukonda to Karempudi through ghauts requires earliest notice, as the traffic is highly impeded for want of a good road. The line of the road is already marked and maintained. If Rs. 10,000 sanctioned, I hope the road will be improved to a considerable extent.

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SUBMITTED to Government.

2. In anticipation of the sanction of Government, which the Board request may be accorded, the Board authorize the President to carry out the proposed transfer from the General Fund balance to the Road Fund. The General Fund balance of the Guntur Circle amounts to Rupees 54,287. The Collector will be informed of this by telegraph.

3. There does not appear to be any immediate necessity for extraordinary relief works; but, should the emergency arise, the Board will be prepared to sanction the requisite funds. The Collector will apply by telegraph if the need become more serious than at present.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1876, No. 1,508.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. Orders on paragraph 2 will
be passed in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 357.

Kistna District Dy. Collector's Office
Vinnakonda 29th September 1876.

From Kanchi Subba Row
Deputy Collector, Kistna District.
To G. D. Leman Esquire
Collector, Kistna District.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1640 of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to report on the state of the Season in this Division up to date. The subjoined statement shows rain fall from July to September this year compared with that of the same period in the preceding 3 years.

Talug.	Rain fall in Fathoms			
	1286.	1285.	1284.	1283.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1 Vinnakonda	3 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 - "	4 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Naresarowpeta	7 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 - 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
3. Patnad	7 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

It would thus appear that the quantity of rain has fallen considerably less this year than in the last two years, though there was similar scarcity prevailed in Fath 1283. The failure of reasonable rains is however more severely felt this year than in Fath 1283, because we have had no rain at all in Vinnakonda this month against 7.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the same month in Fath 1283 and the rain fall being likewise measured at Patnad Talug only 12.6 this month against 12.9 in Fath.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated October, 19th.

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Nos. 230-231.

Season in the Kistna General Duty Deputy Collector's Division. - Recording Board's Proceeding reporting on the unfavorable character of the - and stating that orders will be issued to the Financial Department on paragraph 2.

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To, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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Enclosure in a letter
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Do from Vinukonda to — Narasarupeta ————	1,000
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9 Oct 1876.

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(True Copy & Extract)

H. Stearns
Acting Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government R. D.
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