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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th November 1876.

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th October 1876, No. 2,681 :—

Read the following letter from A. MANSON, Esq., Officiating Collector of Poorce, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Pooree, 5th October 1876, No. 995 :—

In acknowledging your No. 3,208, dated 20th September, and enclosure, for which I am much obliged (which, owing to my absence in camp, only reached me a few days ago), I have the honor to reply as follows.

2. The crops in the eastern part of Pooree District are good. This applies to all east of a line drawn from Cuttack to Pooree, and I understand that in the adjoining district of Cuttack the crops are excellent. The portion of the Pooree District, west of that line, suffered up to the end of August from very scanty and partial rainfall. Some of this area is capable of irrigation from the branches of the Mahanuddy when that river is in flood (which does not depend on local rainfall), and by this means a large area of cultivation was kept in good condition.

3. The portion of the district lying round the Chilka lake and the Khoordah sub-division is the tract that has suffered. Roughly speaking, this is an area of 1,000 square miles; but in this the crops have not generally failed. Only local patches of failure have occurred. Khoordah sub-division is hilly country with much scrub jungle, and in round figures contains 453,120 acres of cultivation. The rest of the Chilka tracts consist of very poor sandy soil with brackish sub-soil. The area of [illegible] I estimate to be, roughly speaking, 40,000 acres, which, added to Khoordah,

BERHAMPORE, (Signed) A. MANSON,
12th October 1876. Assistant, for Collector of Ganjam.

Submitted for the information of Government. It is satisfactory to find that the area of land in Orissa over which crops have partially failed is limited, and that the season elsewhere in that province has been good.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 143. Order thereon, 10th November 1876, No. 1,622.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

But up to the end of August the rain, especially in Khoordah, fell in partial and sudden showers, and there was a great deal of bright hot weather which was quite unseasonable. From the end of August there has been good general rain, and the favorable weather continues, and, though the crops in the tracts referred to are still backward and thin in places, no general failure is to be expected; lands on which the paddy in July had completely died and disappeared from the drought have been planted out again and now look moderately good. A general estimate of the outturn is not possible before the grain has begun to set in ear, but the worst estimate at present of the entire outturn of the affected area is 8 to $\frac{10}{16}$ths of an average crop.

There was a panic in Khoordah when August came, and still no rain. Mahajans refused to advance or sell grain, and laborers began clamoring for relief; but I have been over nearly the whole during the past month and find prospects much improved; the prices of grain in a jungle country like Khoordah are so very local as to be misleading, but there is still a little exportation going on both to Cuttack and to Ganjam, and the average price in September in the sub-division is 65*s*. 10*d*. seers of paddy and 27*s*. 9*d*. seers of rice (seer of 80 tolas).

No. 3,425.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue in continuation of this office letter, dated 19th September 1876, No. 3,183.

[illegible] D. W. MOORE.

makes a total of 493,120 acres in the tracts that have suffered from drought.

4. The crops cultivated on the whole is almost entirely paddy. There is scarcely any cultivation of dry crops, though the little there is in Khoordah has yielded very well.

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6. The area of cultivation mentioned above may be considered as all *sarad* rice land; no second crop is grown on it. This crop requires moderate, but general, rain from the end of June, with some bright weather in August and September to ripen the earlier sorts and rain again to the middle or end of October; that is usually how the rain falls. This year the rainfall was as follows:—

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 1876.

Read.

Ditto.

G.O., 10*th November* 1876, *No.* 1,622.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 142-143.

Season in Ponnee, Cuttack.—Recording Proceedings submitting endorsement of the Collector of Ganjam forwarding report on the —

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 27th October 1876.

Read the following :—

No 995 pr. 2681

From.

A Dawson Esqre

officiating Collector

To The Collector of Ganjam.

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I have &c
(Sgd) A Manson.
Offg Collector

Collectrs office
Ponree
the 5th October 1896

No. 3425.

Submitted to the Board of
Revenue in continuation of this office
letter dated 19th September 1896,
No. 3183.

Camp Beshampore
12 October 1896

(Sgd) P. W. Moore.
Assistant for
Collr of Sambalpur.

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True copy respectfully

H Stokes
Offg Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government
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