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20th November 1876.

No. 333. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th October 1876, No. 2,685.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st October 1876, No. 497.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board and Government, in continuation of my letter of the 7th instant, No. 473, copy of a letter, dated 14th idem, No. 774, from the Deputy Collector on General Duties, reporting on the agricultural prospects of the villages on the Chengam side of the Trinomalai Taluq.

2. I have also the honor to report that on the 16th and 17th instant rain fell at Cuddalore sufficiently to admit of agricultural operations being carried on, but more rain is much wanted, and, unless it falls in a few days, the safety of the wet crops will become doubtful.

3. I have not yet heard how far inland the rainfall extended.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. SRIBALIAH, Dy. Collector, General Duties, South Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Trinomalai, 14th October 1876, No. 774.

As promised in paragraph 5 of my letter, No. 724, dated 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have now inspected several of the villages in this taluq lying on Chengam side.

2. Except in Sathanur village on the new road from Thandrampat to Kottakolam, the rains of the 27th September and 1st October 1876 were so heavy as to bring one or two months' supply of water to tanks. The standing dry crops, varagu and raggy, are throughout doing well. In some parts wet cultivation has just commenced; the delay is due more to the employment of the ryots in sowing dry grains, cholum, ulundu, gram, &c., on dry lands. There is thus sufficient employment for the poor.

3. As to food grains, the prices continue to be as high as before the rains. The local supply is of course scanty, but the grains are generally to be had in the weekly fairs held in Pudupoliam, Chengam, and Paramanandal, and are besides imported by cartmen.

The prices are generally as below :—

Rice seven measures a rupee.
Raggy twelve " "
Cumboo fourteen " "

4. You will have learned from the statement of Paramanandal Monigar, copy enclosed in my letter, No. 706, dated 26th ultimo, that there were ryots in his village in want of labor. Rupees 400 was placed at his disposal for the improvement of the drinking water pond in the village, which, when I inspected it on the 26th ultimo, was quite dry. The work is now going on, but the ryots one and all refused to work for cooly, and with some difficulties, Odders had to be secured from some distance.

While at Chengam I had the Monigars of the villages* noted before me. They all informed me that under no circumstances would a putta ryot come forward to work for *cooly* in the road or tank. He would rather incur debts and keep himself up. Leaving this class of men, there are "Padyals," pail servants of the putta ryots. These latter have to be employed somehow or other; and it is doubtless to find some engagement for them for awhile, that the Monigars generally ask for relief works. There are

* 1. Chengam.
2. Paramanandal.
3. Pulidyur.
4. Alsputhur.
5. Kuyilam.
6. Munnamungalam.
7. Saradipettai.
8. Konancoopam.
9. Peramathoor.
10. Manmolay.

in fact, very few men in outlying villages who are neither putta ryots nor their Padyals, and they generally do not stick to one place or village unless there is demand for their services.

The Monigar of Paramanandal seems thus to have intended to employ his "Padyals" and those of his friends and relations on the pond work; but the rains having fallen intermediately, he was not able to procure their services even; and the work has thus to be entrusted to Odders.

5 The parts about Chengam being jungly, there is no scarcity of pasture for cattle, especially after the recent rains, and as to drinking water, there is no fear of a want for some months to come.

For the last nearly a fortnight there has, however, been no rain whatever, and, if it holds off for some time more, I am afraid the standing dry crops must perish as well, the wet cultivation for which in no tank is there a supply sufficient for one crop.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. When it was found that there was no demand for employment, the so-called relief work should have been stopped at once. The relief appears to have been abused.

3. The state of South Arcot is not such as to cause the least apprehension, and these special reports should be discontinued.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 334. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1876, No. 1,725.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bentleman.

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South East Collectorate
Office Cuddalore
21st October 1874

I have &c
Sd/ J. H. Garstin
Collector.

Enclosure.

No 774.

From The Deputy Collector
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To J. H. Garstin Esq
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Submitted for the infor-
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True Copies and Extracts

W Atkins
Agent Secretary.

To
The Secretary to
Government C.D.

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Submitting, with remarks for information, letter from Collector of Customs, submitting Copy of letter from the Deputy Collector General duties on the Agricultural products of the Chinsurah Divn.

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