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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd January 1876.*

No. 171. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1876:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1876, No. 10.

I REGRET to have to report, for the information of the Board of Revenue, the disastrous state of the season of the current revenue-year. The North-East Monsoon has proved a complete failure, while the South-West Monsoon was by no means encouraging.

2. The average rain-fall throughout the district from April to December last is returned to be 23 inches, whereas that during the corresponding period of the preceding year was no less than 50 inches, or more than double the former quantity.

3. The Palar and other rivers received no freshes whatever during the past season, and almost all the tanks in the district are now completely dry. There is not a drop of water in the Cauveripauk tank, which is directly fed from the Palar Anicut,—a fact unknown for the last thirty years. The spring channels everywhere are fast losing their supply.

4. In consequence a large extent of land, both dry and wet, has been left waste, and where any cultivation has been made the standing crops are perishing for want of water. The Cultivation Return up to end of November last shows that there has been under the heads Wet and Dry a decrease of acres 23,055, assessed at Rs. 85,760, as shown below:—

Description of Land.	1874-75.		1875-76.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	345,693	5,20,985	335,112	5,04,532	10,581	16,453
Wet	168,872	9,93,712	156,398	9,24,405	12,474	69,307
Total ...	514,565	15,14,697	491,510	14,28,937	23,055	85,760

5. The out-turn of the early dry crops has been tolerable, and horse-gram is expected to yield a good harvest. The result of the harvest of the early wet crops has been much below the average.

6. I expect that a large amount of remissions, especially on account of wet *Shavi*, will have to be granted at the approaching annual settlement. A very large number of applications for remission has been received, and the fields are now being inspected and reported on by the taluq officers. I fear that in consequence, the beriz of the current fasli (1285) will show a decrease of about three lakhs of rupees under Land-revenue as compared with that of the past fasli.

7. I purposely delayed the submission of this unpleasant report, in the hope that there might, even at the eleventh hour, be a fall of rain, and being unwilling needlessly to raise the alarm. Having, however, been disappointed in my hopes, I now regret to have to apprise the Board of the disastrous state of the present season and

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the consequent evil effect it will eventually have on the Government revenue as well as on the prices of food-grains of every description. The stocks of such grain are, I have reason to believe, considerable; so that I do not anticipate at present more than inconvenience to the poorer classes, owing to the prevalence of high prices of grain. I shall narrowly watch the progress of events, and will keep the Board fully informed; and, if need be, suggest the commencement of relief works. The misfortune that we can most certainly predict is a water-famine, whereby cattle throughout the district will perish in large numbers. Already I have heard that the inhabitants of villages close to the Cauveripauk tank (which ought now to have a year's supply of water in it) are sending several miles to fetch water for drinking purposes.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector should at once, in communication with the District Engineer, prepare a scheme of works to be undertaken in the event of its being necessary to provide employment for the poorer classes. He should report how far the ordinary Imperial Local Fund Works will meet this object, and whether there is any balance of Local Funds in hand available for more extended works.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1876, No. 86.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Accountant-General. The Board's instructions are approved. Should relief works prove

necessary, the Collector should consider whether improvements to wells cannot beneficially be undertaken as was done in Bellary in 1868.

2. The Collector will be careful to warn Government of the earliest indication of distress.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Accountant-General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

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Dated 18th January 1876

Read the following

No. 10.

From

N. S. Whiteside

Collector of North Arcot.

To

H. E. Stokes Esq.

Ag. Secretary to the
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7th March 1876

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REVENUE.

To THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

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Dated January, 22nd.

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G. O., 22nd January 1876, No. 86.

JANUARY.

Nos. 171-172.

Disastrous state of the season in North Arcot District.—Communicating to the Accountant-General, Proceedings Board of Revenue, submitting Collector's letter on—, and approving the Board's instructions in connection with it. Instructing that should relief works prove necessary the Collector should consider whether improvements to wells cannot beneficially be undertaken, and directing the Collector to warn Government of the earliest indication of distress.



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Total	514,535.	15,14,697.	49,570.	14,28,937.	23,055.	85,460.

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Col's Office } (S) M. Whitehead
Clutton } Collector.
10 Jan'y 1876 }

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(True copy to hand)

W. R. Munn
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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could be done at once. I am
very much interested in
the matter.

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