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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1877.

No. 654. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1877, No. 1,077 :—

Read the following letter from A. SUDARSHANA[illegible]OW, Acting Deputy Collector on General Duties, in charge of Naidu[illegible]tion, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Naidu[illegible]0th February 1877, No. 68.

I BEG to report on the condition of the Zemindari tracts under my charge up to the week ending Wednesday, 7th instant.

2. The Zemindari tracts in my charge consist of Venkatagiri and Polur Divisions forming a portion of Venkatagiri Estate. The area of these divisions is 781 square miles. They consist of 292 villages of various tenures with 84,342 population.

3. The season of the last year was not very unfavorable in the Zemindari tracts. Dry crops had yielded a fair outturn, while the wet suffered on the whole partially from scanty rains. This year (Fasli 1286) dry crops suffered much and the wet to the extreme. In "Makah Karty," or in the months of August 1876, the ryots have sown all their wet fields, as the soil was then moist enough for the purpose from the rains that had fallen in that month, and as such a catastrophe as the present one was not at all expected then. Subsequently, when I had inspected personally several villages, the crops which were at the height of a foot were fading from drought. Ultimately, of course, they had withered entirely from the same cause. Now the ryots repent much for having wasted seeds by sowing the lands imprudently.

4. The only crops now standing on the ground are raggy, chilly, &c., under wells on small patches of garden lands. They are, I am glad to say, thriving well at the cost of much labo[illegible] and expense. The [illegible] outturn of these crops, for fear whether the precarious sources of irrigation on which they depend would fail. The general complaint is that there is none to assist the ryots, by way of advancing money, to sink wells and encouraging by holding promises to remit the assessment on their uncultivated lands.

5. In the present awful state of the season the property of the revenue defaulters are attached indiscriminately for the balances due by them both for the last and the current Fasli, and applications are made for the sale thereof. I never disposed of any of these applications pending the receipt of your instructions regarding a reference* made by me on the subject. There are, indeed, certain ryots who made considerable fortunes by the present famine prices. Like in other places, the well-to-do ryots in this Zemindari also had dispensed with the services of their servants and drove them away to our relief-works.

* No. 20, dated 13th January 1877.

6. The village servants, such as Munsifs, Curnams, Kavalgars, Talayars, and Vettyars are suffering much from want of means of livelihood. I wrote to the Rajah some time ago requesting him to issue orders to pay Kavalgars and Talayars, who are members of the Village Police, their fees as soon as possible; but I never received any reply from him as yet. I trust he will arrange to pay the perquisites at once.

7. All the tanks in the Zemindari are now dry. I can say safely that all the wells have not yet arrived at that stage. From the fact of the cultivation having been carried under wells throughout the Zemindari it is evident that scarcity of water is not yet much felt. The village wells failed almost entirely already. Those in the

fields are still able to meet all demands on the part of men and cattle. I do not think that the latter wells will become quite dry in the approaching hot weather.

8. Cattle indeed are suffering much. Many of them became extinct from want of fodder. The mortality among them is very great.

9. The Zemindari is not altogether healthy. Cholera is still peeping here and there. It is gratifying to observe that small-pox has not made its appearance as yet.

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No. 972.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue.

NELLORE,
28th February 1877.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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3. The report of Mr. Crole, who has been deputed to report on the state of the Zemindar's country, is anxiously awaited.

No. 655. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1877, No. 1,168.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Nellore.
„ the Financial Department.

Init. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated March, 2018.

Read.

G.O., 20th March 1877, No. 1,168.

MARCH.

Nos. 654-655.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 793.

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 7th March 1877. R. 1077.

Read the following:-

No. 68.

From.

The Actg. Deputy Collector
on General duties in charge of
Naidupett Division

To. F. R. A. Sharp Esquire
Actg. Collector of Nellore

Board's
G. Ref. 2331

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I have etc

Deputy Collector's Office
Nandupett 28th February 1877

(Signed) A. Sadasivachariar Deputy Collector.

No. 972. (True Copy)

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue.

Nellore Collector's Office
28th February 1877

(Signed) B. Chapl. Acting Collector

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Submitted

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True Copy and Extract

H Luckin
Secretary

To
The Addl Secretary to Govt. R D.

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Memo

I would call Com[illegible] attention to pressing [illegible] work – & respy [illegible] the despatch [illegible]

I see no reason for delay disposal of this subject. Let Com[illegible] the B[illegible] Proc[illegible] & direct the C[illegible] to proceed in the usual way

[illegible] can deal with the Relief Question when Crook reports

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[illegible] 1877

[illegible] 1877 Sept.
Rec'd 7 Feb 1282

Proceedings of the Board of Survey convened at [illegible] pursuant to Special Order No. [illegible] dated [illegible] 1877

Capt. Egbert Ames 5th Infantry
Capt. [illegible] 5th Infantry
and [illegible] 5th Infantry

Recorder.

Fort Buford, D.T. [illegible] 1877

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B Request Govt. again to address H Raja in sharp terms.

It is hoped that W. Crole's report be awaited before H Zemindar is reprimanded. [illegible]

Orders are requested

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