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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 209-C. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877 :—

Letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to S. Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1877, No. 77.

REFERRING to the Board's telegram of the 15th January 1877, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of the Sub-Collector's letter of the 3rd instant, No. 41, giving the information required as regards the Rajahmundry Taluq. It will be seen from this that there is no distress in that taluq. I shall give a brief account of the Peddapur Taluq and the Pittapur and Tuni Divisions.

2. The Tahsildar of Peddapur reports that in some villages the yield is half of the average crop, and in others there is a fair outturn; the chief food-crops cultivated being paddy and cholum. Wet crops under tanks in a few villages have failed from scarcity of rain; but this is not an unusual occurrence in the upland portion of the district. In the Pittapur Division it is said that the crops, so far as they are cultivated, are good, though the extent of cultivation is much less this year than the one previous.

3. The Tuni Deputy Tahsildar says that the state of crops in his division is bad.

4. Sufficient stock of food-grains is available in the Peddapur Taluq and the two divisions. No difficulty for food is felt anywhere at present.

5. There is no complaint about water-supply. The rain that fell on the 12th and the following days of January filled the tanks to some extent. It is reported that in a few villages of the Peddapur Taluq and the Tuni Divisions scarcity of water might be felt in about a month or so. I shall take steps for supplying the wants.

6. The laboring classes have sufficient work in these divisions and taluq. They are employed by ryots for cultivation purposes for some time still and on Public Works.

7. The prices lately gone down, and there is not much difficulty at present.

8. In these parts I do not anticipate any distress.

9. With regard to the Ellore Taluq I have already submitted Mr. Tate's report reporting on the conditions in that part.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. KELSALL, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of Godavery, dated 3rd March 1877, No. 41.

As desired by you in your letter, No. 12, I have the honor to forward a report on the condition of the Rajahmundry Taluq, the only upland taluq in the Sub-Division.

2. The crops in the Delta Taluq of Ramachendrapur, both of rice and gingelly, have been unusually good. There is plenty of drinking-water, no sickness, and no distress.

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4. The whole of November I was on circuit in the taluq. There are no large tanks, except at Nandarada, but there are several small channels from the left bank of the river. The crops commanded by these channels and about 70 per cent. of the area irrigable under tanks have yielded well. The dry crops in many of the villages have not been very far behind. But in four or five villages under the hills - Dowlaishweram the dry crops have quite failed. In the whole, for the entire taluq the outturn is estimated at half or five-eighths of the outturn of an ordinary year.

5. Stocks.—There is no difficulty about obtaining grain. In November and December the exportations were very large. A Cocanada merchant told me that 600,000 bags of 164 lbs. each had been sent to Madras since October. This brought the price of rice to 7 measures for a rupee at one time at the end of December. Now exportation has almost stopped apparently, because there is already more grain in Madras than can be cleared off. The new harvest is now in the market. Prices at Rajahmundry yesterday were 12 measures of old rice and 14 to 15 of new rice for a rupee. No doubt it will again become dearer, but I do not think it will ever be so low as in November and December. The smaller food-grains can also be procured.

Water-supply.—I have no fear on this score. The tanks and wells were pretty well supplied in November and in the last six weeks. Since January 1st there has been 4 inches of most unusual rain. This has refilled the tanks and provided herbage for the cattle. In the delta there was a greater likelihood of water failing, for since the construction of the anicut channels the people have preferred the river-water where they could get it, and their drinking water ponds and wells have fallen into disrepair. It has been arranged that the canals are to be closed as short a period as possible; the Cocanada canal for only ten days.

Means of Labor.—The harvest has employed the working classes hitherto. In the clearing of the canal and in other non-weather agricultural occupations work will be found for those wanting it. No special measures are called for.

Prices.—I have given the current grain prices at Rajahmundry as compared with those prevailing at the same period last year. This has been about the price for the last three weeks. The figures are the local measures which are one-third smaller than the Madras measure:—

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General Health.—There has been no cholera, and only a few isolated cases of small-pox. Fever has been unusually severe this year and the per-centage of deaths to attacks is also abnormally high.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The state of the dry taluqs of the Godavery is not such as to cause any alarm.

3. The crops in Tuni are said to be bad, and in parts of that division and in Peddapur some precautions appear to be necessary to maintain a supply of drinking water. There is always demand for labor in the delta which will provide for the surplus population of the upland tracts.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1877, No. 1,379-B.

Miscellaneous.

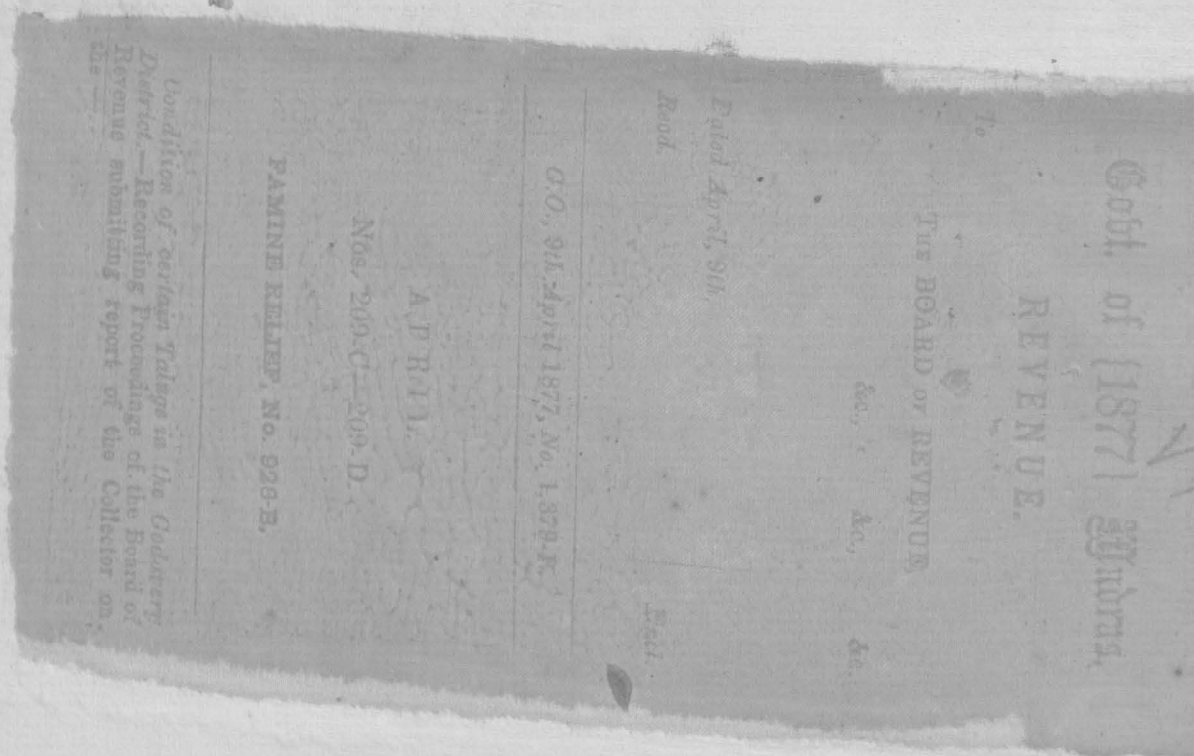
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(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



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Proceedings of the Madras Rev.
dated 2nd April 1877.

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For every list } I have from
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(True Copy)

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Submitted for the in-
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