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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th April 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 228A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877, No. 1,465 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 19th March 1877, No. 78.

I HAVE the honor to report that I have completed the inspection of the Rumpah country. As stated in my letter of the 10th instant, No. 71, I came across from the Rekapalli Taluq into the Rumpah country, and then travelled southward from Valamarru as far as Gokavaram, inspecting Rumpah and other villages on my way. I met the several Muttadars as well as the Munsabdar of Rumpah, and conferred with them regarding the condition of the people. From what they said and from what I saw there does not appear to be any sign of distress. Bamboo forests have, as stated in my last letter, yielded large quantities of rice, and the people are now using the same. Gingelly has yielded well, while paddy and jonna failed to a great extent from want of sufficient rain. The bamboo having yielded abundantly, the people are not put to any difficulty in obtaining food. I visited the Gokavaram market when it was being held, and found that it was well supplied. Rice, cholum, and various other articles were brought in large quantities and sold in retail to the people of the Rumpah country who resort to the market. I saw many Koya women bringing tamarind; they exchange this for other articles of food. Tamarind trees abound in every village of the Rumpah country, and have this year produced tolerably well. The price of rice was, on the day I visited the market at Gokavaram, from 10 to 11 seers and of cholum 20 seers per rupee. The price of rice has risen a little since the submission of my last report.

2. As rain fell lately, all the vagus and tanks received a supply of water, and consequently the people are not put to any difficulty whatever for drinking water. If in any vagu there may be no water, or if the water therein is not good, people have been making spring wells in the beds of vagus by digging the earth one or two feet deep. By this means they find good and clear water. Thus there is no complaint for drinking water in the Rumpah country.

3. The Board are aware that there is a road from Gokavaram to Rumpah, and the Public Works Department are now clearing the jungle as far as Geddada, a village seven miles above Rumpah, and I hear that they intend doing so further on in order to make the way freely passable. Some of the Koyas are employed on this work.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The state of the Rumpah country is satisfactory.

3. The rice and cholum crops were bad, but other crops yielded fairly well, and the wants of the people have been remarkably met by an abundant seeding of the bamboo.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th April 1877.

No. 228B.

ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1877, No. 1,389A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to find there is no distress in the Rumpah country.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 2nd April 1877

No. 1465

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Collector.

To H. E. Stoke Esquire

Secretary to the Board

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Nos. 226A-228D.
FAMINE RELIEF. No. 6334.
Revenue Commissioner, Ceded and Godavery Districts.—Expressing pleasure at finding that there is no distress in the—

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Godavery District
Collector's Office
Cocanada
19th March 1877

(Sd) B. A Foster
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W Nicolas
Secretary.

To

The additional Secretary to Govt.

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the
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GO 10 April 77 No 1384
Submitting for the
information of Govt.
with remarks a letter
from the Collector of the Godavery Dist. regarding the condition of the Rampah country in the taluk of Rajahmundry.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd April 1877.

Read Letter from Collector of Godavery Dist. dated 5th April 1877.

Ordered that the Collector be informed in reply that the Board are of opinion that the Ramp country should be left under the Agency system.

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