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11th May 1877, No. 1,700.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 239. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1877.

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, 21st April 1877, No. 107.

REFERRING to the Board's telegram, dated 15th January, I have the honor to state that I have proceeded to the Yernagudem Taluq and travelled through a part of it from Vadapalli (a village on the southern extremity of the taluq) to the northward, via Yernagudem and Pothaveram, inspecting the villages on my way. I am glad to say that I am satisfied, from personal inspection, that there is no food distress in the taluq. The gingelly crop in the beginning of the season yielded well, though in a very few places it has failed to some extent. There was a heavy fall of rain. The outturn of country or patcha jonna in the villages close to the river is excellent. It is true that the konda jonna has failed to a great extent. Its yield is said to be from one-fourth to one-half. The year was unfavorable for wet crops under tanks. Remissions have been granted on these lands.

2. The prices of different articles of food at present are, rice from 11 to 12 seers a rupee, cholam from 15 to 16 seers per rupee. The prices have risen lately. Cholam is procurable in the taluq. Rice is brought in bannies in large quantities from Pentapadu in the Tanuku Taluq where a large weekly fair is held and sold in the Yernagudem Taluq at various places. Weekly markets are held at Lakshavaram, Kannapuram, Chagallo, and Pothaveram, &c., places, and merchants from the delta parts bring food-grains and other articles on a large scale for sale here. As the taluq is a dry one, and as there are roads passing through many villages, merchants find it very easy and cheap to bring articles for sale.

3. There is some difficulty in procuring drinking water in some villages. Some of the tanks are now dry, and the villagers are obliged to go to some tank or well a mile or half a mile off the village. This is not an unusual complaint in the taluq. A great inducement has been given to the villagers to improve the existing tanks and wells and to dig new wells by giving help from the Local Funds. The people get water by going a little distance. Nothing can be done at present to meet this difficulty.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. There is no reason to be apprehensive as regards the condition of the Yernagudem Taluq.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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Revenue Department, 11th May 1877, No. 1,700.

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ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1877, No. 1,700.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
His Majesty's Government.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 1st May 1877

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No 107.

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Collector.

To. H. C. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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crop in the beginning of the season yielded well though in a very few places it has failed to some extent. There was a heavy demand and high price for this crop, and consequently ryots got a good deal. The outturn of country, or patcha Jonna in the villages close to the river is excellent. It is true that the Randa Jonna has failed to a great extent. The yield is paid here from one-fourth to one half. The year was unfavourable for wet crops under tanks. Remissions have been granted on these lands.

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Godavari District
Collectors Office
Cacauada
21st April 1874

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Collector

Submitted for the information
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(True Copy Extract)

H. H. H. H.

Secretary

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