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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,682-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 145-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1877.
No. 3,981.

Read the following letter from H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1877, No. 876.

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 10,914, of 6th August 1877, I have the honor to refer the Board to my periodical return of rainfall during June and July.

2. During June and July on an average 6 inches of rain fell on eleven at each station in the plains and $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches at Koraput on thirty-two days.

3. During August up to date less than half an inch has been reported from each station. Some reports of rain which has fallen in the last day or two; one, however, expected.

4. An average, however, gives much too favorable a view. The drought that ruined a large proportion of the early dry crops was the almost rainless month, from 7th June to 14th July, when at the fourteen stations only half an inch a-piece was gauged. The remaining $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches fell in the first week of June or the last three weeks of July. In Narsipatam the whole rainfall of June and July was 2.55, at Kappili 2.2, at Waltair 2.59. In the Gudiam Hills the drought has been extreme, though the total failure of food currently reported to have afflicted the Rampah country has not been experienced on my side of the border in such intensity. The population is very sparse, and roots, fruits, and kernels (especially wild caladium and other tuber, mango, kernels, sago pith, and bamboo rice) have been their main support since the drought (which prevailed until a few showers fell at the end of July) caused the total failure of their annula usually reaped in June. Inquiries as to their need of seed-grain are now being made, and, if necessary, they shall have help. I have procured the supply of seed-grain to Maleanghuri, a country generally specially difficult of access from its swampy condition, but last year and until July parched with drought; many villages have been there deserted from want of water.

5. Of the taluqs in the plains, Gudaconda, parts of Survasiddi, Vizagapatam, and parts of Cheepurupilly have lost the bulk of their dry crop. Narsipatam is the only taluq which may fall short of four-sixteenths of an average crop. The other ten taluqs will have from six to twelve-sixteenths (6 Annas to 12 Annas). Navaulu will average at least ten-sixteenths over all. I and my divisional officers have written fortnightly to the Chief Secretary, and I find that all those officers have reported the drought in similar terms to those I employed.

Revenue Department, 8th August 1877, No. 2,682-B.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board much regret to receive so bad an account of the season in Vizagapatam. The Collector of the Godavery District will report regarding the condition of the Rampah country.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 145-D.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,682-B.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector will be careful to keep the Government regularly informed of the state and prospects of his district.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Esd. A. F. Goodall.

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Revenue Department.

No. 10914
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
of 27th August 1877.

Read the following

No. 876

From H. H. A. Goodrich Esquire
Acting Collector
To C. A. Galton Esquire
As Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Calcutta.

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Cost. of (1877) Millions.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. to Govt.

Dated September 8th.

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G.O., 6th September 1877, No. 2682 B.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 145-C-146-D.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1761.

Handed to, P. S. D. Division, District, to close and
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Vizagapatam } /cc/ A. Goodrich
Collector's Office } A. Collector
15th August 1877

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W. C. C. S.
Off^{ce} Secretary

Off^{ce} to The Ad^l Secretary to Gov^{ty} N. D.

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the Board of Directors

of 27th August 77

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Submitting to you the
letter from the collector
of Niagara Falls, reporting
on the various bills in
the District

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As per 21st Aug 1877
Franklin

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