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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Collector of Ganjam, - 9 April 1894.

Referring to your Official Memorandum dated 7 February last No 282 (Confidential) I have the honor to state that the inquiries I have made in regard to Seed grain, convince me that in Ganjam, there is not likely to be any want in this respect. The past season has on the whole been a fair one and prices in favor of the ryots.

I enclose copy of a report I am this day sending to the Revenue Board on the prospects of the season. The hot weather, which had quite failed us this year, has within the last few days, been asserting itself with considerable vigour.

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Copy forwarded to the
Revenue Department.

Fort St George
21 May 1877

I am
officer Secretary

To
The Revenue Dept
with 2 Enclosures

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No. 1475

From

The Collector of
Cairnam

29/9/77

To

The Secretary to
the Board of Revenue
Madras

Dated Chikerpore 27 April 1877

Sir,

Having observed, in a Madras paper dated 13th February last, a telegram dated Asaka, indicating that the "unusual and unseasonable rain" which had been falling all this month in this "District" bore a strong resemblance to a "similar fall, but less", which occurred in 1865, year before the famine. I made inquiries as to whether, in the opinion of the different officers consulted, the fall adverted to had been beneficial or otherwise.

2 From the replies received, I find that in Purlakemid, no harm had been done. "Crops in irrigable ground suffered but at the same time an equal area of high land was brought under cultivation so that outturn should rather be more than less. As far as pasturage is

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Copy of a letter
from the Collector
of Cairnam regarding
Red grain.
1877

28 May 77.

concerned, the rain has been decidedly
"beneficial."

3. In the subdivision generally, green
gram, gingelly, raggy, and other dry
crops had benefited. Those crops which
were ripe, or nearly so when the rain
fell, were damaged, but on the whole
the rain had done more good than
harm.

4. The reports from Berhampore in
Salug, showed that the rain fall in
February was heavier than that of
the previous 20 years. Raggy, cotton
and castor-oil plants had benefited
but other grains and crops had
suffered. Paddy in the threshing floor
had been much injured and the
chango harvest which had promised
well, had been almost entirely destroyed.

* Horse gram
Red gram
Mustard
Green gram
Cobias.

5. In Gunsur the rain had been
beneficial in renewing a crop of
grass, the want of which had begun
to be felt, and in slightly replenishing
the tanks. It was not on the whole
beneficial to the wet crops -
the grains that had flowered and
formed pods benefited, but those
not so far advanced sprang at
once into full leaf and bore little

grain - Castor-oil was improved - Mango
flowers destroyed.

6. Mr. Munshin of Akra told
me that the 4 inches which had
fallen up to 23rd February, filled all
hearts with dismay as it was so
unusual. The cane crops had been
seriously damaged judging from the
watery character of the juice. The
Mango crop was said to have been
destroyed, the green-gram damaged,
and much was lost.

7. In the Chalkis, the Mango crop
was little damaged, and here as indeed
everywhere throughout the District,
ploughing operations were much
advanced by the down fall.

8. Since then the District has under-
gone another singular elemental dis-
-turbance extending over a fortnight,
and lining with it an unusual
quantity of rain. I enclose a state-
-ment showing an average rain fall
of $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches during this period, at
10 stations. This is more than has
fallen in any of the previous

12 years.

x
12 years,
with the
single exception
of 1871. The
country here
= sent an
appearance

Months showing the Rain fall for 4
months all every year from 1865 to 1877 -

Years	Average of the District										Remarks
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	
1865	"	"	1	7	2	1	1	8	5	6	
1866	"	"	"	9	"	"	3	"	3	9	
1867	"	3	"	"	1	3	1	4	3	"	
1868	"	"	"	5	"	3	"	6	1	4	
1869	"	"	1	1	"	0	"	7	2	6	
1870	1	1	"	"	"	4	"	9	2	4	
1871	"	"	1	5	1	6	3	4	6	5	For April
1872	"	"	"	2	"	1	"	3	"	6	1877 the
1873	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	6	1	2	entry refers
1874	"	6	"	1	"	3	"	3	1	3	to the first
1875	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	9	1	4	seven days
1876	"	"	"	"	1	3	"	6	1	9	of the month
1877	"	7	2	3	1	0	1	5	6	3	only.

and much of the low lying country has
been flooded, and subsequently plough-
ed - Grass is plentiful - Dry crops
such as guigilly have been put
down earlier than usual.

9. Notwithstanding these outward
signs of prosperity, there is general
feeling that these unusual rains
portend no good to Gauram, and
that in all probability one or other
of the seasons will fail us. It
is significant that a similar
season in 1865 should have been

followed by the famine of 1866 and
that the 6 and odd inches which
fell in 1871 (see marginal statement
above) should have preceded a
failure in the north-East monsoon
of the same year -

10. I think it my duty to bring
this to notice both because of the
prevailing opinion about it and
because if a failure did take
place, the district might be in a
precarious state owing to the partial
exhaustion of stocks from exportation.
Grains were a short time since
double their normal rate, & rice
fifty per cent higher than usual,
showing how small stocks must be.
I learn from enquiries, I have made
that the ryots generally have, as usual,
not more than enough food to last
them to January. Merchants have,
it is said, supplies for six months
more irrespective of Rumbah rice,
the supply of which of course,
depends on the state of the season
in Arissa. The present prices have
benefitted the well-to-do ryots

but a bad season will certainly
affect the poorer classes whose
stocks will be soon exhausted
and these at all events will have
but little money to fall back
upon -

(True copy)

E. Master
Collector.

So
P
A. H. C.

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From

Copy

Wm. Ballou

Nov 28-5-77

to the Secretary of

the Board of

Revenue

Charles

Dated 27th April 1877

Dear Sir

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and Quitting report

on the annual

exam. of all in the

district.

Wm. Ballou

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Statement showing the rain-fall of several stations in the Ganjam District between the dates 28th March to 9th April 1877 both days inclusive.

Stations	March					April									Total
	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st	2 ^d	3 ^d	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th		
Northern															
Ganjam ~	0.20	0.40	0.10	2.00	2.00	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.50	.	5.20	
Southern															
Chicacole ~	.	.	2.90	.	1.65	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.50	.	5.05	
Purukemidz ~	0.25	.	0.55	0.85	0.01	.	.	.	0.30	0.30	0.20	.	.	1.66	
Kimsannapetta ..	.	.	0.75	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.75	.	.	.	1.50	
Eastern															
Chatterpore ~	.	0.70	.	2.80	.	.	.	.	0.10	0.10	0.60	.	.	4.30	
Gopalpore ~	0.27	.	0.13	0.06	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.46	
Itchapore ~	.	.	.	0.30	.	0.10	.	0.15	.	.	0.50	.	0.25	1.30	
Poondy ~	.	.	1.70	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.70	
Baluzapetta ..	.	.	1.10	1.63	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.25	
Sompatta ~	.	0.95	0.80	.	0.90	.	.	0.15	1.55	0.70	.	0.70	.	5.75	
Western															
Russalemdah	0.05	1.23	0.06	0.95	0.95	0.85	.	0.30	0.02	.	0.60	.	0.05	5.16	
Aska ~	0.70	0.80	0.10	1.10	1.10	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.00	0.35	5.15	
Purshottapore ..	.	0.35	1.30	0.05	1.50	.	.	0.35	.	.	.	1.40	0.30	5.25	
Teekah ~	.	.	1.00	.	1.00	.	.	0.50	.	.	.	.	.	2.50	
Suradah ..	.	0.35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.35	
Pudamurri	0.90	.	0.60	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.40	
Podayagiri	0.30	1.20	0.30	0.10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.90	
Beshampore ..	.	1.43	0.23	0.15	3.55	0.05	.	0.30	0.12	0.15	0.17	.	0.16	6.31	
Total ~	2.67	7.41	12.04	9.19	12.66	1.00	.	1.75	2.09	2.00	2.07	4.10	1.21	58.19	
Average 3.23															

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H
M.P.

Quarter
Collector