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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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29th September 1877, No. 3,026.

**Famine Relief.**

Read the following paper :—

No. 849. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1877, No. 4,437 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1877, No. 728 :—

I AM glad to be able to report a great improvement in the prospects of the season. I enclose an abstract of the rainfall since the 28th August 1877; from this the Board will perceive that some has fallen everywhere.

2. I reported in my letter, No. 657, dated the 15th August 1877, how well the holum crops, &c., had come on up to that date in the western taluqs generally.

3. The rain which fell so abundantly in Adoni, Alur, Ghooty, and Tadpatry at the end of August and very beginning of September did not affect the western taluqs, where the first heavy fall in Hurpunhally at least took place only on the 6th instant, too late to save much of the first crop.

4. Mr. Hugheadon thinks that from a quarter to a half must have perished irretrievably. I myself should have taken a higher figure as representing the loss.

5. Mr. Kisch, in charge of relief operations in the Bellary Taluq, says that the rainfall in the northern half of this taluq has been most favorable; on each day from the 29th ultimo to the 3rd instant there was heavy rain over nearly the whole of the tract referred to. This portion of the taluq was most favored by the rains at the end of July, and the crops there promise to be very good. In less than a month there will be very good relief felt, and the expenditure both on gratuitous relief and on works will be much diminished.

6. Mr. Oldham, in charge of the Adony Taluq, says, in continuation of the Adony special report of the 29th August 1877, since that date rain has fallen every day throughout the taluq, the average quantity in the interval being 4 inches. It is now fine again, but there is no wind and every appearance of a further rainfall. I have traversed the taluq in the interval, and find that prospects have so much improved that relief operations can be reduced by one-half by the 1st October, and by the 1st December can be confined to a strip of country 35 miles long, 8 miles wide, south of the Tungabudra, where the rainfall in June and July was particularly deficient.

"In the rest of the taluq has been extensively sown and will begin to be harvested within 15 days."

7. The Ooravakunda Division of the Ooty Taluq, hitherto so desolate, has been watered abundantly.

8. The Deputy Collector at Anantapur reports that the large tanks of Anantapore and Gottoor are full, while those of Singonmalla Dhurmaveram have received a good supply of water.

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9. Tuccavi for the purchase of seed-grain is being issued to those who want it.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT of Rainfall in Inches, commencing from the 28th August 1877, in the Bellary District.

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| Ghooty | 4·90 |
| Tadpatry | 3·40 |
| Anantapore | 3·00 |
| Dhurmaveram | 3·30 |
| Raidroog | ·30 |
| Adoni | 7·40 |
| Bellary | 1·60 |
| Alur | 5·65 |
| Hospett | 2·30 |
| Pennakonda | 2·20 |
| Madaksira | 3·40 |
| Hindupur | 3·50 |
| Hurpunhally | 4·25 |
| Ramandrug | 2·20 |

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The report is re-assuring, and the Board are glad to hear that the water-supply of the Ooravakunda Division has been replenished.

3. From the last relief returns the Board gather that a sum of Rs. 37,000 had been expended up to the 8th September in advances for purchase of seed-grain.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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No. 850. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1877, No. 3,026.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are gratified to learn that the prospects of the Bellary District are so promising.

*Revenue Department*, 29*th September* 1877, *No.* 3,026.

2. The Collector should encourage as much as possible the return to agricultural work of as many as possible of those now receiving relief of different sorts. Advances for seed-grain should be very sparingly given, and only to those cultivators who are clearly in need of such help.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

Bellary 7/38

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4437

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,**

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B. Mary Lethbridge 2nd J. K. Master
Collector

Office, 12th Sept. 1877

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Actg. Secretary.

To The Addl Secretary to Govt R D with copy of enclosure

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Bellary
F No 8276

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Dated 21st Septr 1877.
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on the unimproved prospects
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5 Finl. Secy
11 Collr. Bellary

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