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No. 59A. From the Hon. T. C. HOPE, Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture—Famine,) to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 15th December 1876, No. 522.

I am directed to convey to you the following remarks upon the communications of the Madras Government specified in the margin, with their respective enclosures, which have been considered by the President in Council.

Letter to the Govt. of India, No. 1,599A, of 7th November 1876.

Letter to the Government of India, No. 1,618, of 14th November 1876.

Letter to the Under-Secretary of State for India, No. 40, of 18th November 1876.

Despatch to the Secretary of State for India, No. 20, of 2nd December 1876.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN;
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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District.	Name of Officers.	Appointment.	Monthly Pay.	Authority.	Remarks.
Kistna Nellore	Surgeon J. L. Ration	10 Head Constables, 4th Grade	Rs. A. P. 120 0 0	G.O., dated 2nd Dec. 1876, No. 2,437, Judicial.	* In addition to the travelling allowance, at 6 Rs. per diem.
		65 Constables, 3rd Class	422 8 0		
		In Medical charge, East-Coast Canal—			
	Surgeon J. H. Smith	Pay	Rs. A. P. 600 0 0	17th Nov. 1876, No. 1,256.	† In addition to travelling allowance, at 5 Rupees per diem.
		Travelling Allowance	150 0 0		
		In Medical charge, East-Coast Canal—			
	Apothecary Leonard	Pay	450 0 0	26th Dec. 1876, No. 1,431, Public.	
		Deputation Allowance	150 0 0		
		In Medical charge, East-Coast Canal—			
Cuddapah	Basika Chetty	Grade pay	200 0 0	13th Nov. 1876, No. 1,256, Public. Gazette, dated 6th Dec. 1876.	
		Employed Allowance	30 0 0		
		House-rent	45 0 0		
	C. F. MacCarthy, C.S.	Horse Allowance	60 0 0	G.O., dated 29th Dec. 1876, No. 3,176, Revenue. G.O., dated 2nd Dec. 1876, No. 2,437, Judicial.	
		Additional Deputy Collector Establishment under Additional Deputy Collector—			
		1 Clerk	Rs. A. P. 40 0 0		
	Mr. J. Swan	1 do.	20 0 0	Gazette, dated 29th Nov. 1876. G.O., dated 24th Oct. 1876, No. 1,513, Revenue.	
		2 Peons, at Rs. 8	16 0 0		
		1 Mosalji	6 0 0		
Cuddapah	C. F. MacCarthy, C.S.	13 Head Constables, 4th Grade	Rs. A. P. 525 0 0	G.O., dated 29th Dec. 1876, No. 3,176, Revenue. G.O., dated 2nd Dec. 1876, No. 2,437, Judicial.	
		100 Constables, 3rd Class	200 0 0		
		Special Assistant Collector—			
	Mr. J. Swan	Pay	Rs. A. P. 525 0 0	Gazette, dated 29th Nov. 1876. G.O., dated 24th Oct. 1876, No. 1,513, Revenue.	
		Acting Allowance	200 0 0		
		Fixed Tenage	42 0 0		
	Mr. J. Swan	House-rent	35 0 0	Gazette, dated 29th Nov. 1876. G.O., dated 24th Oct. 1876, No. 1,513, Revenue.	
		Inspector of Police—Pay	Rs. A. P. 215 0 0		
		Travelling Allowance a-day	5 0 0		
	Mr. J. Swan	Establishment—1 Gunastah	Rs. A. P. 15 0 0	G.O., dated 2nd Nov. 1876, No. 1,560, Revenue. G.O., dated 8th Nov. 1876, No. 2,320, Judicial.	
		2 Peons, at Rs. 7	14 0 0		
		3 Temporary 6th-Class Police Inspectors	29 0 0		
			120 0 0		

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Cuddapah—(Continued).	Topurumal Chetty	15 Head Constables, 4th Grade. 130 Constables, 2nd Class Sub-Collector's Sheristadar Establishment— 1 Magisterial Clerk. 2 Clerks, at 15 Rupees 2 Peons Additional Sub-Collector— Pay Acting Allowance Fixed Tentage	Rs. A. P. 180 0 0 910 0 0 150 0 0 25 0 0 30 0 0 2,031 15 1	G.O., 2nd Dec. 1876, No. 2,497, Judicial. G.O., 15th Dec. 1876, No. 2,063, Revenue.	
	Mr. J. F. Price, C.S.	Assistant Superintendent of Police— Pay Horse Allowance	Rs. A. P. 1,166 10 8 777 12 5 87 8 0 350 0 0 30 0 0	Gazette Notification, 24th October 1876. G.O., dated 20th November 1876, No. 2,084.	
	Mr. W. C. H. Sharkey	Special Deputy Collector—Pay	380 0 0	G.O., No. 1,720, dated 18th November 1876. G.O., No. 2,116, dated 23th November 1876. G.O., No. 7, dated 2nd January 1877.	
	Major G. S. Keith	On Relief Works—Pay as Major	640 14 0	Gazette, 28th November 1876. G.O., dated 4th December 1876, No. 1,900.	
Bellary	Mr. J. F. Sullivan	On Relief Works—Pay	250 0 0	G.O., dated 28th November 1876, No. 1,836, Revenue; Gazette Notification, 28th November 1876. G.O., dated 2nd November 1876, No. 2,233, Judicial.	
	Sub-Collector Choct	On Relief Works—Pay Horse allowance	Rs. A. P. 125 0 0 10 0 0	G.O., dated 1st December 1876, No. 6,293, Military Department. G.O., dated 2nd December 1876, No. 2,152, Financial.	
	Mr. Alfred Salmon	On Relief Works—Pay Horse allowance	350 0 0 30 0 0	G.O., dated 27th December 1876, No. 2,444. G.O., dated 2nd January 1877, No. 7.	
			380 0 0		

Bellary—(Continued.)	Mr. J. Richardson	Assistant in the Grain Agency—Pay	200 0 0	G.O., dated 6th January 1877, No. 52, Financial.	
	Serjeant W. Gifford	On relief works	100 0 0	G.O., dated 28th November 1876, No. 1,837, Revenue.	
		Temporary Establishment for the additional Sub-Collector— 1 Head Clerk 1 Clerk 1 Do. 2 Do. at 15 Rupees 1 Munchi 1 Dulladar 1 Attender 6 Peons, at 7 Rupees each 1 Lamp-lighter 1 Sweeper	Rs. A. P. 70 0 0 35 0 0 20 0 0 30 0 0 10 0 0 10 0 0 8 0 0 42 0 0 6 0 0 6 0 0	G.O., dated 24th November 1876, No. 1,793, Revenue.	
			267 0 0		
Kurnool	Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Hicks	Government Grain Agent, Bellary Establishment under do.— 1 Head Clerk 1 2nd do. 1 Vernacular Clerk 1 Munchi 5 Peons, at Rupees 10 1 Sweeper	Rs. A. P. 60 0 0 25 0 0 20 0 0 10 0 0 50 0 0 2 0 0	Gazette, dated 15th December 1876.	
		3 Temporary 6th-Class Police Inspectors An additional Sheristadar 1 Head Constable, 2nd Grade 30 Head Constables, 4th do. 9 Constables, 1st Class 201 Constables, 2nd Class 250 Tallies, at 5 Rupees	120 0 0 60 0 0 20 0 0 360 0 0 72 0 0 1,407 0 0 1,250 0 0	G.O., dated 8th November 1876, No. 2,320, Judicial. G.O., dated 6th November 1876, No. 1,584, Revenue. G.O., dated 2nd December 1876, No. 2,497, Judicial. G.O., dated 27th December 1876, No. 2,727, Judicial.	
	Mr. E. Gibson, C.S.	Special Assistant Collector— Pay Fixed Tentage	Rs. A. P. 1,166 10 8 87 8 0	G.O., dated 9th December 1876, No. 1,980. Gazette, dated 25th October 1876.	
			1,254 2 8		

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District	Name of Officers	Appointments	Monthly Pay.	Authority	Remarks
Kurnool—(Continued).	Mr. D. Brett	Temporary Assistant Superintendent of Police— Pay Horse allowance	Rs. A. P. 350 0 0 30 0 0	G.O., dated 16th November 1876, No. 2,052. G.O., dated 30th November 1876, No. 2,163. G.O., dated 2nd January 1877, No. 7.	
		On relief works— Pay Horse allowance	350 0 0 30 0 0	G.O., dated 25th November 1876, No. 2,116. Do. 2nd January 1877, No. 7.	
		On relief works— Pay Acting allowance Hired tentage Horse-rent	525 0 0 450 0 0 878 0 0 35 0 0		
	Mr. H. F. Clogston, C.S.	On relief works— Pay Horse allowance	350 0 0 30 0 0		
		Temporary Deputy Collector on Special duty .. Government Grain Agent— Pay Horse allowance	350 0 0 30 0 0	G.O., No. 2,116, dated 25th November 1876. G.O., dated 2nd January 1877, No. 7.	
	V. Jagannatha Row Mr. C. H. Travers	Pay Horse allowance	350 0 0 30 0 0	G.O., dated 21st December 1876, No. 2,393. G.O., dated 2nd January 1877, No. 7.	
		3 Temporary 6th Class Police Inspectors	120 0 0	G.O., dated 8th November 1876, No. 2,320, Judicial.	
	Mr. Stanbrough	38 Head Constables, 4th Grade 10 Constables, 1st Class 216 Constables, 2nd Class 210 Special Talarii	485 0 0 80 0 0 1,512 0 0 1,200 0 0	G.O., dated 2nd December 1876, No. 2,497, Revenue. G.O., dated 27th December 1876, No. 2,727, Judicial.	
		Establishment under Deputy Collector, Nudikal— 2 Revenue Inspectors on Rs. 25 5 Do. do. at „ 20 7 Peons	50 0 0 100 0 0 42 0 0		
		6 Revenue Inspectors on Rs. 20 or 25	192 0 0	G.O., dated 29th November 1876, No. 1,951, Revenue.	

24 Temporary Talarii at 5 Rs.	120 0 0	G.O., dated 11th November 1876, No. 1,641.
1 Attender		G.O., dated 14th December 1876, No. 2,041, Revenue.
Establishment under Mr. Gilson, Special Assistant Collector— 1 Clerk 1 do. 1 do. 4 Peons at 10 Rs.	Rs. A. P. 50 0 0 30 0 0 20 0 0 40 0 0	
Additional Member of the Board of Revenue		
On famine duty— Pay of rank Pay as 1st Wing Subaltern House-rent	Rs. A. P. 374 1 6 100 0 0 75 0 0	
6 Clerks in the Office of the Board of Revenue at 25 Rs.	150 0 0	G.O., dated 27th December 1876, No. 2,131, Revenue.
Addition to the strength of the Madras Town Police Force. 3 European Serjeants 3 Police Parties (6 Head Constables and 39 men) to the Marine Police 6 European Serjeants 19 Head Constables, 4th Grade 65 Constables, 3rd Class 12 Additional Sowars 10 Head Constables, 4th Grade 65 Constables, 3rd Class On Special Duty—Pay		G.O., dated 3rd January 1877, No. 9, Judicial. G.O., dated 27th December 1876, No. 2,320, Judicial. Gazette, dated 19th December 1876. Gazette, dated 19th December 1876.
Do. do.	425 0 0	Gazette, dated 19th December 1876.
1 Temporary Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar at Arcotum		G.O., dated 15th December 1876, No. 2,695, Revenue.
With necessary establishment		G.O., dated 12th December 1876, No. 2,013.
Temporary Deputy Collector on Special Duty	250 0 0	Gazette, dated 9th January 1877.
5 Head Constables, 4th Grade	60 0 0	G.O., dated 2nd December 1876, No. 2,497, Judicial.
50 Constables, 3rd Class	325 0 0	G.O., dated 17th November 1876, No. 2,320, Judicial.
100 Special Talarii at 5 Rs.	500 0 0	G.O., dated 26th November 1876, No. 2,423, For Annual.
3 Temporary 6th Class Police Inspectors	120 0 0	
On Relief Works—Pay	285 10 0	

Presidency
 R. K. Puckle
 Captain R. Wilson
 Chingleput
 Major A. G. Murray
 North Arcot
 Mr. G. F. Clerk
 Kistnaaswamy Iyer
 Tanjore
 Surgeon O'Hara

* This amount alone is chargeable to Relief Works.

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Coimbatore	Mr. J. H. Cook	On Special Duty—Pay .. 5 Head Constables, 4th Grade .. 50 Constables, 3rd Class .. Special Deputy Collector—Pay ..	S. A. P. 60 0 0 325 0 0 230 0 0	Gazette, dated 19th December 1876. G.O., dated 2nd December 1876, No. 2,497, Judicial. G.O., dated 1st December 1876, No. 1,881.	
Salem	Major C. D. Baynes, 1st Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey.	On Special Duty—Pay and allowance ..	1,065 14 0	Gazette, dated 13th December 1876.	
Madura	Mr. Edward Turner, C.S. Mr. Jackson	5 Head Constables, 4th Grade .. 50 Constables, 3rd Class .. Special Assistant Collector .. Taluk Oversee—Pay .. Horse Allowance .. Sub-Collector's Office— 1 Extra Gunasta ..	60 0 0 325 0 0 810 5 4 Rs. A. P. 60 0 0 15 0 0	G.O., dated 2nd December 1876, No. 2,497, Judicial. Gazette, dated 9th January 1877. G.O., dated 12th December 1876, No. 2,012, Revenue.	

Fort St. George,
11th January 1877.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
for Accountant-General.

No. 59B.

No. 32A.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 8th and 15th ultimo, Nos. 488 and 522,

respectively, and, in reply to the former, am directed to refer you to my letter of the 15th ultimo, No. 2,053.

2. In the latter of your letters above quoted allusion is made to a request preferred by the Government of India by telegram for statements showing the condition of each taluk in the distressed districts and the amounts sanctioned for relief works, and the receipt of some of the particulars asked for relating to the Ceded Districts is acknowledged, but the want of information as to the extent of failure of crops and the details of the relief works in those districts, as also information under all heads for the remaining districts understood to be distressed, is remarked upon, while the action of the Revenue Board in having called for the information required from all Collectors is noted, and the submission of such information as may have been received with the least practicable delay is requested. In reply, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 29th ultimo and of its enclosures submitting statistics,

1. Kistna.
2. Nellore.
3. Chingleput.
4. North Arcot.
5. Trichinopoly.

6. Madura.
7. Tinnevely.
8. Coimbatore.
9. Salem.

compiled in their office, of rainfall, prices, and cultivation for the districts noted in the margin (similar to those already furnished for the districts of Bellary, Cuddapah, and Kurnool) in anticipation of

the more complete reports from Collectors, which are still awaited.

3. In forwarding these returns, I am to express the regret of the Madras Government that the more detailed information which they are expecting has not yet been received. They are, however, aware that this delay is due to the extraordinary pressure of business thrown on the Collectors of the distressed districts and their office establishments at this juncture.

4. The statistics of prices and rainfall now submitted are, however, given in such detail that the Madras Government presume they will afford all the information on those subjects, which the Government of India require, the former showing the

Agriculture (1877) Department.

Government of Port St. George.

Dated 4th January 1877.

No. 52A.

Received

Enclosures.

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Forwarding copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting statistics of population, prices, and cultivation for certain districts of the Madras Presidency.

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Western	10 Head Constables 1 st Grade		120 " 4 }	G.O. dated 23 rd Dec 1896 1896 to 24 th Dec 1896
	65 Constables 3 rd Class		122 8 " }	
Nelson	Surgeon J. J. L. Patton - In Medical charge East Coast Local		450 " 13 th Nov 1896 to 15 th Dec 1896	In addition to the travelling allowance at 5 th per diem
	Surgeon W. W. Smith - do		600 " 26 Dec 1896 to 15 th Dec 1896	
Apothecary Leonard	do		325 " 13 th Nov 1896 to 15 th Dec 1896	In addition to travelling allowance at 5 th per diem
	do		250 " 13 th Nov 1896 to 15 th Dec 1896	
Kawika Cherry	Additional 8 th Collectors		92 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	Establishment under de		156 " 29 Dec 1896	
Ludolph L. J. MacCarten L.S.	13 Head Constables 1 st Grade		650 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	100 Constables 3 rd Class		802 " 29 Dec 1896	
Inspector of Police	Inspector of Police - Pay		215 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	Establishment 1 st Grade		5 " 29 Dec 1896	
Inspector of Police	Inspector of Police - Pay		29 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	Establishment 1 st Grade		140 " 29 Dec 1896	
Inspector of Police	Inspector of Police - Pay		180 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	Establishment 1 st Grade		910 " 29 Dec 1896	
Inspector of Police	Inspector of Police - Pay		150 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	Establishment 1 st Grade		25 " 29 Dec 1896	
Inspector of Police	Inspector of Police - Pay		30 " 29 Dec 1896	G.O. dated 29 Dec 1896
	Establishment 1 st Grade		2 " 29 Dec 1896	

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Bellamy Mr. J. F. Price, C. S.	Add'lional Club Collector	Pay Rec'd 1866-1867
Mr. Agar	Offl. Asst. Secy Police	Pay Rec'd 350-- Horse all hands 30--
Mr. W. B. H. Sharkey	Spl. Dy. Collector	Pay
Major G. D. Hereth	On Relief works	Pay as before
W. J. Sullivan	do	Pay 125--
Tub Conductor Chrost	do	Horse all hands 350--
Mr. Alfred Salmon	do	Horse all hands 30--
Mr. J. Richardson	offl. in the grain gang	Pay
Gorgeant W. Griffard	On relief works	
	Temporary Est. for one Add'l. Sub Collector	
	1 Horse all hands	350--
	1 Clerk	30--
	1 do	20--
	2 do at 15 Paces	30--
	Mine shi	10--
	Digger	10--
	1 Lather	8--
	6 from at 17 Paces	42--
	1 Lamp lighter	6--
	1 Sweeper	6--
Lewis & Bell. Fr. J. Hicks	Govt. grain Agent, Millery	
	Establishment under do	
	1 Head clerk	60--
	1 J. do	25--
	1 Horse do	20--
	1 Miner	10--
	5 Paces at 1410	50--
	1 Sweeper	2--
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Contributors Mr. J. H. Cooke

Galeen J. J. Rajagopala Chariar

Mr. J. J. Rajagopala Chariar

One special duty — Pay —

5 Head Constables 4th grade —

50 Constables 3rd class —

Special Dy. Collector — Pay —

One special duty — Pay and allowances —

5 Head Constables 4th grade —

50 Constables 3rd class —

Special Dy. Collector —

Duty over — Pay —

Sub Collector's Office —

1 Extra gumar —

425 - - - - - 19 Dec 76

60 - - - - - 19 Dec 76

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Fori Saint George
Ext. Secy's Office
11 January 1877

Forwarded
for account to Govt.

No. 679

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with reference to his Memo No. 3 dated 4 January 1877

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No. 522.

FROM

THE HONOURABLE T. C. HOPE,
Additional Secretary to the Government of India,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

Dept. of Revenue,
Agriculture, and Commerce.
Agriculture and Horticulture.
Famine.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

V/V/156e

Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

Revenue 1876. Defor.
No. 5994

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

AGRICULTURE and HORTICULTURE.
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To
THE CHIEF SECY., GOVT. OF MADRAS.

No. 522.

Dated Calcutta, the 15th December 1876.
Recd. 23rd - - -

SUBJECT.

REQUESTS to be furnished with certain reports
and returns on the condition of each taluk in the
distressed districts, and the relief works sanctioned.

Received 12 Jan 1877

No. 522 of 14 Jan 1877

To The Secy. to the Govt.
of India in the Dept.
of Revenue and Agriculture
& Commerce

I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 8th
4th 1877 No. 418 &
522 in part, and
in reply to the former
are directed to refer you
to my letter of the 15th ult.
No. 2053.
2. In the letter of your
letter above quoted
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a request preferred by the
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in the distressed districts
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 of failure of crops and
 the details of the relief
 works in those Districts
 is also information
 under all heads for
 the remaining Districts,
 understood to be
 his desire, is remarked
 upon; while the action
 of the Revenue Board
 in having called for
 the information required
 from all Collectors
 is noted & the submission
 of such information
 as may have been received,
 with the least practicable
 delay is requested.
 In reply I am directed
 to forward for the infor-
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 copies of the Prot. of
 the Board of Rev. of the

1. Kistna
2. Nellore
3. Chingelput.
4. N. Arcot
5. Trichinopoly
6. Madras
7. Tanjore
8. Cuddalore
9. Salem

They are however aware
 that this delay is due to

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 of rainfall, prices &c.
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 to those already furnished
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 Cuddalore & Tanjore)
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 anticipation of the above
 complete reports from
 Collectors which are
 still awaited.
 In forwarding them.
 returns I am to express
 the regret of the Board
 for the more
 detailed information
 which they are expecting
 has not yet been received.
 They can only attribute the
 delay in its receipt to the
 extraordinary pressure of
 business thrown on the
 Collectors of the Districts
 Districts & their office
 is attached to this
 junction.
 The statistics of prices

and rain fall now
 submitted are given
 in such detail that
 the bodies for annual
 journals they will afford
 all the information on
 those subjects which the
 for of India require,
 the former being showing
 the prices of the 4
 principal food grains
 in each of the taluhs
 of the District to which
 they refer for each
 month from July to
 November inclusive,
 while the latter give
 the rain fall in each
 taluk from April
 to November inclusive,
 compared with the
 averages of the
 preceding 3 years.
 The for the same
 period as for the
 whole year - as well
 as the monthly
 annual rainfall
 during the current
 year from April

Oct. Nov. & Dec. to
 23rd Dec.

average of 3
 years ending 1875/76 | 1876/77

1. Kistna	11.70 - 0.75
2. Nellore	21.03 - 1.64
3. Chingelput	10.73 - 5.27
4. N. Arcot	11.09 - 2.07
5. Trichin?	14.10 - 3.59
6. Madras	14.72 - 6.81
7. Tanjore	11.66 - 4.76
8. Coimbatore	10.32 - 4.29
9. Salem	9.27 - 1.90
* Oct. & Nov. alone	

average of 5
 years ending 1875/76 | 1876/77

1. Kistna	1,240,465 - 1,116,155
2. Nellore	454,440 - 262,532
3. Chingelput	200,201 - 296,115
4. N. Arcot	489,238 - 445,888
5. Trich?	707,493 - 664,551
6. Madras	656,153 - 669,175
7. Tanjore	752,626 - 720,325
8. Coimbatore	1,631,791 - 1,563,942
9. Salem	1,334,762 - 996,007

to Nov. as compared
 with the averages of the
 preceding 4 years.
 The marginally appended
 abstract shows at a glance
 the rainfall during the 3
 months of October, November,
 & up to the 23rd Dec. during
 the present year as compared
 with the average of the
 3 preceding ones. These
 figures speak for
 themselves.
 5. The statement of
 cultivation can furnish
 for whole Dist. only, the
 information regarding the
 crops not being available
 in the Rev. Board's Office.
 The dry cultivation is
 shown separately
 from the total though
 the totals for the current
 year up to the end of Nov.
 as exhibited in the margin
 do not show any very
 remarkable falling off in
 cultivated area as it
 must be remembered
 that the frost of land
 being returned as cultivated

is by no means a
guarantee that it
will yield a harvest.
Cultivation is carried
in anticipation of the
N.E. monsoon rains
the rainfall statistics
above given prove
how completely these
have failed & if as
evidence of how
disastrously and
generally that failure
has affected the progress
of the season I am
directed to write
in the special attention
of the Govt of India
to the statement
contained in the Res.
B's Res. & the effect
that it is generally
reported that the
crops on the ground
are withering & that
and the total yield
of all crops will
probably not exceed

one eighth of the average in
most Districts.

6. A return showing the
population & area of each
Taluk of the distressed
Districts also forms one of
the enclosures to the Board's
Proceedings.

7. With reference to Para
4 of your letter calling for
weekly reports of the same
general nature as those
submitted by the Govt. of
Bombay and for a brief
review of the scarcity &
the measures taken to meet
it

it down to the date of the
first weekly report. I am
directed to refer you to the
correspondence noted in
the margin^{*} and to forward
copies of the Pro: of the Board
of Revenue of the 22^d, 23^d &
29th ultims reviewing the
weekly reports received from
the Collectors of the Districts

marginally noted^{*} for the
2 weeks ending the 16th &
23^d Dec^r respectively. Similar
weekly Pro: will be forwarded
as received. Copies of the
despatch from this Govt to

^{*} Letter to Govt of India: 1599 A of
7/11/76.
D: — D: — N: 1668 of
14/11/76.

Mellae
Bellary
Chitradurga
Kannur
Chingleput
N. Arcot
Madurai
Coimbatore
Taleim

the Secretary of State
dated 30/12/76 & of
its enclosures have already
been submitted for
the information of the
Government of India.
8. Referring to the in-
pecuniary limit imposed
by your letter N: 488
of the 8^o ultimo, I enclose
a list of all the works which
have been sanctioned & are
being carried out as relief
works of which the estimated
cost is likely to exceed 30,000 Rs.
and

and are directed to
assure the Government
of India that His Grace
the Governor in Council is
most earnestly desirous of
keeping them well
informed of all proposals
in connection with works
of any importance in time
to receive their sanction
before they are commenced.
Even though their estimated
cost should not reach 3,000 Rs.
He feels confident that the
Govt. of India will accept
that assurance.

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with a view to imposing an
arbitrary limit which
cannot be determined
properly without fuller
consideration & which
seemingly in posing
unnecessary delay would
not be probably cause
the having aside of
really important and
useful works for less
useful ones at moments
of urgent ^{pressure} ~~importance~~, a
result which would
not be for the advantage
of the State. The
9. The Madras Government
are fully alive to the
responsibility in devolving
on them for the Govt.
of India and they are endeavoring
to bring suitable measures to
supply all available
information promptly &
therefore proper economy
in the expenditure of funds
but the local financial
character of the emergency
its ^{rapid} ~~immediate~~ ^{character} with
which the District has
developed ~~its~~ ^{the} ~~emergency~~

unexpended funds
which are
here accumulated for
immediate expenditure

of large sums of
public money and
it is many cases, ^{single}
impossible to enforce
the strict official
restrictions & controls.

10. A list of the additional
officers whom it has been
found indispensable
to appoint to the most
distant Districts
to aid the inspecting
chief in the execution

2/1/77
Att. G.

To the Secretary of the

Regulating Commission

Madras

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Forwarding copies of the Pro of
the Board of Revenue submitting
statistics of rainfall, prices, and
cultivation for certain Districts
of the Madras Presidency