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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th June 1877.

No. 589.

Famine Relief.

No. 2,119.

To

THE ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—In reply to your telegram of the 21st instant regarding the despatch of the Revenue Board's review of the weekly relief reports from the distressed districts for the week ending June 9th, I am directed to state that His Grace the Governor in Council finds it necessary, in view to the avoidance or correction of possible errors, that these reviews should be perused by the Madras Government before they are transmitted to the Government of India. This will cause them to be perhaps two or three days longer in reaching you.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Additional Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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29th January 1879, No. 226.

Famine Relief

Read the following telegrams :—

No. 538. From Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 12·15, ragi 18·66, cholum 15·56, cumbu 18·89. Imports—Chilka land rice 260 tons. Isolated and rare cases cholera reported. No rain Ganjam, Chetterpore, Berhampore, Purushottapore, Russelkonda, Surada, Itchapore, Sompet, Tekkali, Narasannapet, Chicacole, Parla Kimedi, Gopalpur, Pattupur, Calingapatam. No reports from other places.

No. 539. From Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 10·9, cholum 19·6, ragi 19·3, cumbu 22·3. Health—cholera prevails. Imports continue. No rain—[illegible]ontam 11th to 22nd; Eliamanchili 16th to 23rd; Anakapalle 17th to 2[illegible]; B[illegible]ruvu 16th to 23rd; Viravilli 17th to 22nd; Waltair 17th to 25th; Bimlipata [illegible]7th to 23rd; Vizianagram 17th to 23rd; Chipurupalle 18th to 23rd; Kuppili [illegible]h to 22nd; Palkonda 15th to 23rd; Salur 16th to 22nd; Parvatipur 16th to [illegible]nd; Boyaghadu 15th to 22nd; Korapat 15th to 22nd.

No. 540. From Collector of Godavari, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 10·58, cholum 16·75, ragi 18·2, cumbu 16. Health—cholera and fever prevalent, small-pox slight. Harvest of paddy completed, that of ragi, aruga and cholum in progress; outturn of cholum below average; other standing crops generally good; sugar-cane ready for mill. Godavari water 6 feet 8 inches above lock-sill. No rain.

No. 541. From Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 9·38, cholum 15·43, ragi 16·93, cumbu 15·09. Fever general; cholera and small-pox in some taluks. No rain; 1·7 feet over anicut. Pulse crops suffering from insects and want of rain. Varige in ear in Repalle and Repatla Taluks.

No. 542. From Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

Week ending 25th January 1879. Rice 9·27, cholum 19·26, ragi 19·18, cumbu 19·89. Ague and guinea-worm prevalent. Rainfall—Tada 2·10, Venkatagiri 2·50, Gudur 1·05, Kristnapatam 1, Monapoliem 1·85, Sapur 1, Nellore ·85, Iskapalli ·25 Atmakur ·80, Udayagiri ·10, Kandukur ·35, Kanigiri ·25, others *nil*.

No. 543. From Collector of Cuddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 24th. Rice 10·83, cholum 15·1[illegible], ragi 20·40, cumbu 21·52. Rainfall—Cuddapah, Pulivendala, Jammulamadugu, Proddutur, Sidhout, Badvel, Raya-

choti, Kadiri, Kamalapuram *nil*; Pullampet ·22, Vayalpad ·47, Madhanapalle ·5, Peelair ·8, Chitwail ·2. No cholera prevails. Paddy, ragi, cholum, cumbu, harvested; outturn ¾.

No. 544. From Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 11·61, cholum 16·01, ragi 19·15, cumbu 16·97. No works or camps. Health—fever in all taluks. Rain-fall none. The standing hingari crops in good condition; the harvest of first crop paddy nearly completed; the cultivation of second crop paddy proceeding.

No. 545. From Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 9·85, cholum 16·49, ragi 20·47, cumbu 17·84. Health—fever prevalent. Season favorable. White cholum, cotton, Bengal-gram, wheat and gram in good condition.

No. 546. From Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 12·2, cholum 16·1, ragi 17·4, cumbu 17·2, wheat 6·8. Camp and houses 121. Health—fever and small-pox. Crops generally good. Harvest—paddy, ragi, cholum, horse-gram; outturn tolerable. Rain-fall—Arcot ·30, Arni 1·45, Kalahasti 3·00, Chandragiri 2·90, Chittur 1·75, Gudiyatam ·75, Kangundi ·40, Maderpauk 2·20, Palmanair ·70, Polur ·58, Punganur ·60, Puttur 2·35, Tirutani 1·37, Vellore ·90, Venkataghirikota ·35, Wallajapet ·38; Wandiwash *nil*.

No. 547. From Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 12·40, cholum 21, ragi 21, cumbu 21. Public health generally good. Rain-fall—Huzur ·10, 22nd; Trinomalai 1·90, 23rd; Villupuram ·55, 22nd; Tirukoilur ·95, 22nd; Kallakurchi 1·15, 23rd; other stations *nil*. Crops—paddy, ragi, cholum, vargu generally good. First withering in parts. Harvest of above progressing; outturn from ⅓ to ¾ of full crops.

No. 548. From Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 9·24, cholum 12·87, ragi 16·69, cumbu 13·45. Private charity about 130. Rain-fall—Vallam ·20, 21st; Combaconum ·50 21st; Lower Anicut ·86, 21st; Mayaveram ·86, 21st; Tranquebar ·22, 21st; Shiyali ·55, 21st; Nannilam ·25, 21st; Negapatam ·10, 21st; other stations *nil*. Rivers Cauvery and its branches almost dry. Crops wet and dry require more rain, and in parts they suffer. Harvest—Kuttalar shemba, varagoo, dholl, &c.; outturn ¼ to ⅞.

No. 549. From Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 9·67, cholum 25·20, ragi 18·03, cumbu 16·65. An inferior kind of cholum sells at 36·40 at Perambalur; hence average high. Slight fever and small-pox continue. Rain—Trichinopoly Cantonment ·40; Trichinopoly Town ·35; Lalgudi ·90; Turaiyur ·20; Manaparai 12; Jayancondasholapuram ·60; other stations *nil*. Puducottah, no rain; rains much wanted. Paddy, ragi, cholum, cumbu, varagu, dholl, and pulses harvested in parts; yield between 4 and 12 Annas.

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No. 550. From Collector of Madura, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 9·31, cholum 14·58, ragi 17·87, cumbu 17·16. Rain-fall—Madura ·08; other stations *nil*.

No. 551. From Collector of Tinnevelly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 8·64, cholum 15·36, ragi 18·40, cumbu 17·28. Fever in two taluks. Rain-fall *nil*. Standing crops in many places, river valley excepted, withering for want of rain, and in some places withered. Rain is very much wanted to save them. Crops are damaged by insects and grasshoppers. Paddy harvested in two taluks; outturn ⅜ to ⅝. Harvest of dry crops in parts outturn poor. Extraordinary drought.

No. 552. From Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 10·55, cholum 16·53, ragi 19·61, cumbu 19·60. Orphans relieved 10. Health—fever all taluks. Standing crops generally good except portions withering and withered. Deficient rain in nine taluks. Harvest—paddy some dry crops; outturn paddy ⅜ to full, others ⅛. Rain—Erode ·41, Dharapuram ·04, Bhavani ·37, Collegal ·65; other stations *nil*.

No. 553. From Commissioner of Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 8·58, cholum 16·65, ragi 16·74. Health—cattle-disease prevails in Wynad. Harvest—peas, ghanjee, wheat, poppy-seeds, keeray, vendium, paddy and coffee. Rain-fall—Ootacamund, Wellington and Gudalur *nil*. No returns from other stations.

No. 554. From Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 11·40, cholum 16·59, ragi 17·38, cumbu 17·87. Health—fever prevalent. Rain-fall—Salem 3·2, 23rd; Atur ·95, 22nd; ·1, 23rd; Trichengode ·9, 23rd; Tirupatur ·95, 22nd; Utankarai 1·3, 22nd; Dharmapuri 2·4, 23rd; Oosoor ·45, 22nd; Krishnagiri ·3, 23rd; Yercaud ·3, 22nd; Womalur ·1, 22nd; ·5, 23rd; Sankaridroog 1·5, 23rd; Vaniambadi ·9, 22nd; Harur ·1, 22nd; 1·7, 23rd; Pennagaram ·35, 22nd; Denkankottai ·2, 22nd; ·1, 23rd; Namkal; Rasipur *nil*. Parmathi no report received. Harvest—paddy in parts; outturn ½ to full.

No. 555. From Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 10·96, ragi 14·12. Health—fever exists more or less in all taluks; slight small-pox and chicken-pox in Udipi and measles in Kandapur. Second rice crop promising. Harvesting commenced in parts.

No. 556. From Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 9·94, ragi 15·60. Prices of rice fallen in Calicut, Wynad, Palghat, and Ponani; stationary elsewhere. Cholera slight in Kurumbranad, Ernad, and Cochin; small-pox in five taluks. Cattle-disease slight in Calicut and Ernad. Harvesting second crop in progress. Rain-fall—Calicut 0·16, Cochin 0·82; other stations *nil*.

No. 557. From Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Rice 10·71, ragi 16·10, cumbu 15·89. Fever exists in a mild form in all the taluks except Tiruvallur and Chingleput. Dysentery in Ponneri Taluk. Crops good where water is available, withered in Saidapet, and withering elsewhere for want of rain. Kar cultivation is going on in Saidapet, and kar and ragi in Conjeveram under large tanks and river channels. Harvested in parts; outturn from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Pasturage sufficient in all the taluks except Saidapet. Cattle disease exists in Ponneri Taluk, but to no serious extent. Rain-fall—Madhuranthakam ·25, Conjeveram ·7, Chingleput *nil*, Saidapet ·25, Home's Gardens ·32, Tiruvallur ·8, Sattiavedu ·5, Ponneri 1·5.

No. 558. From Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 28th January 1879.

January 25th. Prices in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee rice, second sort 8·30, ragi 15·07, cholum 9·36. Imports tons—rice 852, other grains 318. Expenditure sanctioned Rs. 3,64,467. Fever, dysentery, and small-pox prevalent to a slight extent; cholera in three divisions, but only to a small extent. Cattle suffering from disease in Perambur Division. Rain-fall during the week ending Monday, the 27th instant, 0·74 inch.

No. 559. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1879, No. 226.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Addl. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Prd. A. F. Goodall, and W. H. Frence.

GOVERNMENT OF RAS.

REVENUE DEP 'MENT.

7th November 1879, 2,158.

No. 58. Proceedings of Government, date 7th November 1879, No. 2,158.

Miscellaneous.

Vizagapatam.	North Arcot.
Godavari.	South Arcot.
Nellore.	Trichinopoly.
Madras.	Tinnevelly.
Cuddapah.	Nilgiris.
Salem.	South Canara.

FROM the 1st January 1880 the Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin will cease to telegraph their weekly season reports to this Department, but will send them by post instead, care being taken that they are posted punctually every Tuesday.

2. The Collectors of the nine districts noted below will, however, continue to report by telegram as heretofore, as a weekly telegram to the Government of India regarding the condition of their distr ss has to be despatched from this Department every Wednesday :—

Ganjam.	Kurnool	Tanjore.
Kistna.	Chingle,	Madura.
Bellary.	Coimbato	Malabar.

(True Extra

Acting Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.
„ the Commissioner of Nilgiris.
„ the Board of Revenue.

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GOVERNMENT OF RAS.

REVENUE DEP MENT.

28rd August 1879, 5749.

No. 390. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPE

Extract from the Proceedings of the Gover nent of India in the Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Mete rology), dated Simla, the 8th August 1879, No. 1—95-113.

[*Weekly Telegraphic Reports on the Season d Crops for the "Gazette of India."*]

RESOLUTION.—The Government of Ind have had under consideration the weekly telegraphic reports on the season pu shed in the *Gazette of India*. They observe that since the dates of the orders req iring the weekly reports on the state of the season and the prospects of the crops, which are published in the *Gazette of India*, the issue of daily weather sheets has en undertaken by the Meteorological Reporter. His statements furnish with grea promptitude a continuous index of agricultural conditions so far as they depend the presence or absence of rainfall; and the number of stations included therein been raised from fifty to eighty-four, reports from the additional thirty-four being telegraphed only during the monsoon months. Moreover season rep ear regularly under the orders of the local Governments in the local gazettes. nformation given in the Supple- ment to the *Gazette of India* is, of course, muc e detailed, in respect of agricul- ture, than that contained in the daily we sheets; comprising, as it does, particulars as to the prospects and yield of cro progress of farming operations, the average prices of food-grains, the health f people and of cattle, the numbers on relief works or gratuitously relieved, if any and miscellaneous facts affecting the harvests, such as the occurrence of hail, th presence of locusts, and the state of rivers and irrigation; all of which are, by he nature of the case, excluded from the meteorological return.

2. The object of the telegraphic repor s published in the *Gazette of India* is that a survey of the current agricultural co ditions of each province, as a whole, such as shall suffice to supply the deficiencie of the daily weather reports, may be placed promptly before the public and the overnment. At present the number of stations for which weekly telegraphic rep rts are sent to the *Gazette of India* varies greatly in the several provinces, thus:—

Madras	sends reports fr	5 districts.
Bombay	,,	24 districts and places.
Bengal	,,	46 ,,
The N.-W. P. and Oudh	,,	11 ,,
The Punjab	,,	12 ,,
The Central Provinces	,,	17 ,,
British Burmah	,,	15 ,,
Assam	,,	2 ,,
Mysore and Coorg	,,	1 ,,
Berar and Hyderabad	,,	1 ,,
Central India States	,,	12 ,,
Rajputana States	,,	10 ,,
Nepal	,,	1 ,,

From some provinces the reports are oo few, while from others they are needlessly many, for the purpose of conv ying to the Government and to the public a general view of the state of agricult ral affairs in each province.

3. In times of scarcity ...ome in any province the number of reporting stations for such province w...porarily increased. But, for the future, in ordinary times, the Governor ... in Council would wish to receive for the *Gazette of India* weekly telegra... ports for the undermentioned districts only in each province, namely :—

MADRAS.

Bellary.
Kurnool.
Ganjam.
Kistna.
Chingleput (Madras).
Coimbatore.
Tanjore.
Madura.
Malabar.
Travancore.

N.-W. P. AND OUDH.

Benares.
Allahabad.
Gorukpur.
Jhansi.
Agra.
Bareilly.
Meerut.
Kumaon.
Lucknow.
Partabgarh.
Sitapur.
Fyzabad.

BRITISH BURMAH.

Akyab.
Rangoon.
Bassein.
Prome.
Amherst (Moulmein).
Tonghoo.

MYSORE AND COORG.

Bangalore.
Mysore.
Mercara.

NEPAL.

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Sura...
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Colab... (Bombay).
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Ahmu...nuggur.
Shola...ore.
Dhar...ar.
Canar...
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PUNJAB.

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Dera Ismail Khan.

ASSAM.

Gauhat...
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Cachar.
Debrog...ur.

CENTRAL INDIA STATES.

Indore.
Morar (Gwalior).
Sutna.
Ratlam.
Neemuch.
Goona.
Bhopal.
Agar.
Nowgong.
Manpúr.

BENGAL.

Chittagong.
Dacca.
24-Pergunnahs (Calcutta).
Moorshedabad.
Rajshaye.
Burdwan.
Rungpore.
Bhagulpur.
Purneah.
Patna.
Darbhanga.
Hazaribagh.
Cuttack.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

Nagpur.
Jubpulpore.
Saugor.
Seoni.
Hoshungabad.
Raipur.
Sumbulpore.

BERAR AND HYDERABAD.

Amraoti.
Akola.
Hyderabad.

RAJPUTNA STATES.

Abu.
Serohi.
Marwar.
Meywar.
Harowti.
Jhalawar.
Ajmere.
Jaipur.
Bhartpur.
Alwar.

4. The instructions already in force regarding the preparation of these telegraphic reports and of the "general remarks," and regarding their submission by the local Governments, will stand. Now that the number of reporting stations for each province is fixed, the Governor-General in Council trusts that the local Governments will secure that every one of the appointed districts sends its telegram regularly without fail. It is inconvenient that the Bengal Government should report, as was done in the Gazette of the 2nd current, that no return was received

from important districts like Patna, Bha... and Hazaribagh, every one of which places is on the line of telegraph. ...ere the local Government may have settled that a particular district (as ...stance Gauhati) should send its weekly telegram direct to the Government ...lia, that arrangement may stand. Although fluctuations of prices of food are ...r the subjects to be noticed in the weekly telegrams, yet it is not necessary to gi... ...kly the prices of two or three kinds of grain in detail. When food is ranging ...rcity rates, the price of one staple may usefully be given; and the local Gov... ...nt will decide in each case what price should be considered to be a scarcity ... Similarly, it is not necessary to give in the weekly telegram, as has recent... been done for some Burmah districts, the number of deaths from cholera and ...all-pox and the estimated number of cattle deaths separately for each sub-divi... of the district. General remarks as to the public health and the prevalence of ... special epidemic or epizootic disease will suffice for the purposes of the weekly ports.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to all Local Governments and Administrations and to the Ages... to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajputana, for information and guidance, and to the several Departments of the Government of India and t... Meteorological Reporter, for information; also that a copy be published in the ...upplement to the *Gazette of India*.

(True E... ...t.)

...ed) C. BERNARD,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 391. ORDER THEREON, 23rd ... 1879, No. 1,749.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to all Collectors of districts for very early report (through the Revenue Board) what they consider to be "scarcity rates" in respect of seco...-sort rice and the staple dry grain of their respective districts. The said dry g...ns should be distinctly stated.

2. In forwarding the reports the B...rd are requested to favor the Government with their own opinion on the point.

(True Ex...act.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Erd. G. Freeman.
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FROM

C. J. LY[illegible]IRE,

[illegible]tary to the Government of India,

Department of Revenue, Agriculture,

and Commerce,

To The Sec[illegible] to the

[illegible]nment of Madras.

&c, dated the 21st July 1877.

[illegible]ard Hortic[illegible]

SIR,

I am [illegible]rected to invite your attention to [illegible]legram dated the 21st March last[illegible]d to request that the weekly telegr[illegible] on the state of the weather and crops in [illegible]adras may be addressed directs to "C[illegible]rce" and not to "Mrs. Hope Comm[illegible]"

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chas. Ls. Lyall

Und. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Sir Under Secretary &c
Govt of India
Foreign Dept

Dated 21
Recd 27 July 77

No 161

Requesting that the
Cuttack Peasant Telegrams
may be addressed to "Secretary"
and not to "Govt Home Comm"

Mis C & N 4225

Aug 1877

27 July 1877