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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th June 1876.

No. 140. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1876, No. 1,491 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 30th May 1876, No. 316.

REFERRING to Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 1,531, dated 19th February last, communicating G.O., No. 207, dated 14th idem, and those of the 8th March last, No. 656, I have the honor to submit my report on the agricultural prospects of this district.

2. *Season.*—The season has been most disastrous and the distress and loss to Government and the ryots great, though nothing to be called a famine has resulted as yet.

3. *Cultivation.*—I enclose a statement showing the cultivation and settlement of the fasli as compared with fasli 1282, an ordinary year. The figures show the actuals of the past settlement, except as regards Chingleput and a few villages of the Sydapet Taluq where the Jamabandi is not completed; here they are approximate. The Board will see that the effect of the season has been a decrease of cultivation, amounting to acres 26,603, assessed at Rupees 1,82,330, or 14 per cent., while the increase in the remissions amounts to 98 per cent. The bulk of the decrease in cultivation is in Chingleput and Sydapet; in the former it is 30 per cent., while in the latter it is 23 per cent. The taluqs that suffered most are

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4. *Outturn.*—The outturn of the harvest varies considerably in the several taluqs, but has generally been within 50 per cent. of the usual yield, the average being about one-fourth or a little more.

5. *Standing Crops.*—There are no standing crops except in very favored localities where the irrigation is either from river channels or wells; but even there they are in any thing but a promising condition, owing to the extreme heat of the weather.

6. *Pasture.*—Pasture is very scarce all over the district, except on river and channel banks, and the ryots have been feeding their cattle on dry fodder, such as sumba and ear straw, a good deal of which appertains to crops that have become shavi.

7. *Water-supply.*—Water is also getting scarce; the tanks with one or two exceptions are quite dry, and wells are the only sources of supply for drinking purposes both for man and beast. Grants have been made from Local Funds for deepening and improving some of the most useful pools and wells, and others are under consideration by the Boards.

8. *Condition of the laboring Class.*—That the laboring classes have suffered is undoubted, but fortunately the South Indian Railway in the south and the Harbour Works more north have afforded relief; many laborers, and even petty ryots, are so employed now; when rain falls they will return to their ordinary avocations.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18 June 1876:

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Nos. 140-141.

Agicultural Prospects of the Chingleput Dis-
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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9. *Prices.*—Prices are high, but not nearly so high as might be expected considering the long drought and failure of crops, and the markets are sufficiently supplied with food-grains. This is to be ascribed to the facilities for transport by rail, road, and water fortunately existing in Chingleput District with the Town of Madras in its centre.

10. In conclusion, I must observe, however, that the condition of parts of the district is becoming critical owing to the rain, which has appeared close at hand for the past few weeks, still holding off. If heavy showers fall shortly, as is frequently the case at this time of year, especially after a dry season, the present distress, as regards pasture and drinking water, will be at once alleviated, and the ryots be enabled to commence cultivation; but should this unfortunately not be the case, exceptional measures of relief will become necessary, at all events in Conjeveram and the northern part of the district, where work other than agricultural is not now easily obtainable.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 4.—Reports of Divisional Officers.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 14th February 1876, No. 207.

2. Mr. Barlow will lose no time in reporting further, should exceptional measures of relief appear called for.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 141.

ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1876, No. 791.

Miscellaneous.

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(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
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H. P. Barlow

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14. To the Board of Rec. De. 26 June

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Museum 1896 District

Proceeding of the
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