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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th April 1869.*

No. 501. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1869, No. 2,248:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1869, No. 44.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector regarding the state of the Peddapur and Rajahmundry Talooks, together with two statements: one, of the wells and drinking water tanks; the other for irrigation works requiring construction and repairs in the Peddapur Talook.

2. I have already placed at Mr. Horsfall's disposal 5,000 Rupees of the sum sanctioned by Government, under date the 30th December 1868, No. 3,209, for expenditure in the Peddapur Talook, and shall send him a similar amount for use in the Rajahmundry and Yernagudem Talooks; and I propose that in all cases the ryots be called on to subscribe or give in labor one-third the amount expended on the works for the supply of drinking water.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 4th March 1869, No. 27.

HAVING completed the Jummahbundy of the Peddapur Talook, as well as nearly the whole of the Rajahmundry, I have the honor to report on the state of these two talooks.

2. The rice-crop in the Peddapur Talook was throughout poor, and in very many cases the yield, as estimated by the Tahsildar and myself, did not merely meet the Government demand, leaving out of account the cost of seed and the labor expended on the cultivation; in such cases as not amounting to total loss no remission could be given. The total remissions throughout the talook amounted to only Rupees 4,587-2-7, or 3½ per cent. of the demand.

3. With the exception of gingelly, all the wet crops have more or less failed; paddy yielded about one-fourth an average crop, and sugar-cane one-half, though the latter is said to be of a very-inferior quality. The jonna crop is generally estimated at one-half, and other dry crops have been equally poor. The cotton, however, looks well, and will, I believe, give an ordinary crop; in a few cases, however, where the cultivation was commenced late, the seeds sown owing to the want of moisture failed to germinate.

4. In the Rajahmundry Talook the rice-crop was in very many villages unusually good, and in comparatively few villages was there entire loss. This I attribute solely to the fact that in this talook, the irrigation tanks are more numerous and in better order than those of the Peddapur Talook. In both talooks, however, much is needed in this respect. The great and pressing want throughout is water, and this want is daily becoming more severely felt. So many applications were made to me for wells and drinking water tanks, that I felt obliged in every case where the villagers were unwilling to subscribe one-half of the estimated cost themselves, to decline receiving them.

5. I enclose statements showing the villagewar remissions, the wells and drinking water tanks to be dug at the joint expense of Government and the villagers, and the irrigation works requiring construction or repairs in the Peddapur Talook, and will forward similar statement of the other talooks under my charge in due course. I have already brought to your notice the neglected state of the irrigation works in these upland talooks, and need hardly urge now that immediate measures should be taken towards putting them into proper order. I would, however, specially urge on the early completion of the Lingamparra tank project, and the completion of the road to Juddangy, of which only about six miles remains to be done.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

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THE Collector of Godavery submits the report of the Settling Officer, Mr. Horsfall, Acting Sub-Collector, on the condition of the Peddapur and Rajahmundry Talooks.

2. In the Peddapur Talook the rice-crop was poor, and the revenue demand bore a high proportion to the actual yield. As *total* loss was limited, the remissions amounted to Rupees 4,587, or $3\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. of the demand only. The yield of rice and cane was estimated at one-fourth and one-half of an average crop respectively, and the outturn of dry crops did not exceed one-half. The cotton crop afforded better prospects.

3. The Sub-Collector reports unfavorably on the tanks and irrigation works of this talook, and submits a list of eighty-one tanks and channels which more or less require the attention of the Executive Department.

4. He likewise submits a list of eleven villages where aid in improving the supply of water for domestic purposes is urgently required, at a cost of Rupees 2,032; and the Collector has placed at his disposal the required funds from the Government Order, dated 30th December 1868, No. 3,209.

grant given in Government Order noted marginally. The Collector proposes that one-third should be contributed by the people; but the Board are of opinion that one-half the regulated proportion should be observed.

5. The Rajahmundry Talook has passed through less difficulty. The rice-crop was generally good, and little total loss of crop was experienced. The Sub-Collector attributes this to more irrigation works and their better condition.

No. 502.

ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1869, No. 1,110.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

2. Paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, together with the list of irrigation works stated to be out of repair, will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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APPENDIX

Nos. 501-502.

Works for supply of drinking water in Godavery District.—Proposal of the Board of Revenue to charge the people with one-half their cost, approved. Irrigation works requiring repair to be considered in the Public Works Department.

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