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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 66. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st December 1875, No. 3,391:—

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddapah, 11th December 1875, No. 263.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Board, on the agricultural prospects in this district.

2. The north-east monsoon upon which this district is mainly dependent for water promised at first to give the usual supply, but eventually the rain ceased and tanks throughout the district received little or no water. Wet cultivation is almost everywhere at a stand-still, except where wells can supplement the supply. Wet crops are to be seen growing, but at present their prospects are very poor. Wet ayacuts under river channels are not as badly off, except in the Sidhout Taluq, as the lands under tanks. In the Pullampett Taluq alone, where wet cultivation under tanks and channels is very extensive, the Tahsildar has estimated that remissions amounting to Rupees 30,000 will be necessary this year. In the Sub-Division the Sub-Collector fears the remissions will amount to a lakh of rupees, that is in four taluqs comprising the division.

3. Dry crops are not as they should be by any means, but they are not so badly off as the wet crops. The early dry crops, such as sudza and oil-seeds had rain to assist them, but not as much as they required. Jonna and horse-gram sown later in the season will entirely be lost unless some rain falls hereafter. This does not apply to the black cotton taluqs, where cotton and jonna seem to be in very fair condition.

4. I do not in the least apprehend any distress. The season has been so far a bad one, and there will be a loss of revenue if rain does not fall. As I write I am glad to say that there are some indications of rain.

5. Pasture is sufficient. Prices are everywhere steadily rising. Health is good except as regards fever, which is rather severe. Cholera has almost disappeared.

6. Floods apparently have less effect on this district than a drought. If Government would treat wet wells more liberally the effects of a dry season would not be so severely felt by the ryot. I have written before on this subject, but I regret to say that my views did not meet with the approval of the Board.

7. To relieve the ryots I have directed that kists of wet lands are to be collected according to the extent of cultivation, and not according to the demand of the past year. Dry kists will of course be collected as usual. I trust that the Board will approve of this arrangement.

THE Board approve the Collector's proposal in the last paragraph of his letter.

2. They request that a weekly report may be furnished showing the condition of prices of food grains in the principal markets as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th January 1876.*

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1876, No. 32.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government desire to
have the views of the Collector, the Director
of Revenue Settlements, and the Board of

Revenue, placed before them in greater detail, regarding the question raised by the
Collector (paragraph 6.)

2. The previous correspondence was not specially communicated to Govern-
ment, but is found in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,355, dated 22nd August 1874.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Collector of Cuddapah.

„ the Acting Director of Revenue Settlements.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 21st December 1875 No 337

Read the following

No. 263

From

W. D. Forsley Esq^r

Collector of Cuddapah

To

J. C. Stokes Esquire

Acting Secretary to the Board
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Obt. of 1876 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 10th.

Recd.

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G. O., 10th January 1876, No. 32.

JANUARY.

Nos. 66-67.

Agricultural prospects of Cuddapah District.—
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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Collector, Director of Revenue Settlements, and
the Board of Revenue on the question raised by
the Collector regarding the more liberal treatment
of wet wells.

Via C. N. 331/75

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Cuddapah Coll^y Office } (S^d) W. D. Horsley
11th December 1875 } Collector

The Board approve the Collector's proposal in the last para of his letter.

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[True copy & Extract]
(signed) J. B. C. Stokes
As. Secretary
The Collector of Cuddapah
[True copy]

J. B. C. Stokes
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 1st Decr 75
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State of wet land in Ind-
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