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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1868:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 7th December 1868, No. 1,325.

1. Referring to Board's Proceedings, 21st November, ultimo, I beg to state that, on the condition and prospects of the District, I have nothing at present to add to the periodical Season Reports, and to the information I weekly transmit to the Revenue Secretary to Government by the wire. Since the first alarm, which arose when it seemed certain no north-east monsoon would afford its rains, prices have not advanced, indeed have somewhat receded.

2. The price of the new paddy crop will be fixed, as usual, at the season of the Pongul, 12th January, and, unless exportation takes place, it will continue at much the same figure till the beginning of the hot weather, middle of April, about which time there is always a rise of twenty to twenty-five per cent. If there are heavy rains in July, there comes a trifling fall in price, after which there is little or no fluctuation till the raggy crop is harvested in September, the out-turn of which materially influences the markets, one way or the other.

3. Under any circumstances there will be no distress up to the end of January, as the laboring population will get good wages from the farmers so far. After that there is no great call for their services till the paddy-beds are prepared for transplantations in July. Even in good average years, this intermediate period is apt to be 'hard times' for them; in the absence of any extensive works carried on by Government in the district, they must eke out existence by such *cooly* labor as offers itself, house building, thatching, odd jobs with cart driving and the like; and if prices rise beyond a certain point—rice, say, to a Rupee for twelve seers, and raggy to a Rupee for twenty seers—it will then undoubtedly be necessary to resort to Relief works.

4. After careful inquiry and consideration, I have formed the opinion that, in the event of things coming to that pass, an extraordinary grant of two lacs of Rupees would be required for the three Public Works Ranges of Berhampore, Russelcondah, and Chicacole, in the proportion of one lac, forty thousand, and sixty thousand Rupees.

5. There are, besides, four Estates under management, in respect of two of which, Jalantra and Parlah Kimedy, I am preparing a separate proposal for submission to the Board, as Court of Wards. The third, Barwah, will not require any special measures of relief; and the fourth, Bredy, has very scanty funds, and the minor will be of age in February.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th January 1869.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1869, No. 75.

Miscellaneous.

The Government will be prepared to sanction a special grant of funds for the employment of the able-bodied poor, on public works, should such a course eventually become necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Fort Jameson, 12th January 1869.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for your information, a Government Notification, No. 3929, dated 12th January 1869, on the subject of

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Nos. 155-156.

Conditions and proceeds of the Grazing Tax.—Special grant of funds to be sanctioned by the Government of India, should such a course eventually become necessary.