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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 10 — 5 — 1867.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th May 1867.

No. 161. Read the following letter from T. E. RAVENSHAW, Esq., Officiating Commissioner of Cuttack Division, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Cuttack, 18th April 1867, No. 51 :—

1. Referring to Bengal Government letter, No. 1,163 of 20th March, to your address, I have the honour to inform you that in Pooree, during the week ending Monday, April 1st, the prices of ordinary rice varied from 13⅛ to 15½ seers per Rupee, and in Khoordha Sub-division, bordering on Ganjam, a medium rate of 13⅛ seers prevailed. Small supplies were being received from Ganjam in the Chilka lake. The Collector reports a marked improvement in the condition of the more favoured parts of the district; plenty of work was available for the able-bodied, and the weak and sick found food and shelter from the Relief Committee. Small-pox, which had been raging, had abated.

2. The reports of 8th April shew rice a little dearer in Pooree, as supplies from Ganjam had diminished. Some of the spring rice-crop had been cut with a very fair out-turn. Actual distress was not on the increase, but a slight increase in crime would appear to shew a pending scarcity among parts of the country where the crops had failed. An abundant supply of Government imported rice is in store, but so far meets with slow sale at Rupees 3-4-0 per Bengal Maund.

3. A report from the Deputy Collector at Khoordha, of 7th April, notes that a dangerous epidemic fever was very prevalent in Baupore Police Division, bordering on Ganjam. Importations of rice from Khoordha continue to reach Cuttack, and a similar supply is coming into Khoordha from Ganjam side. The trade is small, and carried on entirely by carts and pack-bullocks.

4. The crops last year throughout Khoordha and Baupore, as far as Madras frontier, were excellent; and I am informed that a considerable trade is carried on between Cuttack Tributary States, Raupore, Nyagurh, Khundparu, and Khund Mals, and the adjoining country in Ganjam jurisdiction. Further information, dated Khoordha, 16th April, notes that no change in the position of affairs had occurred during the week.

5. Some time ago I endeavoured to induce labourers from Pooree and Khoordha to take employment in the canal excavating between Ganjam and the Chilka, but without success. The Superintending Engineer of Cuttack Circle also informs me, that he is unable to procure sufficient labour on the Madras road and on the works going on in Pooree. This would indicate but little distress among the labouring classes. Those who have suffered most severely throughout the famine are artisans and small cultivators, and the former members of the better castes, who object from prejudices of caste and custom to road or earth-work, or to receive cooked food from relief-houses; but even these are being provided with some more acceptable employment, and much assistance is being given to better class families by supplying them with cotton, which is spun by the women at their houses.

6. The weather has been very favourable; repeated showers have fallen and rendered the land fit for ploughing, which is going on in all directions. There has been generally an excellent crop of oil-seeds, which are now coming into the market.

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10th May 1867.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1867, No. 1,062.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Board for their information.

2. The Government are much obliged to Mr. Ravenshaw for his report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, T. E. Ravenshaw, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Commrs Office Cuttack Dn
Cuttack the 15th April 1867.

From

T. E. Ravenshaw Esqre
Offg Commissioner

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Madras.

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Offg Comm[r]

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From
The Offg Comm[r]
Cuttack Div[n]

Dated 18th July 1867
Received 27th " 1867
No 51

With reference to
letter from Bengal Govt
reporting the state of the
season and the prices of
grain in Pooree during the
first week in April 1867.

Sent 1862 - 10th May
With order

No 1618 1862

Copies to the Board of Revenue Despatch No
1 Copy to C. Ravenshaw Esq[re]
27 Copies by Post 3rd Aug 1867 for their
Comm[r] for
information

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