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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2378 Press Mis.

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Dated 9 — 10 — 1867.

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No. 206. Read the following letter from T. E. RAVENSHAW, Esq., Officiating Commissioner, Cuttack Division, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Cuttack, 25th September 1867, No. 472 :—

1. I have the honor, in continuation of my No. 451 of 18th September, to report that the Beallee, or early rice-crop, has been unusually good all over the country, and has been safely gathered in very favorable weather. The last rise in the rivers passed off without destructive flood, and I do not now anticipate any further chance of loss by inundation. Rain has fallen in sufficient quantity for the late rice, and during the past week of fine weather much progress is being made in ploughing and sowing Kulye, Pulse, Oil-seeds, and other Rubbee and cold weather crops. So far nothing can be more favorable than the prospects before us. Each week lessens the chance of loss, and with one more good fall of rain, generally due in October, the crops will be completely safe.

2. A much larger area has been planted than was anticipated. The people are fast recovering their spirits and physical condition. Relief centres are being gradually thinned, as the inmates find independent occupation. We have now few, except the weak, sick, and incapables, recipients of relief at centres, while those able to work in the fields are supported by gratuitous distributions of rice to carry them on until the crop is reaped. Prices of food have fallen generally all over the country, and in the ports of Pooree and Khoordah, bordering in Ganjam, rice is freely offered for sale at 16 Cuttack Seers per Rupee (1 Seer = 105 Rupees weight).

3. Importations on Government account have ceased, and the last cargo has been safely landed. The stocks of Government rice in hand are large, and sufficient provision against all contingencies. The prices at which Government rice is sold have been reduced to correspond with local rates, and it is probable that under any circumstances a large surplus will remain in store. With the above very encouraging and favorable prospects before us, I propose, with your concurrence, to discontinue forwarding further reports, but I shall not fail to communicate with you from time to time should any material alteration in the present favorable position of affairs call for special notice.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1867, No. 2,378.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.
2. The Government are much obliged to Mr. Ravenshaw for keeping them informed of the state and prospects of the Cuttack Division, and agree with him that the reports may be discontinued under the existing very favorable circumstances of the country.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

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