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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rain returns.

Calling the attention of Collectors to the necessity for seeing that the — are accurately prepared, and directing them to impress on their subordinates the importance of the accuracy of such returns.

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1 The Hon Mr Grose C.S.E
2 The Hon Sir A. Bliss K.C.I.S.E
3 H.E. the Governor.

I have thought it opportune to draw attention and have called to the matter. There is good reason for supposing that some light falls have not been registered, but the season is so abnormal, that there can be no certainty about it.

(X) How do we get the Collectors reports? I believe they are telegraphed weekly to us, but I by this Bd to us, but have this Bd directed them to report all falls?

again

JG
18/8/97 A.H.H
19.8.97

The average falls of this month should be entered at the bottom of the columns.

JG A.H.H

(X) Please see Telegram in G.O 38-15 23-7-97. The Collectors are now sending daily telegraphic reports direct to Govt. In G.O. dtd 16 their attention was drawn to the necessity for securing full & accurate returns from all divisions.

C.H.
P.A.

Looking at the rain returns of the Ooded districts especially I doubt very much whether the rain which falls is being properly registered. We find that the total of the Collectors' reports does not agree with the Board's weekly returns. Again taking the Kollegal return, we find a succession of wet days at Hadgalli and Kudligi but no rain practically at Harpenhalli and Hospet. Making all allowances for the partial nature of the rain falls, I cannot help suspecting that light falls are not daily registered and that the registration is not being systematically conducted. Again compare Kurnool with Kandikkurai. I submit that orders should issue calling the attention of Collectors to the necessity of seeing that these returns are accurately prepared and directing them to impress this on their subordinates. (Order Govt. No. 713 of 30th August 1897 A.S. The Ex. C. finds it necessary from the allusion of 7/187 J. Govt. to the necessity for seeing that the rain returns are accurately prepared and to direct them to impress this on their subordinates. It is what I submit. It is hereby now [illegible] that the Govt. Ho. shall in future make inquiry into which has been taken in the first

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to gauge rain (2) that he
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attender in the Taluk office
who sends a child or a friend
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be found and if Collectors do not
work carefully either in this connection
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10/8/97.

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Other papers [illegible] 20/8/97

Rain Reports

The Hon'ble Mr Fuller noted yesterday on the apparent ambiguous with which these accounts, but I think there is much to say on the subject - In some cases the black (daily) & red (weekly) figures don't tally, because, apparently, of deficiencies in the daily reports - But in others the discrepancies are due to red ink figures not being within the right line. The rain and other reports are for the week ending Saturday and are therefore, supposed to be despatched on Saturday, though actually in those cases which I have seen, despatched on the Monday. But as the reports are for the week ending Saturday, it is evident that they will not include Saturday's rain, & therein those cases in which the Taluk reports are sent in & part. To take these reports, therefore, it appears that the red ink line should be inserted between the black ink lines for the 13th + 14th, & between those for the 14th + 15th - In cases, the black & red ink figures can't be made to tally - indeed in some districts the Saturday's rain seems to be included at some places & not at others (!) and in some cases I believe last week's figures include the Sabbath since the beginning of the month (!!) - This is so premature, at Bobbili where the black ink figures from the 5th inclusive total 3·28, last week's red ink figure; also at Narsipatam; at Konada (the '01 of the 1st being omitted; & at Palkonda (omitting '01, '01 & '04 of the 1st, 2nd, 04th) ; & at Rajahmundry. At Rajahmundry Saturday's figures are included in the weekly total; at Cuddapah, Chittoor, Vizagapatam, & Bimli they are excluded from it - There must be some investigation although the Returns but they evidently need compilation. Apparent, anything seems to be wrong in these -

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 713, Revenue, dated 20th August 1897.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council finds it necessary again to call the attention of Collectors to the necessity for seeing that the rain returns are accurately prepared, and to direct them to impress this on their subordinates. It is necessary now both that the Collector should make inquiry into what has been done in the past four or five months by sending a responsible officer, such as a Divisional officer or a Tahsildar at least, to investigate the matter and that he should ensure for the future (1) that the officer in charge knows how to gauge rain; (2) that he gauges it regularly. The latter is the most difficult. Often this work is left to a peon or attender in the Taluk office who sends a child or a friend to measure the rainfall. The matter is now of great importance though usually it is not so regarded, and if Collectors do not make their establishments work carefully in this connection, very misleading returns may follow.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G.STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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„ Collectors of affected districts.
„ other Collectors.

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