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MR. CLOGSTOUN.

READ—the following letter from G. STOKES, Esq., Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Salem, 29th August 1891, No. 1858 :—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the state of the season and the condition and prospects of the district.

2. Rainfall.—The following statement shows the rainfall of the years 1888–89, 1889–90 and 1890–91, compared with the average of the ten years ending 1887–88 and the average of the six years previous to the famine :—

Rain-registering stations.	AVERAGE RAINFALL OF THE SIX YEARS ENDING 1875-76.		AVERAGE OF 10 YEARS ENDING 1887-88.		1888-89.		1889-90.		1890-91.			
	April to September.	to October March.	April to September.	to October March.	April to September.	to October March.	April to September.	to October March.	April to September.	to October March.		
<i>Salem Taluk.</i>												
Salem	Stationary particulars not available.	De.	20·27	15·46	22·55	11·59	38·49	12·24	21·52	9·37		
Rasipur			17·08	12·82	17·70	8·00	28·75	6·43	17·63	8·55		
Omahar			18·35	10·95	16·68	8·33	25·14	11·76	22·46	9·68		
			21·67	13·08	18·97	9·31	30·79	10·14	20·63	9·16		
<i>Atur Taluk.</i>												
Atur			20·32	16·10	20·35	15·25	24·75	9·75	23·14	14·18		
<i>Nemakal Taluk.</i>												
Nemakal			16·02	13·60	13·26	3·93	29·10	9·28	9·25	15·20		
Paramathi			13·29	9·71	9·30	11·68	20·00	7·89	9·65	13·55		
			14·65	11·65	11·58	7·75	24·55	8·68	9·45	14·37		
<i>Tiruchengod Taluk.</i>												
Tiruchengod			15·10	12·59	13·11	6·10	21·55	8·90	8·80	14·00		
Bankeridrug			18·41	12·48	9·61	7·30	22·51	7·73	14·13	5·25		
			18·89	12·53	11·36	6·70	22·03	8·32	11·46	9·62		
<i>Dharmapuri Taluk.</i>												
Dharmapuri			20·23	15·11	19·88	13·74	23·14	8·77	13·20	17·40		
Pennagatam			19·87	13·64	13·83	5·03	24·45	9·80	16·10	7·85		
			20·06	14·37	16·55	9·38	25·79	9·28	14·65	12·62		

Rain-registering stations.	AVERAGE RAINFALL OF THE SIX YEARS ENDING 1875-76.		AVERAGE OF 10 YEARS ENDING 1867-88.		1888-89.		1889-90.		1890-91.	
	April to September.	October to March.	April to September.	October to March.	April to September.	October to March.	April to September.	October to March.	April to September.	October to March.
<i>Hosūr Taluk.</i>	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Hosūr			20.64	13.58	17.20	11.88	21.21	14.65	20.86	12.05
Denkanikōta			16.50	13.27	10.95	12.28	20.90	11.50	25.67	19.28
			18.57	13.42	14.07	12.08	21.05	13.07	23.21	15.67
<i>Krishnagiri Taluk.</i>										
Krishnagiri		do.	18.41	13.31	17.63	11.40	23.40	13.28	17.23	19.81
<i>Tirupatūr Taluk.</i>										
Tirupatūr			21.97	13.68	22.80	13.20	20.41	10.73	22.84	7.76
Vaniyambādi			18.89	13.87	17.01	13.13	24.33	16.78	22.34	8.33
		Do.	20.43	13.77	19.90	13.16	22.37	13.75	22.59	8.04
<i>Uttankarai Taluk.</i>										
Uttankarai			17.90	13.74	21.38	16.58	20.60	7.28	22.03	6.60
Harur			15.81	14.72	21.89	15.15	15.96	10.10	17.65	12.63
			16.85	14.23	21.63	15.86	18.28	8.69	19.84	9.62
Shevaroy Hills			42.38	24.98	44.70	24.50	60.53	14.55	32.20	20.38
District Average ..	23.04	12.26	20.06	14.09	18.35	11.62	25.82	10.63	18.98	12.33

35.30 average for 6 years ending 1876.

34.15 do. for 10 do. do. 1888.

29.97 do. of 1888-89.

36.45 do. of 1889-90.

31.31 do. of 1890-91.

Taking the district as a whole it will be seen that the rainfall as a whole has been deficient except in one year, when there was a slight excess. In that one year it will be seen that while there was an excess under the south-west monsoon, there was a deficiency under the north-east. In that year, also, the distribution of the rain was not normal. Looking into the details of the statement, it will be seen that the rainfall has been deficient in Salem division, of the Salem taluk, in all monsoons but one—the south-west monsoon of 1889-90. In Rasipur, the south-west monsoon has been normal in all 3 years, while the north-east has failed. Omalūr has had one good season with one failure of the south-west monsoon, and but a slight deficiency in the north-east. Atūr has had one failure of the north-east monsoon and not altogether bad seasons otherwise. Námakal has had one good south-west monsoon and one north-east monsoon, the last good, but the rest have been failures. Paramathi has had but two failures of the south-west monsoon. In Hosūr, both divisions, the seasons have been practically normal, while the same is true of Krishnagiri. In Tirupatūr division the south-west monsoons have practically not failed at all, while the last two north-east monsoons have been failures. In Vaniyambādi the season has been the same, except that only one north-east monsoon has failed. In the Uttankarai division, the south-west monsoon has not failed, but the two last north-east monsoons have been failures. In the Harur division, however, the seasons have been normal. The above remarks may be summarized in the annexed statement where—

F stands for favorable season, or nearly up to, or above, the average; and

U stands for unfavorable, or considerably below the average.

Rain-registering stations.	1888-89.		1889-90.		1890-91.		Total Favorable.	Total Unfavorable.
	South-west monsoon.	North-east monsoon.	South-west monsoon.	North-east monsoon.	South-west monsoon.	North-east monsoon.		
Salem	U	U	F	U	U	U	1	5
Rasipur	F	U	F	U	F	U	3	3
Omalūr	F	U	F	U	F	U	5	1
Atūr	F	F	F	U	F	F	5	1
Námakal	U	U	F	U	U	F	2	4
Paramathi	U	F	F	U	U	F	4	2
Tiruchengód	U	U	F	U	U	F	2	4
Sankaridrug	U	U	F	U	U	U	1	5
Dharmapuri	F	U	F	U	U	F	3	3
Pennagaram	U	U	F	U	U	U	1	5
Hosūr	U	U	F	F	F	F	4	2
Denkanikōta	U	U	F	F	F	F	3	3
Krishnagiri	U	U	F	F	F	F	4	2
Tirupatūr	F	F	F	F	F	F	4	2
Vaniyambādi	F	F	F	F	F	F	5	1
Uttankarai	F	F	F	F	F	F	4	2
Harur	F	F	F	U	F	F	5	1
Shevaroy	F	F	F	U	U	U	3	3

From this we learn that the Salem division of the Salem taluk, the Sankari division of Tiruchengód, and the Pennagaram division of Dharmapuri have had only one normal monsoon in the last six—the south-west monsoon of 1889-90. The Námakal division of Námakal, the Tiruchengód division of Tiruchengód have had only two normal monsoons in the last six, but those have been the south-west of 1889-90 and the north-east of 1890-91. Rasipur, Denkanikōta, Dharmapuri and Shevaroy have had three normal and three unfavorable monsoons; and in the rest of the district there has been a preponderance of normal.

3. Monsoons.—The following table shows the actual deficiency in the rainfall:—

Taluka.	1888-89.		1889-90.		1890-91.	
	South-west monsoon (April to September).	North-east monsoon (October to March).	South-west monsoon (April to September).	North-east monsoon (October to March).	South-west monsoon (April to September).	North-east monsoon (October to March).
Salem	— 2.60	— 3.77	+ 9.22	— 2.94	— 1.04	— 3.92
Atūr	— 0.47	— 0.65	+ 3.93	— 6.35	+ 2.32	— 1.92
Námakal	— 3.07	— 3.90	+ 9.90	— 3.07	— 5.20	+ 2.72
Tiruchengód	— 5.44	— 5.83	+ 5.23	— 4.21	— 5.34	— 2.91
Dharmapuri	— 3.21	— 3.99	+ 3.73	— 5.09	— 5.41	— 1.76
Hosūr	— 4.50	— 1.34	+ 2.48	— 0.35	+ 4.64	+ 2.25
Krishnagiri	— 0.73	— 1.91	+ 4.09	— 0.02	— 1.18	+ 6.50
Tirupatūr	— 0.53	— 0.61	+ 1.04	— 0.02	+ 2.16	— 5.73
Uttankarai	+ 4.78	+ 1.63	+ 1.43	— 5.54	+ 2.99	— 4.61
Shevaroy Hills ..	+ 1.32	— 0.48	+ 18.15	— 10.43	— 10.18	— 4.60
Total Average ..	— 1.71	— 2.47	+ 5.76	— 3.46	— 1.08	— 1.76

4. The following statement shows the monthly rainfall in each taluk and the rainfall up to date:—

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Taluk.	Years.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.
Channarayana	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-90	4-30	2-45	2-93	6-78	4-17	6-80	4-07	1-28	-29	-07	-58	34-66
	1888-89 ..	-47	2-80	3-61	3-05	3-35	5-64	3-38	4-97	-01	-07	-07	-25	28-23
	1889-90 ..	2-78	3-19	4-22	4-04	4-99	7-98	6-23	1-06	1-60	-08	-08	1-39	40-83
	1890-91 ..	1-16	3-09	4-12	4-48	4-95	2-72	3-09	4-25	-23	-09	-02	-56	29-70
	1891-92 ..	1-61	-08	2-73	-97	-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adir	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	1-11	4-42	1-64	3-59	6-40	3-62	6-99	6-41	1-58	-55	-01	-78	36-92
	1888-89 ..	-	1-36	2-45	1-50	3-05	12-00	4-75	6-50	1-00	-	-	3-00	38-50
	1889-90 ..	2-75	3-39	1-40	3-75	9-15	11-10	4-55	-80	2-36	-55	-	1-50	64-50
	1890-91 ..	0-45	2-69	5-58	2-43	6-53	4-83	4-20	5-80	-	-	1-65	2-53	37-32
	1891-92 ..	-80	1-45	1-00	1-39	1-00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kankal	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	0-59	3-97	-93	1-68	4-23	2-83	4-99	4-49	1-24	-14	-08	0-65	26-81
	1888-89 ..	1-42	4-12	-57	-67	-41	2-88	9-03	4-50	1-64	-14	-40	-40	18-33
	1889-90 ..	6-02	3-97	2-15	3-90	2-84	5-66	6-07	1-34	1-11	-02	-75	-75	23-82
	1890-91 ..	1-20	2-32	1-57	-85	2-32	1-32	-	-	0-55	-80	-	-	-
	1891-92 ..	-50	-70	1-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tiruchengod.	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-78	4-07	1-88	1-74	4-48	3-80	6-56	4-22	1-28	-19	-12	-32	29-38
	1888-89 ..	1-35	2-43	1-85	-95	1-50	3-28	3-26	2-92	-22	-10	-	-20	18-69
	1889-90 ..	3-59	2-70	2-30	3-67	4-30	4-46	6-06	-70	1-10	0-11	-	0-27	50-34
	1890-91 ..	1-88	1-19	1-45	1-97	2-97	2-19	6-65	1-07	1-66	-	-70	-56	21-09
	1891-92 ..	-82	1-42	2-37	-57	-38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dharmapuri ..	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-86	5-02	1-99	2-03	5-95	4-12	6-77	4-32	1-90	-37	-29	-68	34-43
	1888-89 ..	-60	3-76	4-78	-30	1-32	6-07	3-16	5-59	-37	-25	-	-25	26-24
	1889-90 ..	1-32	3-15	2-91	5-39	8-27	4-78	7-45	0-34	1-15	0-11	-	0-22	33-08
	1890-91 ..	-59	4-81	2-41	1-64	6-24	5-19	5-71	6-72	-	0-17	-	-46	34-20
	1891-92 ..	1-03	-52	1-45	1-17	1-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hondr	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-96	4-30	1-69	2-54	4-94	2-80	6-72	4-37	1-45	-25	-28	-35	31-59
	1888-89 ..	1-40	3-44	1-16	1-54	1-19	5-16	3-96	7-54	1-17	-15	-	-15	26-15
	1889-90 ..	1-07	1-79	1-44	2-37	4-55	9-32	9-35	-50	1-92	0-17	-	1-12	34-13
	1890-91 ..	2-60	6-80	-67	2-39	4-16	3-00	6-38	6-87	0-01	-19	-	1-02	34-26
	1891-92 ..	-18	-20	4-40	1-10	1-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Krishnagiri ..	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-64	3-53	1-32	3-49	6-73	3-39	5-79	4-59	1-71	-16	-20	-94	31-72
	1888-89 ..	-10	5-45	3-10	-10	-73	7-63	5-85	5-05	-	-	-	-50	39-03
	1889-90 ..	3-52	1-80	1-80	6-00	3-50	6-35	8-60	0-73	3-40	0-28	-	0-20	30-58
	1890-91 ..	-45	5-32	-75	1-35	4-38	5-10	6-18	5-03	6-00	-	1-35	-	37-64
	1891-92 ..	-15	3-00	5-17	-42	-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tirupattur ..	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-60	3-95	2-12	2-72	6-19	4-54	5-97	5-47	-74	-16	-12	-30	24-19
	1888-89 ..	-79	4-25	1-27	1-62	4-87	10-39	8-14	9-35	-69	-22	-	-05	33-97
	1889-90 ..	2-95	1-65	2-39	4-69	4-83	5-93	10-38	9-78	3-21	-45	-	-	36-12
	1890-91 ..	-30	3-25	2-19	2-69	5-55	5-56	5-41	1-16	-26	-45	-	-12	30-63
	1891-92 ..	-86	1-57	2-65	-72	1-97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Taluk.	Years.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.
Tiruchengod.	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-47	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1888-89 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1889-90 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1890-91 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1891-92 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
Tirupattur.	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-47	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1888-89 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1889-90 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1890-91 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1891-92 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
Total (District).	Average of 10 years ending 1887-88 ..	-47	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1888-89 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1889-90 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1890-91 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08
	1891-92 ..	-40	3-71	1-56	1-56	1-78	6-45	2-80	5-01	5-52	2-03	-67	-47	31-08

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It will be seen from the above that the minor showers in April 1891, which are not due to the influence of any of the monsoons, were about the average in all the taluks.

In May 1891, however, about the end of which the south-west monsoon usually bursts with an average of 4.22 inches, there was little or no rain in Salem, Námakal, Dharmapuri, Hosúr, Uttankarai and even on the Shevaroy Hills. In Atúr, Tiruchengód and Tirupatúr, the rains were much less than, and in Krishnagiri about, the average for the respective taluks. The total average rainfall of the district was only .96 of an inch against 3.62 in 1890-91, 2.82 in 1889-90, 3.61 in 1888-89 and 4.22, the average of the 10 years ending 1887-88.

In June 1891, the rainfall was above the averages of the respective taluk in Salem, Námakal, Tiruchengód, Hosúr, Krishnagiri, Tirupatúr and Uttankarai, and below it in the Atúr and Dharmapuri taluks and on the Shevaroy Hills. The total average rainfall of the district was 2.61 inches against 2.08, the average of the 10 years ending 1887-88.

In July 1891, the rainfall was considerably less than the average in all the taluks except Atúr, Dharmapuri and Hosúr, where it was about half the average.

In August 1891 (up to 22nd), except in Atúr, Dharmapuri, Hosúr and Tirupatúr where the rainfall was between 1 and 2 inches, there was little or no rain in the remaining taluks.

5. Thus the position may be summed up by saying that the south-west monsoon has completely failed throughout the district, and that it has followed a succession of bad seasons in the Tiruchengód and Salem taluks, especially in the Sankaridrug division and in the western part of Salem, and in the Pennagaram division of Dharmapuri, while in the Uttankari division and the Tirupatúr divisions, it has followed three in different monsoons. In the rest of the district the position is not materially aggravated by former bad seasons.

6. *Cultivation.*—Statement A, herewith submitted, compares the occupied area, cultivation (1st crop), &c., in each of the faslis 1296 to 1300.

The extent cultivated in fasli 1300, 1890-91, in many instances exceeds even that in the last favorable year, viz., fasli 1296, and is not of itself an index to the state of the season. The rains of June, which were nearly normal, led to the ploughing and sowing of the land. But owing to the subsequent failure of the rains, the crop on all the lands so sown, except those under wells, has been lost and the ryots are only the poorer by the loss of their seed. The crop has now been totally lost on all dry lands sown prior to, and in the early part of, July.

From the amount of remissions granted, however, it may be seen that the season in the faslis from 1298 has been bad in the Salem, Tiruchengód and Uttankarai taluks.

7. A statement B, showing the cultivation in each month of the five years ending 1890-91 and in each month up to July of the current year in each taluk, is submitted. The following is an abstract thereof:—

Taluk.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
		Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Salem	Average of five years ending 1890-91 ..	7,763	1,377	11,982	1,122	25,263	1,241
	1891-92 ..	2,357	921	3,685	768	16,695	986
Atúr	Average ..	852	1,024	409	564	1,862	1,437
	1891-92 ..	312	413	207	174	2,925	1,573
Námakal	Average ..	1,818	1,292	2,505	1,250	8,007	2,166
	1891-92 ..	1,259	1,068	2,576	2,564	4,755	1,600
Tiruchengód	Average ..	2,722	1,173	16,565	1,826	22,189	1,200
	1891-92 ..	5,172	993	4,347	366	30,997	1,600
Hosúr	Average ..	681	2,053	332	371	5,904	676
	1891-92 ..	3	6	1	6	..	..
Dharmapuri	Average ..	581	607	9,340	1,335	31,393	1,605
	1891-92 ..	713	736	2,142	987	19,673	1,037
Krishnagiri	Average ..	540	467	1,835	936	17,010	755
	1891-92 ..	28	132	243	675	..	..
Tirupatúr	Average ..	837	268	437	345	12,339	960
	1891-92 ..	7	9	1	2	..	..
Uttankarai	Average ..	315	260	203	105	7,041	472
	1891-92 ..	6	19	1	6	1,178	60
Total	Average ..	16,109	8,551	43,608	7,854	130,098	10,512
	1891-92 ..	9,857	4,297	13,203	5,538	78,223	6,906

Taluk.		JULY.		TOTAL.	
		Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
		10	11	12	
		ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Salem	Average of five years ending 1890-91 ..	44,692	1,440	89,700	5,180
	1891-92 ..	46,956	2,510	71,693	5,185
Atúr	Average ..	6,890	2,463	9,993	6,487
	1891-92 ..	726	572	4,170	2,732
Námakal	Average ..	19,082	3,397	31,412	8,105
	1891-92 ..	5,449	1,948	14,039	7,238
Tiruchengód	Average ..	30,256	404	71,732	4,603
	1891-92 ..	41,648	981	82,164	3,932
Hosúr	Average ..	16,143	1,384	22,160	4,484
	1891-92 ..	10,648	4,132	10,952	4,144
Dharmapuri	Average ..	16,115	1,195	57,429	4,742
	1891-92 ..	25,984	1,387	48,512	4,147
Krishnagiri	Average ..	35,706	2,007	53,091	4,165
	1891-92 ..	37,478	2,508	37,749	3,615
Tirupatúr	Average ..	21,652	904	35,265	2,477
	1891-92 ..	30,429	2,397	39,437	2,408
Uttankarai	Average ..	14,873	434	22,432	1,561
	1891-92 ..	21,942	843	23,127	919
Total	Average ..	203,990	18,677	393,214	40,594
	1891-92 ..	221,860	17,578	322,843	34,319

The average cultivation of the five years ending 1890-91 amounts to 1,221,536 acres under dry and 125,798 acres under wet, and the average cultivation up to the end of July on the average of the same five years is 393,214 acres under dry and 40,594 acres under wet. The cultivation in the current year up to the end of July amounts to only 322,843 acres under dry, and 34,319 acres under wet, or 82.10 and 84.51 per cent. respectively, of the average figures. The decrease occurs in all the taluks except Tiruchengód and Uttankarai. In Tiruchengód the timely rains in May and June seem to have induced many ryots to cultivate their lands in the hope of getting further rains which unfortunately disappointed them. In Uttankarai the increase is small. The amount of cultivation under the south-west monsoon is, it will be seen, large under normal conditions in Salem, Námakal, Tiruchengód and the taluks of the Sankaridrug division. In the former taluks a large amount of dry cultivation is also made in the months of August, September, October and November. But as quite

half of the total cultivation made up to July must have been lost, it will be seen that the failure of the south-west monsoon in those taluks following seasons such as I have shown above must be a more serious matter than even in other parts of the district.

8. Prices.—The following statement compares the number of seers of 80 tolas of grain and other articles of produce per rupee in each of the years 1887-88 to 1889-90 Board's Proceedings, dated 20th September 1890, No. 283:—

Names of grains.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	April 1891.	May 1891.	June 1891.	July 1891.	Price on 22nd August 1891.
Rice, 1st sort ..	14.7	13.6	12.2	10.72	10.35	10.34	10.05	9.69	10.62
Rice, 2nd sort ..	16.3	15.2	14.0	12.47	12.1	12.0	11.6	11.3	10.62
Paddy, 1st sort ..	25.0	23.4	21.0	18.63	18.22	17.80	17.68	16.85	16.85
Paddy, 2nd sort ..	27.7	25.0	23.4	20.92	20.22	20.16	19.35	18.55	18.55
Cholum ..	30.3	25.9	26.0	22.39	21.5	21.2	21.3	19.3	17.97
Cumbu ..	29.5	26.2	26.3	23.39	21.4	20.7	20.2	19.5	18.19
Ragi ..	34.0	31.7	31.5	28.27	26.8	25.9	24.43	22.6	21.34
Varagu ..	36.6	33.5	32.1	30.64	26.22	25.90	25.62	24.65	24.65
Horse-gram ..	30.9	29.9	28.2	21.10	24.23	23.88	23.25	21.88	21.88
Salt ..	14.2	12.7	12.8	12.85	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.12	13.12

It will be seen that with the exception of horse-gram and salt, the prices of all the articles have, year after year, risen gradually, owing to a succession of bad seasons. The rise is most perceptible in 1890-91. The present prices are considerably higher than the average of 1890-91, but they are not unprecedented, as from the book containing the "prices and wages in India" published by the Government of India, it is observed that prices higher than the present prices ruled in the district in certain years as shown below:—

Years.	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholum.	Cumbu.
1866 ..	SEERS. 10.3	SEERS. 17.7	SEERS. 16.1	SEERS. 16.5
1867 ..	8	12.3	11.5	12.5
1868 ..	10.5	16.8	16.5	17.4
1869 ..	..	20.1	..	..
1870 ..	..	19.28	..	..
1871 ..	6.95	8.31	8.22	7.61
1872 ..	8.35	12.08	11.13	11.58
1873 ..	10.3	17.45	15.82	16.38

The above years are, of course, famine years, or years immediately succeeding such years.

9. A statement C, showing the average prices at each price-registering station since 1888-89, is submitted. The following statement gives particulars for the taluk kasbah stations:—

Taluk.	Average price for 1888-89.	Average price for 1889-90.	Average price for 1890-91.	Average price for April 1891.	Average price for May 1891.	Average price for June 1891.	Average price for July 1891.	Price on Saturday the 22nd August 1891.
Rice, 2nd sort.								
Atur ..	16.31	15.08	12.64	12.78	12.22	11.64	11.35	11.35
Salem ..	16.59	15.15	12.63	12.78	12.22	11.64	11.35	11.35
Hosur ..	14.84	12.29	11.75	11.83	11.50	11.24	11.03	11.03
Dharmapuri ..	15.02	14.54	12.72	12.67	12.11	11.85	11.64	11.64
Krishnagiri ..	13.90	12.50	12.31	12.67	12.11	11.85	11.64	11.64
Namakal ..	15.95	14.73	12.36	12.98	12.30	11.93	11.64	11.64
Tiruchengod ..	15.02	13.79	11.77	12.30	11.77	11.50	11.24	11.24
Uttankarai ..	16.23	15.00	12.43	12.75	12.11	11.85	11.64	11.64
Tirupatūr ..	14.25	12.94	11.67	12.04	11.50	11.24	11.03	11.03

Taluk.	Average price for 1888-89.	Average price for 1889-90.	Average price for 1890-91.	Average price for April 1891.	Average price for May 1891.	Average price for June 1891.	Average price for July 1891.	Price on Saturday the 22nd August 1891.
Ragi.								
Atur ..	22.95	28.71	25.58	24.79	22.40	23.25	22.54	20.52
Salem ..	30.38	38.20	27.27	24.79	25.13	23.94	21.89	20.94
Hosur ..	30.39	42.15	36.49	32.98	32.98	31.04	27.16	27.16
Dharmapuri ..	31.75	32.87	29.95	27.93	27.64	26.09	24.05	21.34
Krishnagiri ..	31.16	31.10	28.22	25.51	26.28	22.40	21.34	20.37
Namakal ..	29.74	29.30	25.01	24.61	23.35	21.84	20.54	20.52
Tiruchengod ..	26.17	25.87	24.50	22.09	21.84	21.84	19.10	20.52
Uttankarai ..	32.67	29.65	25.80	23.52	23.52	21.00	21.00	20.16
Tirupatūr ..	30.88	27.84	25.89	21.92	21.84	21.33	19.81	20.58
Cholum.								
Atur ..	25.39	26.92	22.11	21.11	20.93	24.57	20.69	18.20
Salem ..	25.81	25.75	21.87	20.93	21.11	20.93	18.65	18.20
Hosur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dharmapuri ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Krishnagiri ..	30.92	28.90	25.26	25.92	24.08	22.24	21.50	..
Namakal ..	26.24	28.17	21.19	21.09	21.00	21.53	18.95	20.02
Tiruchengod ..	24.35	25.11	21.27	19.68	18.95	16.25	17.29	..
Uttankarai ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tirupatūr ..	23.09	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbu.								
Atur ..	27.91	27.70	25.23	22.96	21.81	22.30	22.04	20.50
Salem ..	22.89	24.22	23.59	21.32	21.32	21.15	20.42	19.68
Hosur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dharmapuri ..	29.78	30.28	26.60	22.56	22.37	20.40	19.83	17.86
Krishnagiri ..	28.05	28.47	21.06	20.65	18.71	17.82	17.63	17.04
Namakal ..	32.13	25.27	22.72	21.30	20.73	20.00	18.45	18.04
Tiruchengod ..	30.92	26.58	24.80	22.68	22.68	20.26	20.26	17.82
Uttankarai ..	27.67	25.12	22.76	20.41	19.44	19.19	17.82	15.39
Tirupatūr ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

It will be seen from the above that the price of second-sort rice is considerably higher in Tirupatūr (9.50) and Uttankarai (9.74) than in the other taluks—Salem and Tiruchengod following them; that the price of ragi, the standard grain for the district, is highest in Uttankarai; that cholum, the price of which in July at Tiruchengod was 16.25 seers, has since fallen to 17.29 seers the rupee, and that it is the highest at which it sells; and that cumbu sells as high as 15.39 and 17.82 seers the rupee in Tirupatūr and Uttankarai, respectively.

10. A statement D showing the average monthly prices is submitted.

11. The staple grains of the district are second-sort rice, ragi, cholum and cumbu, and their scarcity rates as fixed in G.O., dated 11th September 1880, No. 1137, are compared below with the prevailing rates:—

Staple grain.	Average price during the famine year 1877.	Normal rate, i.e. average of three years ending 1875-76.	Scarcity rate sanctioned for the district in G.O., dated 11th September 1880, No. 1137.	Price for the week ending 22nd August 1891.	Percentage of rise over the normal rates.	Percentage below the scarcity rates.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rice ..	13	14.30	8.5	10.65	25.73	24.94
Ragi ..	22	27.53	13.5	21.84	22.16	58.07
Cholum ..	25	35.25	13.5	15.19	21.76	55.17
Cumbu ..	25	25.37	13.0	17.97	30.67	38.23

It will be seen from the above that while the price of ragi and cholum shows a rise of less than 25 per cent. over the normal rates, that of rice shows a rise of 25.73 per cent. and cumbu 30.67 per cent. The large rise in the price of cumbu is due to the entire failure of the cumbu crop sown in May and June owing to want of rain in July and August. The price of ragi, which is the standard grain for this district is 55.17 per cent. below the scarcity rate.