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6th April 1866.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Bombay Castle, 8th March 1866, No. 491.

General Department.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, the accompanying copies of two Tables noted in the margin, which His Excellency the Governor in Council considers have been drawn up by Mr. W. G. Pedder with characteristic care and attention.

2. I am to observe that Surat is, as regards prices, a fair average specimen of an out-station on this Coast with a Port and Railway. In connection with this subject, I am desired to annex a Statement, as per margin, of the total number of resignations from the Government service for private employ, for the five years ending with 1864.

Table A, showing the wholesale average price in the Surat bazaar of different articles of food for 30 years, from A. D. 1835-36 to A. D. 1864-65.
Table B, showing the annual expenditure on necessaries of a Clerk of the Brahmin caste receiving a salary of Rupees 20 per mensem, with one wife and two children, in the year A. D. 1843-44, and the effect upon his income of the increase in prices in 20 years.

Years.	No. of Resignations.
In 1860.....	158
In 1861.....	154
In 1862.....	140
In 1863.....	213
In 1864.....	324

TABLE B.
STATEMENT showing the annual expenditure on necessities of a Clerk of the Brahmin Caste, receiving a salary of Rupees 20 per mensem, or Rupees 240 per annum, with one wife and two children, in the year A. D. 1843-44, and the effect upon his income of the increase in prices in 20 years.

	Wheat.	Rice.	Flour of Toor.	Ghee.	Sugar.	Other necessities—oil, salt, pepper, spices, wood, milk, vegetables, and for house-rent, washing clothes, and shaving.	Total.	Less than whole pay.	More than whole pay.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Bengali Mds. Srs. Tolas.	Bengali Mds. Srs. Tolas.	Bengali Mds. Srs. Tolas.	Bengali Mds. Srs. Tolas.	Bengali Mds. Srs. Tolas.				
Quantity required for one year's consumption.	11 20 40	7 16 0	3 19 0	0 32 40	0 23 0				
Expenditure on the same in A. D. 1843-44, according to the prices given in Table A. . .	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
	13 12 8	25 1 7	7 6 6	18 1 0	1 15 5	78 3 10	144 9 0	95 7 0	
Cost of the same quantity in A. D. 1864-65, according to the prices given in Table A. . .	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
	63 8 3	51 3 2	28 9 2	37 5 4	4 1 4	153 3 0	337 14 3		97 14 3

(Signed) W. G. PEDDER,
Survey Settlement Officer in Gojjerat.

NOTE.—The figures in this Table have been compiled from a comparison of the private accounts of several Native Officials who were in the service 20 years ago, so far as such accounts were procurable, and of estimates made independently by the same persons for articles for which they had no accounts, and may, I think, be relied on.

2. The figures in Column 6 do not represent a mere gross estimate, but the quantity of each article used and its price have been ascertained separately.

3. It will be observed that the quantity of solid farinaceous food daily consumed by each member of the family is less than lb. 14. As this quantity does not admit of much reduction, the people now economize partly by the substitution of the commoner and cheaper grains, as Bajree and Kodra, for Wheat and Rice, and partly by consuming a smaller quantity of condiments, and especially of milk, ghee, oil, and sugar. The effect upon the health of this diminution in the proportion of carbon-supplying kinds of food is worthy of notice, and may perhaps account partly for the sickness and mortality which has this year been so prevalent among Native Officials in Gojjerat.

SURVEY SETTLEMENT OFFICER'S OFFICE,
SURAT, 29th September 1865.

No. 491 of 1866.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 10.

ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1866, No. 343.
To be recorded.
(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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From
Aughton to Port of
Monday
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2/8/17 found 1/88

25th 1886. 22/10

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From 1886 to 1887, the
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in the South of the
1886/91 to 1887/88, and the
other showing the first of June
on the afternoon of a
week during 22/10

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