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Government of Madras.

Revenue Department

G. O. No. 559

Dated 29. 4. 1859.

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No. 12. Read the following.

Average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt for October 1858—Fusly 1268.

No. 355.

NAMES OF THE DISTRICTS.		1st Sort RICE.		2nd Sort RICE.		1st Sort PADDY.		2nd Sort PADDY.		CHOLM OR JONNALOO.			CUMBOO.			RAGGY.			VERAGOO.			HORSE GRAM.			OOLUNDOO.			WHEAT.			SEA SALT.					
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.					
1	Ganjam	187	197	187	179	187	74	77	96	70	73	84	99	78	138	84	88	108	88	88	102	83	71	80	93	98	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
2	Vizagapatam	219	244	262	199	226	255	91	99	109	86	93	102	106	96	129	80	102	102	84	107	106	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
3	Rajahmundry	222	207	203	204	190	184	101	94	94	88	83	99	107	106	89	80	88	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
4	Masulipatam	240	218	282	230	210	266	100	89	120	95	87	117	130	150	172	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
5	Guntur	246	218	262	225	198	253	121	116	120	114	104	125	125	125	140	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
6	Nellore	202	214	337	219	189	311	131	107	161	109	95	146	142	122	175	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
7	Cuddapah	292	275	379	266	249	331	133	123	173	121	114	153	128	148	182	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
8	Bellary	228	238	339	210	219	314	99	101	152	93	95	139	108	137	160	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
9	Kurnool	246	292	358	223	258	304	126	133	159	109	109	139	78	104	134	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
10	Chingleput	297	253	408	273	263	358	145	126	180	127	115	157	174	169	200	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
11	North Arcot	249	272	367	199	264	333	100	117	159	83	112	146	108	134	193	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
12	South Arcot	275	258	445	230	254	409	130	119	203	101	115	150	139	145	202	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
13	Tanjore	230	233	385	206	209	352	106	104	183	94	89	166	94	111	198	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
14	Trichinopoly	237	298	556	194	244	538	98	131	248	85	102	173	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
15	Madras	280	345	497	245	311	430	118	156	239	111	141	188	100	144	289	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
16	Tinnevely	331	390	549	289	316	449	150	190	242	127	138	205	161	188	285	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
17	Coimbatore	337	520	530	304	425	468	147	213	246	137	135	221	139	277	311	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
18	Salem	258	319	435	237	290	423	116	140	220	102	102	133	194	116	188	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
19	Canara	264	354	341	212	314	330	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
20	Malabar	291	379	411	200	334	352	132	163	182	107	146	163	176	...	...	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
21	Madras	310	303	404	289	287	378	135	118	167	131	111	158	200	175	152	...	...	...	100	105	100	83	63	71	80	93	104	142	141	151	266	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
31st January 1859.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 13. No. Average Bazar prices per Garce of

Names of the Districts.	Rice 1st Sort.			Rice 2nd Sort.			Paddy 1st Sort.			Paddy 2nd Sort.			Cholum or Jonnaloo.		
	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.
	Fusly	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Ganjam...	186	194	201	174	179	193	74	77	83	70	72	80	109	93	150
2 Vizagapatam...	229	244	273	207	226	241	92	99	108	87	93	101	106	96	132
3 Rajahmundry.	223	203	206	209	191	182	103	93	94	87	77	87	117	108	107
4 Masulipatam..	240	210	232	230	205	266	105	86	120	100	84	117	130	125	172
5 Guntoor...	249	210	260	237	198	254	120	103	128	117	103	127	125	110	138
6 Nellore...	253	244	335	207	220	317	126	122	161	103	110	150	133	154	175
7 Cuddapah.	289	286	384	262	255	347	131	126	167	118	116	152	127	143	177
8 Bellary...	226	250	365	206	228	338	93	107	166	87	99	147	105	128	168
9 Kurnool...	242	300	357	213	238	306	115	145	157	94	115	136	79	103	138
10 Chingleput...	299	277	397	264	257	341	160	126	178	123	115	141	152	201	186
11 North Arcot..	244	256	361	194	237	305	93	109	148	75	94	126	109	155	196
12 South Arcot..	267	269	427	223	240	392	124	121	198	95	112	175	161	137	193
13 Tanjore...	225	232	430	189	200	364	103	104	199	82	86	171	93	110	205
14 Trichinopoly..	237	291	533	194	228	562	98	127	248	85	98	173	...	139	...
15 Madura...	249	328	483	238	305	396	114	156	225	112	142	175	79	148	170
16 Tinnevely....	336	437	595	300	330	436	157	194	252	136	148	199	158	190	262
17 Coimbatore...	337	485	513	305	378	428	147	214	245	136	171	204	150	248	268
18 Salem.....	249	314	462	217	282	403	112	144	214	95	128	180	114	188	241
19 Canara.....	251	303	344	206	252	304	...	...	...	97	115	119	...	123	137
20 Malabar...	303	346	404	267	213	362	126	148	179	111	131	157	160	...	...
21 Madras...	290	299	404	282	285	378	214	114	168	103	111	151	137	140	175

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
17th February 1859.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

604. Grain and Salt for November 1858, Fusly 1268.

Cumboo.			Raggy.			Veragoo.			Horse Gram.			Oolundoo.			Wheat.			Sea Salt.		
1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.	1266.	1267.	1268.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
82	94	128	89	86	100		...	...	82	106	141	129	167	227	...	...	...	183	188	176
85	106	99	89	107	108		...	...	86	125	135	129	177	213	274	215	216	174	177	166
83	74	86	104	101	102	83	66	68	95	128	153	178	175	192	272	270	321	135	147	152
.....			105	100	133		...	...	110	210	190	220	252	257	320	335	340	150	200	182
91	95	103	90	83	102	85	76	109	94	137	126	202	201	212	239	366	325	154	139	165
118	134	152	119	133	153	100	118	102	143	207	221	280	324	351	325	382	386	160	159	156
125	137	166	121	135	170	93	96	117	152	151	241	310	388	393	281	361	309	208	237	234
109	127	159	94	130	145		...	...	145	141	126	201	286	285	353	221	242	268	288	308
80	102	134	78	95	134	53	56	75	112	128	163	250	235	246	192	260	247	193	255	228
138	165	228	154	158	187	87	82	116	214	235	310	302	381	418	...	...	409	151	153	151
111	140	172	112	132	163		...	...	174	173	247	278	363	381	347	336	343	151	152	156
111	139	189	113	133	180	87	83	91	187	240	294	322	370	469	425	452	472	157	175	164
82	95	190	83	87	175	48	68	124	172	184	291	272	279	371	362	384	427	136	136	137
100	133	252	100	125	244		...	...	152	160	337	305	291	533	337	354	492	168	200	213
91	139	193	100	134	193	68	93	147	150	177	384	300	265	436	383	372	422	153	182	188
170	181	275	146	174	240	91	98	...	226	239	396	399	369	588	...	475	555	159	164	178
120	183	204	125	182	205		193	175	168	236	319	299	305	433	342	403	420	293	325	332
96	145	198	101	154	215	70	95	146	140	189	296	261	321	413	326	333	418	216	236	250
.....			115	155	152		...	...	175	202	211	205	224	272	238	240	267	136	138	138
.....		192	157	172	173		...	...	225	245	278	274	283	341	288	240	334	170	190	212
137	144	175	138	137	170	200	224	280	152	193	294	273	289	310	...	...	...	133	133	133

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary.

Names of the Districts.	Rice 1st Sort.			Rice 2nd Sort.			Paddy 1st Sort.			Paddy 2nd Sort.			Cholum or Jonnaloo.			Cumboo.			Raggy.			Veragoo.			Horse Gram.			Oolundoo.			Wheat.			Sea Salt.											
	Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.			Rs. Rs. Rs.											
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	Fusly 1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268	1266	1267	1268						
1 Ganjam.....	188	196	212	176	180	119	74	74	91	70	73	83	109	93	128	80	111	121	88	191	106	...	...	...	83	111	148	123	193	223	...	...	...	184	182	181									
2 Vizagapatam.	229	241	259	208	225	235	93	116	106	88	109	100	95	112	127	37	109	105	89	15	112	...	...	...	90	133	128	134	189	193	252	207	209	180	180	163									
3 Rajahmundry.	220	196	208	204	184	196	95	88	96	84	72	86	109	115	106	87	77	95	102	195	100	...	...	...	89	132	159	165	169	213	264	285	279	135	151	151									
4 Masulipatam.	240	211	282	230	196	266	99	85	119	92	82	117	130	140	150	...	...	...	88	100	132	...	...	...	107	157	204	220	230	266	327	452	340	150	200	182									
5 Guntoor....	240	213	268	223	210	255	116	111	129	110	100	128	112	111	147	87	98	113	85	181	100	81	77	102	97	133	140	221	195	208	250	357	346	152	152	167									
6 Nellore....	253	244	331	207	220	311	126	122	139	103	110	150	133	154	176	119	153	166	120	54	167	92	100	125	151	161	227	335	376	397	288	362	308	208	254	224									
7 Cuddapah..	283	300	386	255	277	351	125	135	180	115	125	155	125	163	177	119	135	182	93	25	161	...	...	...	73	93	142	145	206	269	268	376	215	242	277	286	310	305							
8 Bellary....	219	264	333	200	263	351	97	119	187	89	109	177	102	136	180	110	135	182	56	75	113	128	159	250	235	248	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	193	255	229									
9 Kurnool....	242	300	362	213	238	308	115	145	157	94	115	136	79	103	131	80	102	142	78	95	131	53	90	108	196	246	321	318	381	406	...	...	...	439	147	152	153								
10 Chingleput.	273	294	389	244	271	331	130	131	172	104	121	142	144	187	207	147	127	190	156	179	185	87	96	80	187	250	281	378	368	467	465	460	476	160	168	167									
11 North Arcot.	231	286	365	200	254	338	94	122	152	80	108	145	122	175	202	125	163	180	106	167	165	87	92	92	154	184	276	292	291	492	320	457	492	160	175	239									
12 South Arcot.	235	305	398	195	288	367	14	139	183	86	130	168	156	202	180	108	169	180	100	139	267	98	136	267	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...							
13 Tanjore....	207	244	461	174	206	384	95	111	210	76	91	173	96	121	200	81	106	190	77	105	202	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...							
14 Trichinopoly.	237	305	640	194	242	610	98	132	265	85	105	198	...	...	...	100	139	267	98	136	267	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...								
15 Madura....	252	365	428	235	330	356	115	166	206	110	150	165	80	152	131	97	156	188	103	154	147	64	92	92	138	240	243	361	420	350	454	...	...	...	...	...	...								
16 Tinnevelly..	371	426	470	331	342	370	166	193	221	143	153	167	163	203	233	165	180	205	140	152	163	86	98	98	138	240	243	361	420	350	454	...	...	...	...	...	...								
17 Coimbatore..	376	508	483	313	411	395	151	195	225	141	180	184	167	244	219	120	192	162	134	201	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...							
18 Salem....	254	362	446	221	323	383	113	166	207	98	149	174	119	214	231	105	173	186	107	192	203	69	111	134	141	213	281	230	318	393	317	340	419	...	...	...	...								
19 Canara....	262	323	348	233	285	298	...	...	...	97	114	125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...							
20 Malabar....	304	329	398	262	306	357	127	145	180	112	127	162	176	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...							
21 Madras....	273	346	413	266	339	394	119	158	179	102	155	160	130	175	196	137	188	175	130	188	172	200	254	233	137	202	266	270	294	294	...	...	...	133	133	133									

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
19th March 1859.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
19th March 1859.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 559; dated 21st April 1859.

In looking over the returns of prices of Grain and Salt furnished for the months of October, November and December 1858, the Government observe wide differences in the prices set down as prevailing in adjoining Districts. For instance looking to the return for October the price of rice and paddy in Fusly 1268 in Ganjam and Vizagapatam is given as follows.

	Rice.		Paddy.	
	1st sort.	2d sort.	1st sort.	2d sort.
Ganjam.....	187	187	96	84
Vizagapatam.....	262	255	109	102
Difference.....	75	68	13	18
Per cent....	40	36	14	21

2. Again 1st sort Rice is represented to be much dearer in Chingleput than in Kurnool, though the latter is much more exclusively a dry district; and much dearer still in Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly though those two Districts contain very extensive tracts of rice cultivation.

385
556
171
Per cent. 44

The same differences appear between Chingleput and North Arcot; between North and South Arcot; and between Tanjore and Trichinopoly. In Tanjore the price of the 1st sort Rice is given at 385 while in Trichinopoly the adjoining district, it is set down at 556 Rupees per Garce or an advance of 44 per cent.

3. Similar apparent anomalies are presented in all the statements and in all descriptions of grain. The Governor in Council finds it hard to believe that the real facts exhibit such wide diversities; and he would be glad to have any explanation which the Board can offer, and would enquire how far the Board of Revenue regard the returns as reliable.

4. The Government also notice the great variations in the price of Salt from year to year, as shown in the statement, in the same localities. This is especially the case, in the October list, in Masulipatam, Cuddapah, Kurnool and Trichinopoly; the first of which is a coast District. This circumstance also deserves enquiry; the first cost is invariable viz. the Government price, and the charges for transport and other expenses to any given place, are probably very nearly the same from year to year. The very high price set down for Coimbatore, in comparison with other Districts more remote from the Coast, as for example, Salem, Kurnool, and Cuddapah, also attracts notice.

5. The discrepancies and anomalies above pointed out, seem opposed to the idea that any uniform method is followed in taking the prices for these lists, or that they can be correct in every instance. The Government resolve to request the Board to consider whether any explanation can be given of these circumstances, consistent with the idea of correctness or approximate correctness in all cases.

6. Some remarks made by Government on a former occasion on the same subject drew the Board's attention to it, and led to the production of an interesting and valuable paper of suggestions for the more correct preparation of price lists for the future. There is no doubt that if the rules there prescribed are faithfully adhered to in practice, much improvement must follow; but the anomalies in the present Returns as cursorily noticed above, shew that it is necessary to recall the attention of Collectors to the subject from time to time.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept

No 559.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 21st April 1859.

Read the following Reports from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Instead of calling for explanations and amendments can we not dispense with these Returns altogether

The collectors are overworked, and every addition made to their duties must tend to the shirring over either of their new or old work.

Will it not be sufficient if Returns of the prices of grain & salt & other produce are kept at Madras and the other principal ports - and then by concentrating our attention we may have in the prices set down them well kept.

(Here enter 31st January, 17th February & 19th March 1859. Nos 555, 604 & 951)

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	1 st sort.	2 ^d sort.	1 st sort.	2 ^d sort.
Ganjam	187.	184.	96.	84.
Vijayapatnam	262.	255.	109.	102.

Difference 75. 68.
Percent. 40. 36.

2. Again 1st sort Rice is represented to be much dearer in Chingleput than in Karnool, the latter is much more exclusively a dry district; and much dearer still in Trichinopoly and Serinvelly the two Districts contain very extensive tracts of

every class of grain. The same differences appear between Chingleput and North Arcot; between North and South Arcot; and between Tanjore and Trichinopoly. In Tanjore the price of the 1st sort Rice is given at 385 while in Trichinopoly the adjoining District, it is set down at 556 Rupees per Carce or an advance of 44 percent. Similar apparent anomalies are presented in all the statements and in all descriptions of grain. The Governor in Council

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171
Percent 44.

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Council finds it hard to believe that the real facts exhibit such wide diversities; ~~and~~ and he would be glad to have any explanation which the Board can offer, and would enquire how far the Board of Revenue regard the Returns as reliable.

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idea that any uniform method is followed in taking the prices for these lists, or that they can be correct in every instance. The Govt. resolved to request the Board to consider whether any explanation can be given of these circumstances, consistent with the idea of correctness or approximate correctness in all cases.

Some remarks made by Government on a former occasion on the same subject drew the Board's attention to it, and led to the production of an interesting and valuable paper of suggestions

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suggestions for the more correct preparation of price lists for the future. There is no doubt that if the rules there prescribed are faithfully adhered to in practice, much improvement must follow; but the anomalies in the present Returns as ~~curiously~~ ^{curiously} noticed above, shew that it is necessary to recall the attention of Collectors to the subject from time to time.

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