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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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for the month of April 1860.*

No. 83. Read the following letter From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th February 1860, No. 1,026:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 29th November 1859, No. 1,616, In Con. 30th November 1859, No. 5,970. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the Statement of prices of Grain and Report of Rain-fall for December 1859, with remarks on the state of the season and of the crops.

2. The delay in the submission of this document has been caused partly by the non-receipt of some of the Collectors' Returns in time, and partly by some of these Returns not containing the necessary remarks on the state of the season. As the printed form of the Return of Prices to be rendered by the Collectors contain a Statement of Cultivation to be filled up, some of the Collectors have stated that they cannot send it up with the Statement of Demand, Collection and Balance, as the Taluq Statements of Cultivation do not reach them in time. To remove this difficulty, the Board have instructed the Collectors to send in future the Statement of Cultivation separately, and to submit the Return of Prices and Rain Report, with remarks on the state of seasons, &c., at the same time the Statement of Demand, Collection and Balance is forwarded. The Board hope that under the instructions now issued, future Returns will be received with punctuality, and that they will be able to submit the General Statement to Government in proper time.

3. In the Proceedings already referred to, the Government desire that the Return of Prices should be for groups of Districts, the groups being arranged according to their natural distribution, and that the Statement for each group should be sent up as soon as all the Returns for those Districts have been received. The Board accordingly propose the following distribution of the Districts:—

<i>Northern.</i>	<i>Southern.</i>	<i>Centre.</i>	<i>Western.</i>
Ganjam.	Chingleput.	Cuddapah.	North Canara.
Vizagapatam.	North Arcot.	Bellary.	South Canara.
Godavery District.	South Arcot.	Kurnool.	Malabar.
Krishna District.	Tanjore.	Coimbatore.	
Nellore.	Trichinopoly.	Salem.	
	Madura.		
	Tinnevely.		
	Madras.		

4. If the Government approve of the above distribution, future Statements will be submitted for each of the four divisions separately. It, however, occurs to the Board that it will be more convenient, for all purposes of reference, if a complete Statement for all the Districts of the Presidency is sent up at once, and that the Government will then have the advantage of seeing the state of the whole Presidency in one view, instead of referring to four different Statements. Such a Return can, under the present arrangement, be submitted to Government by the 20th of the month following that to which it relates, and it will thus be before them in sufficient time for most purposes. The Board accordingly beg to recommend this plan for the consideration and orders of Government. Pending the receipt of instructions on this reference, the Statement for January also will be submitted for the whole Presidency.

5. As the Rain Report is appended to the Return of Prices in connection with the state of season, it appears to the Board that the Quarterly Report of Rain, hitherto forwarded to Government, will in future be unnecessary, and they beg to be informed if they are right in this supposition.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1860, No. 542.

Paragraph 1. The Board of Revenue submit a Statement of prices of Grain and Report of Rain fall for December 1859, and propose the distribution of the Districts into four groups, viz. Northern, Southern, Western and Centre.

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2. This arrangement is proposed in pursuance of the Order of the 29th November last; but the divisions are too few in number and do not sufficiently follow the natural division of the country and climate. The Government would, therefore, substitute the following distribution, in place of that proposed.

<i>Northern.</i>	<i>East Centre.</i>	<i>West Centre.</i>
Ganjam.	Chingleput.	Coimbatore.
Vizagapatam.	North Arcot.	Salem.
Godavery.	South Arcot.	<i>West.</i>
Krishna.		North Canara.
Nellore.		South Canara.
		Malabar.
<i>Southern.</i>	<i>Cauvery.</i>	<i>Ceded Districts.</i>
Madura.	Tanjore.	Cuddapah.
Tinnevely.	Trichinopoly.	Bellary.
		Kurnool.

3. The Government agree with the Board (paragraph 4) that it will be better to send up a complete statement of season and prices, and are gratified to find that the increased punctuality of the local Returns makes this practicable; but they are still of opinion that it will be convenient to arrange the Districts in groups and make the report on the groups, instead of on each District separately.

4. For the purposes of the Government, it is not at all necessary to send up the Price List in such detail as that now received. A few of the principal descriptions of grain as noted in the margin would suffice for comparison.

Raggy.

Horse Gram.

Sea Salt.

2nd Sort Rice.

Do. Paddy.

Cholum.

5. The great variation in the prices of adjoining Districts makes it doubtful whether the Lists are really to be depended on, whether the prices are taken in the same way in all, a point which deserves the continued attention of the Board of Revenue. It is important that one method should be followed in all Districts, and that that method should be best for obtaining correct results.

6. The remarks on the state of the season should not be crowded into a small space as in the Returns now before Government which makes them difficult and unpleasant to read; and the lines should not stretch across the whole two pages.

7. Referring to the concluding paragraph the Government agree with the Board that it will be unnecessary to send up any separate Rain Report.

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

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Which date the 3rd April 1860.

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Revenue.*

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No 26)

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Tanjore
Vijayanagara
Coimbatore
Mysore
Mellore

Southern

Madurai
Tamilnadu

East
Central

Chingleput
North Arcot
South Arcot

Bangalore

Tanjore
Mysore

West
Central

Coimbatore
Salem
West

North Canara
South Canara
Malabar

Coastal Districts

Coimbatore
Bellary
Karnool

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Do paddy
Cholam
Muggy
Horse grain
Sea salt.

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