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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 7,134.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th October 1862.

Read the following :—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 20th October 1862, No. 2,240.

Read Statement of average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garce for the month of August 1862, Fasli 1272, and submitted by the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1862, No. 2,240.

1. Resolved that this Return with the exception of that part which relates to Cotton and Indigo, be published in the Gazette as usual.
2. The columns showing the price of these articles exhibit such an extraordinary variation in the different Districts as to lead to the belief that they are altogether untrustworthy. A Maund of Cotton sold in Godavery, South Arcot and Trichinopoly, at rates varying between 44 and 35 Rupees, is stated to be sold in Ganjam, Bellary, North Arcot, Madura and Salem, at from 3 to 10 Rupees. And similarly, the Candy, which fetches 200 Rupees in Tinnevely, and 240 in Cuddapah, is alleged to be procurable in Vizagapatam for 24 Rupees, in Madras for 40 or 45 Rupees, and in Tanjore for 32 Rupees. It is not stated, except in the case of Coimbatore, whether the prices given are for clean or uncleaned Cotton.
3. Again, in the case of Indigo, a Maund, worth in other Districts from 40 to 65 Rupees, may be purchased in Tanjore and Trichinopoly for Rupees 1-7-0 and 3-6-4 respectively, and the price of a Candy falls from 1,503 in Kurnool to 23 in South Arcot.
4. The Board of Revenue will be requested to explain these serious differences, and to revise the Return under notice. It is observed that columns 6 and 12 are erroneously headed "Acres" instead of Rupees.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary.

1. Resolved that the above Proceedings be circulated to all Collectors, with instructions to institute careful personal inquiries, and also by means of their Deputy Collectors, as to the ruling prices of Cotton and Indigo in the principal marts of their Districts, and to submit a special Statement with brief explanatory remarks at the close of the current month.
2. The attention of the Board had already been drawn to the subject, and Circular Orders have been issued to Collectors to use proper means to ensure uniformity of system in the Returns. The excessive variation that is apparent induces the belief that some of the Price lists referred to clean Cotton, and others to seed Cotton, but at the same time the Board are disposed to believe that very great actual variations do exist, and that in parts of the country, where the cultivation of these special products or trade in them is of very limited extent, the price is merely nominal, there being little or nothing to sell, and few are no buyers.
3. Again, in the case of Indigo, the difference between the "dry leaf" and the ordinary cake Indigo must be borne in mind, which will materially affect the differences noticed by Government in paragraph 3.
4. There is however little doubt that more trustworthy Returns may be furnished, than those generally submitted; and the Board trust that the best attention of the Collectors will be given to this important matter.
5. Care must be taken to state the weight in pounds of the Maund or Candy on which the price is calculated, and also to distinguish the quality of the article, whether cleaned or seed Cotton, whether "dry leaf" or cake Indigo.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary.

(True Copy.)

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No. 3249.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
To All Collector, &c.

Dated 28th October 1869.

Received

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Circulating Proceedings of Government pointing out discrepancies in the prices of Cotton and Indigo as entered in the Statement of average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt for August 1862, and instructing the Collectors to submit a special Statement with remarks at the close of the current month.

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