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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*1st September* 1865.

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue :—

Average Bazaar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garce, and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency for the month of July 1865, Fusly 1275. } (Here enter 29th August 1865.)

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1865, No. 2,060.

**Miscellaneous.**

1. The Board must endeavour to expedite the submission of this Return.

2. The publication of a Season and Price Report nearly a month after the close of the period to which it refers, is comparatively useless, and there seems no good reason why the Board should not be in possession of all the District reports by 10th of each month at latest.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.

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seed Crops has been cut. In Berhampur, Dalm

Average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garce and rain reports of all the Districts of Madras Presidency for the month of July 1865 Fasli 1275.

| Districts | | Prices of Grain and Sea Salt. | | | | | | | | | | Rain Fall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2d Sort Rice | | 2d Sort Paddy | | Cholum | | Raggy | | Horse Gram | | Sea Salt | | | | |
| | | Fasli 1274 | 1275 | 1274 | 1275 | 1274 | 1275 | 1274 | 1275 | 1274 | 1275 | 1274 | 1275 | Western Section | Eastern Section | Eastern Section | Western Section | Average |
| | | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Inches | Inches | Inches | Inches | Inches |
| Northern Section | Ganjam | 210 | 344 | 82 | 140 | 135 | 279 | 102 | 197 | 115 | 178 | 285 | 241 | 3.80 | 3.10 | 2.90 | 5.40 | 3.80 |
| | Vizagapatam | 284 | 459 | 102 | 208 | 156 | 238 | 127 | 264 | 124 | 227 | 249 | 251 | 4.70 | 3.00 | 1.40 | 6.50 | 3.90 |
| | Godavery | 286 | 311 | 134 | 148 | 169 | 183 | 152 | 171 | 165 | 187 | 222 | 235 | 5.05 | 2.51 | 2.37 | 3.70 | 3.41 |
| | Kistna | 432 | 392 | 197 | 178 | 268 | 259 | 203 | 176 | 247 | 276 | 279 | 279 | 2.20 | 1.55 | 0.93 | 2.79 | 1.87 |
| | Nellore | 388 | 360 | 165 | 166 | 219 | 190 | 185 | 169 | 221 | 217 | 232 | 234 | 1.09 | 1.00 | 0.24 | 1.00 | 1.25 |
| Ceded Districts | Cuddapah | 480 | 476 | 225 | 229 | 317 | 254 | 271 | 239 | 328 | 245 | 358 | 303 | 1.40 | 3.25 | 3.15 | 4.00 | 2.95 |
| | Bellary | 620 | 451 | 264 | 198 | 381 | 268 | 320 | 242 | 401 | 330 | 555 | 472 | 2.10 | 4.55 | 4.00 | 2.15 | 3.40 |
| | Kurnool | 542 | 498 | 252 | 225 | 382 | 258 | 334 | 253 | 372 | 300 | 380 | 358 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 1.20 | 2.70 | 2.30 |
| Coast Districts | Madras | 359 | 370 | 101 | 163 | 210 | 215 | 208 | 209 | 302 | 271 | 220 | 236 | 4.40 | 2.58 | 1.02 | 3.65 | 2.91 |
| | N. Arcot | 388 | 356 | 172 | 163 | 233 | 219 | 193 | 195 | 288 | 211 | 235 | 227 | 2.80 | 3.20 | 1.70 | 1.60 | 2.32 |
| | S. Arcot | 350 | 348 | 149 | 185 | 172 | 224 | 167 | 186 | 217 | 208 | 265 | 269 | 9.05 | 4.20 | 1.20 | 3.45 | 4.47 |
| Carnatic | Tanjore | 336 | 388 | 151 | 183 | 169 | 252 | 155 | 191 | 260 | 223 | 220 | 212 | 4.20 | 2.60 | 1.10 | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| | Trichinopoly | 368 | 419 | 166 | 199 | 188 | 206 | 178 | 190 | 203 | 199 | 271 | 282 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 6.10 | 5.50 | 5.65 |
| Southern Section | Madura | 423 | 519 | 196 | 283 | 215 | 271 | 209 | 258 | 191 | 195 | 247 | 238 | 6.30 | 4.23 | 1.96 | 0.79 | 3.32 |
| | Tinnevelly | 465 | 503 | 218 | 272 | 297 | 367 | 257 | 329 | 254 | 311 | 283 | 280 | 1.65 | - | 1.38 | 4.14 | 1.79 |
| Western Districts | Coimbatore | 441 | 473 | 213 | 220 | 266 | 251 | 197 | 216 | 250 | 226 | 346 | 308 | 2.95 | 2.62 | 3.91 | 6.12 | 2.90 |
| | Salem | 377 | 396 | 176 | 183 | 173 | 206 | 151 | 172 | 188 | 188 | 270 | 262 | 6.60 | 0.20 | 6.50 | 3.00 | 5.60 |
| West | South Canara | 474 | 381 | 208 | 162 | - | - | 295 | 276 | 300 | 341 | 213 | 232 | 27.60 | 37.70 | 47.70 | 27.00 | 35.00 |
| | Malabar | 450 | 465 | 215 | 219 | - | - | 260 | 267 | 296 | 325 | 290 | 295 | 62.50 | 80.50 | 62.50 | 23.90 | 9.71 |

Remarks on the Season.

Northern Section. Light showers fell in these Districts. In the Berhampur Taluq of Ganjam good drinking water was becoming very scarce. In Chicacole the early Paddy, Ragi & Gungelly seed crops had been sown. In Berhampur,

Dalva

Salva Paddy had been reaped. In Gumsur Paddy was being transplanted. The Paddy and Ragi beds were suffering from want of water in several parts of the District; but the Paddy, Ragi, Gingelly seed, Sugar-cane Rd and Black Gram Crops were in pretty good condition notwithstanding the unfavorable nature of the season during the past months. The foreign Cotton plants in Gumsur were sickly; but the indigenous plants were in flower and pod, and in good condition.

In Vizagapatam, the want of rain was generally felt throughout the district and the quantity that fell during the months was insufficient for the cultivation which had already been commenced.

In the Delta Talugs of the Godavery District transplantation was progressing under the Ancient Channels, and the plants were generally thriving. The early dry crops were not doing well: and in places the seed had not germinated from want of moisture. The crops in the Island Talugs were however thriving.

From want of rain in the Kistna District cultivation had been much impeded. and the early crops of Jonna, Great millet &c had withered to some extent. In the Delta Talugs however wet cultivation had progressed under the influence of Channel irrigation, though the supply of water was not equal to the demand.

In Nellore the Pennar principally had received a small supply of water. The cultivation of wet, dry and Garden Crops had commenced in parts and preparations were being made in other localities for wet cultivation

Sugja

Jonna, Indigo and Cotton had been sown in the Sub Division; but the Crops were withered from want of rain which had also impeded their dry cultivation. Cotton and Indigo had been cultivated to a small extent in some of the Talugs, and the Crops in Nellore were reported to be doing well.

Prices had risen in Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Nellore. In the Godavery and Kistna Districts they had not fluctuated much. Cholera and small-Pox were still prevalent in these Districts. The mortality from the former disease was very great in the Berhampore and Hemedy Talugs of Ganjam. Cattle had suffered from disease in some parts of the Districts, except in Vizagapatam.

Rain fell in these Districts.

Ceded Districts.

In Cuddapah agricultural operations were in progress in all parts of the District. Sowing principally of dry grain had been commenced in several localities. In parts of the Southern section Cotton had also been sown in dry lands. The Indigo crops were in excellent condition in one Taluq.

The fall of rain in Kurnool was beneficial to the dry crops, already raised, and had also been the means of extending the cultivation during the months.

There had been no material fluctuations in the prices of grain in these Districts. Cholera, small pox and Cattle disease prevailed in parts of Cuddapah. Cholera had made its appearance all over the District of Kurnool but it was not of a virulent type.

East Centre.

Rain fell in these Districts and the Crops in parts of North and South Arcot had

had received small supplies of water.

In North Arcot wet and dry cultivation had been carried on to a fair extent and large tracts of land were also prepared for further cultivation. The crops were generally healthy except in two talugs where they had suffered from insects and want of water. The Gingelly seed, Cumma and Paddy crops had been harvested in parts to a limited extent.

Heavy freshes had come down all the principal rivers of South Arcot. The cultivation of Kambu, Ragi, Oil seed & crops was progressing in part. In some localities the Sugar cane and Indigo plants had been injured from the want of timely rain. The Kambu, Ragi, Cow and Gingelly seed crops had been harvested, and Indigo was being cut.

Prices had slightly risen in Madras and South Arcot. In North Arcot they were stationary. Fever and Ague appears in one Taluq of the last named District and Cholera in two talugs of Madras. Cattle had suffered from disease in part of all these Districts.

Cavery. There was a good fall of rain in these districts and the rivers had received heavy freshes.

In Tanjore, Wet and dry cultivation

Southern

cultivation was being actively carried on.

In Trichinopoly Cair cultivation was progressing in wet lands. Seed bed had been sown for Peshanam cultivation. The Ragi and other dry crops were doing well in parts. Indigo had been cultivated to a small extent.

Prices were stationary and the districts generally healthy.

Scanty showers fell in these districts; but freshes came down the rivers and the tanks fed by them had received small supplies of water.

In Madura the Verago Ragi and Gingelly seed Crops were being sown in parts. In other localities transplanting was in progress. Ragi Kambu & Cholam had been cultivated in Garden lands. The early crops of Gingelly, Ragi, Paddy, Sugar cane &c were being harvested in parts. The Cotton Pods were bursting in the Dindigul Taluq.

In Tinnevelly the fall of rain was confined principally to the Hills. Dry and wet lands were being prepared for cultivation. The standing crops were generally in good condition, except in one Taluq where the Nunjah crops had perished from drought. Kambu Cholam

had

and been harvested in part.

Prices continued high in Madura. In Tinnevelly they had fallen little owing to the importation of rice from other districts. Cholera had appeared in one Taluq of Madura. Fever, Cholera and Small pox were prevalent in parts of Tinnevelly, where there was also some mortality among cattle from disease and want of pasture.

West Centre. Rain fell in these Districts.

In Coimbatore the cultivation of Cholam, Kambu, Oil seed and Cotton had commenced. The early dry crops of Cholam and Ragi seed had been harvested in parts. Wet cultivation was being carried on in several localities. The Sugar cane and Betel crops were in good condition.

In Salem a few of the tanks had received from 20 days to 2 months supply of water and the crops that were drooping in the previous months were looking well. Wet and dry cultivation had been carried on in parts. The Crops under tanks and river channels were in good condition. Cholam, Kambu and Paddy were being harvested in some localities. Cotton had been cultivated in two taluqs, but the plants were not thriving. Those of last year were however in second bearing and doing well.

Prices of some grains had risen in these Districts since the previous month. Ague and dysentery prevailed in one Taluq of Salem. Small pox was disappearing but cattle murrain had appeared in parts. Cholera and fever were still prevalent in some localities of Coimbatore.

West. There was a good fall of rain in these Districts.

In South Canara, the Hetravalley river was in full flood in the early part of the month, and had caused some damage to cultivation and to buildings along its banks.

In Malabar, the harvesting of the Car, and the preparation for the sowing of the Magaram crops had been commenced with. Slight damage had however occurred to the former from excess of rain.

Prices had risen in South Canara. In Malabar they were stationary. Fever, Small pox and Cholera were prevalent in the Cazeergode Taluq of South Canara, and 258 persons were reported to have died from the latter disease which also prevailed throughout

and the District of Madura.

The following is the Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation with the market prices for July 1865.

| Districts | Cotton Fasli 1274 Extent | Cotton Fasli 1274 Amount | Cotton Fasli 1275 Extent | Cotton Fasli 1275 Amount | Cotton Market rate per candy of 500 lbs | Indigo Fasli 1274 Extent | Indigo Fasli 1274 Amount | Indigo Fasli 1275 Extent | Indigo Fasli 1275 Amount | Indigo Market rate per maund of 25 lbs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | Acres | Rs | Acres | Rs | Rs | Acres | Rs | Acres | Rs | Rs |
| 1 Cayam | 5510 | 10720 | 6122 | 11257 | Rs 100 | - | - | 8 | 7 | 40 |
| 2 Nagapatam | 3646 | 5363 | 2377 | 3058 | " 118 | - | - | 24 | 78 | 39 |
| 3 Godamy | 502 | 1496 | 490 | 361 | " 135 | 61 | 125 | - | - | 35 |
| 4 Kistna | 4616 | 3496 | 433 | 328 | " 110 | 3825 | 7345 | 21 | 18 | 45 |
| 5 Nellore | 2087 | 3858 | 53 | 65 | " 130 | 2166 | 6206 | 2096 | 9109 | 48 |
| 6 Vendapilly & Palacole | 4540 | 1637 | 4769 | 1668 | " 240 | 2268 | 16209 | 3341 | 20305 | 55670 |
| 7 Bellary | 1809 | 888 | 1115 | 422 | " 121 | 53 | 53 | 101 | 379 | 66 |
| 8 Hunnoor | 1396 | 1140 | 201 | 176 | " 125 | 1435 | 3723 | 1054 | 6946 | 61 |
| 9 Madras | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | " 160 | 767 | 2596 | 212 | 382 | 50 |
| 10 North Arcot | 276 | 609 | 253 | 670 | " 143 | 1106 | 2178 | 1035 | 2086 | 52 |
| 11 South Arcot | 1150 | 2569 | 3458 | 8013 | " 105 | 22255 | 46237 | 34636 | 72120 | 31 |
| 12 Tanjore | 26 | 40 | 93 | 106 | " 158 | 10 | 22 | 6 | 6 | 10 |
| 13 Trichinopoly | - | - | 26 | 29 | " 150 | 48 | 125 | 46 | 66 | 18 |
| 14 Madura | 6033 | 8107 | 8392 | 10281 | " 84 | 2 | 5 | - | - | 37 |
| 15 Tinnevelly | 4083 | 389 | 670 | 495 | " 155 | 41 | 23 | 12 | 23 | 37 |
| 16 Coimbatore | 11534 | 9734 | 3658 | 3044 | " 117 | - | - | - | - | 23 |
| 17 Salem | 9970 | 16300 | 9355 | x | " 166 | 205 | 514 | 202 | x | 36 |
| Total | 55707 | 65937 | 40426 | 39920 | | 34282 | 84344 | 43307 | 111505 | |

These Columns were blank in the District return and the Collector has been requested to explain the omission

Madras
Rev. & Jud. Office
29 August 1865

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Asst. Secretary

To W. Huddleston Esq
Acting Secretary to Govt
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The Ag Secretary to the
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