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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd August 1866.

No. 69. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1866, No. 5,145 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 18th July 1866, No. 130.

* Envelope marked "Emergent."

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter* of the 14th instant, received this day, calling for information as to what quantity of food grains is supposed to be now available in this District for the consumption of the population, &c., &c.

2. I have not thought it necessary or desirable to institute, on this occasion, any inquiries as to the stock of rice, (the almost universal staple of this District,) held by individual merchants or dealers ; such inquiries, however cautiously and carefully made, would, I am satisfied, cause much distrust and suspicion ; but from information which I have obtained, in the course of my late tour in all parts of the District, I can, with confidence, assure the Board, that, notwithstanding the deficiency in the Kolke crop, and the large exports of rice to Goa and other northern ports last year, there is grain in the country sufficient to meet all ordinary and local requirements till the end of October, or till the crop now growing is harvested.

3. Prices are, however, remarkably high and still exhibit an upward tendency, and there can be no doubt that, though there is ostensibly no actual want of the means of subsistence, *numbers* of the poorer classes are unable to obtain more than one meal per diem.

4. While, therefore, there is no great deficiency of stock in the ordinary quantity of food grains stored in the District, there is certainly no surplus available to supply the deficiencies of other Districts, and this District cannot, therefore, be looked to for this purpose. So long as the ports remain closed, and there is no demand for grain above the ghauts, I think there need be no cause for any apprehension of any severe local distress.

5. I shall, however, not fail to keep the Board duly informed of the state of the season, and of the markets generally : up to this date the monsoon has been an abundant one, and appearances do not indicate any change in the state of the weather : the prospects of the coming harvest are, therefore, good.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector should avail himself to the fullest extent of the means afforded by his Local Fund for giving employment to the poorer classes, who are out of work.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1866, No. 1,946.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

General Department
No 1951

Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police
Madras 26th November 1861.

From

H. Robinson Esqre
Inspector General of Police

To

A. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I venture to solicit the attention of Government to the imperfect legislative provision for the guidance of the Police in respect to their duties under the Salt Laws, and the absence of provision enabling any grade of Police Officers to arrest persons transgressing the Laws, in search houses in which there is reasonable ground to believe that illicit salt is concealed, or otherwise effectively to carry out their duty as preventive Officers. The Laws themselves are in a scattered and fragmentary state.

With reference to the present consolidation of the Laws relating to several branches of Revenue – Abkary, Customs, Rent &c – I would venture to suggest that it might be advisable to consolidate the Salt Laws under one Comprehensive Act, and to revise and simplify the procedure under them both in respect to Departmental administration and Magisterial and Police procedure.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

H. Robinson

Inspector General of Police

No. 5,145.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ the Secretary to the Famine Fund Committee.
„ the Collector of South Canara.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 2268.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 26th July 1866.

No. 5,145.

Submitting for information letter from Collector of South Canara reporting on quantity of food grains available for consumption.

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