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No. 74. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1866, No. 5,150:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, Tritrapundi Talook, 21st July 1866, No. 184.

1. In reply to your letter, dated 14th instant, I have the honor to furnish information regarding the quantity of food supposed to be available for home consumption in this District until November, when the Kadapukar crop comes into the market, and is the first supplement we shall have to existing supplies of food-grains. I may mention that the Tanjore Kullum is equal to twenty-four Madras Measures, and in weight a little less than one Bengal Maund.

Supply.	Kullums.	Demand. *Population and requirements.*	Kullums.
Estimated quantity available, after deducting probable consumption and exports up to 1st proximo... ...	50,00,000	11,04,625 adults, each requiring one Kullum per mensem	11,04,625
	41,35,191	5,47,545 minors, each requiring half Kullum per mensem	2,73,772
Surplus...	8,64,809		
		Thus total requirements in grain per mensem for the above two classes of consumers	13,78,397
		Total requirements for three months up to time of subsidies by Kadapukar crop...	41,35,191
		i. e., from 1st August to the 1st November.	

Such is the statistical estimate; but, practically, it is really fallacious, as a very large proportion of the population, under prices now ruling, are not sufficiently well off to procure full meals, or indeed as much food as is necessary to keep them up to the fair standard of health and strength. Again, many live on roots and various kinds of vegetable nourishment, being now unable to procure anything better owing to failure of rains, and living in dry upland localities. Thus, when we consider the diminution owing to reduced daily meals, and the other causes above enumerated, we may deduct, say, one-fourth, from the estimated requirements of the District, which would leave a margin as follows:—

	Kullums.		Kullums.
Estimated balance in hand...	50,00,000	Estimated consumption after deduction of one-fourth as above...	31,01,393
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Estimated balance available over actual requirements for local consumption ...	18,98,607		

2. It must, however, be remembered that this balance, to the credit of the province, is being rapidly indented upon; we are supplying Madura, Puducottah, parts of Trichinopoly, and even Tinnevelly, not to mention exports by sea; so that our surplus resources are not likely long to stand this drain upon them.

3. I may conclude by remarking that, although the proceeds of the Kadapukar crop may be looked for in the market early in November, still this only forms about one-fifth of the whole wet land produce of the District; and although the season has been far from favorable for this crop, and most unfavorable for dry grains, yet we may reasonably expect that the latter will eventually sufficiently subsidize the former, to enable us to satisfactorily tide over the interval from November until February, when the Samba Peshanam crop, the main staple of the District, comes to be harvested. The localities in which grains are supposed to be stored are mainly within the Talooks of Combaconum and Nannilam, as well as in parts of Tanjore, Mannargudi, and Negapatam.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. Copy to the Famine Fund Committee.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1866, No. 1,948.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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Dated 26th July 1866.
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No. 5,150.

Submitting for information and communicating to Famine Fund Committee report of Collector of Tanjore of quantity of food grains available for consumption. R. 1948

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Mon 3 Augt 1866