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No. 130. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1866, No. 5,220A.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1866, No. 227:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, calling for information as to the quantity of food-grain supposed to be available in this District for the consumption of the population.

2. On consulting the merchants and leading Ryots of Nellore, I have been informed that, in the Principal Division, we have available for sale 6,417 Madras Garces of different kinds of rice in the husk, and 4,107 Madras Garces of Jonna and other dry grains. In the Sub-Division, the quantities are respectively 537 Garces of rice in the husk, and 5,413 Garces of Jonna, &c., whilst in the Zemindary tracts of Venkatagiri, Pamuru, and Chundi, the quantities are as noted marginally, making a total quantity available for sale in the District at present as follows:—

	Madras Garces.
Rice in the husk	2,683
Jonna and other dry grains ...	6,510
	9,193

	Madras Garces.
Rice in the husk	9,637
Jonna and other dry grains ...	16,030
Total ...	25,667

3. The quantity stored for consumption is estimated at two years' supply, and assuming that three-fourths of our population live on Jonna, which is the staple article of food among the poorer classes, and the remaining one-fourth on rice, the storage may be roughly given at—

	Madras Garces.		
	Rice in the husk.	Jonna, &c., dry grains.	Total.
Principal Division	21,672	40,635	62,307
Sub-Division	13,860	25,987	39,847
Venkatagiri, &c., Zemindaries	19,908	37,328	57,236
	55,440	1,03,950	1,59,390

4. The above figures are only on estimate, and if we have no rain for the next three or four months, I believe, as far as local wants are concerned, there is no apprehension; but the demand from the westward is very great and daily increasing, so that I cannot say how long our stores are likely to last, or how soon they may be exhausted.

5. Prices are excessive, and Jonna is selling at 60 Rupees the Putti,* which is close on three shillings the bushel, would we compare Indian with English prices.

* Rupees 257 the Madras Garce.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th August 1866.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1866, No. 1,976.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Secretary to the Famine Relief Committee.

to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 30th July 1866.

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No. 5,229A.

Submitting for information letter from Collector of Nellore reporting on quantity of food-grain available for consumption.

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In reply to Letter dated 21st Read 2nd Aug.

No. 1304/31

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