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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1866.*

No. 415. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting, for information, letter from Collector
of North Arcot stating the quantity of food } (Here enter 9th August 1866, No. 5,495.)
grain available.

No. 416. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1866, No. 2,105.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,495.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th August 1866.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 4th August 1866, No. 217:—

1. I have the honor, with reference to the Circular letter noted in the margin, to submit a

Dated 14th July 1866.

Tabular Statement in which is abstracted the information called for, as received from the

several Taluks and Divisions of the District. I do not claim for these statistics implicit acceptance, but the officers who have had to compile them were pressed to make them as reliable as possible.

2. The Tahsildar of Wandawash, I observe, mentions a difficulty in such inquiries, to which I have already adverted in my letter of the 17th ultimo, No. 193.

3. It may be safely assumed that these Taluk Returns do not err in representing matters as brighter than they are, and in some cases the necessities are probably over-stated. I have been watching the crisis closely and anxiously, and believe that along the western and southern (which are the more distressed) parts of the District, there is yet a stock in hand of food-grains sufficient for six weeks' local consumption; that in the central parts the supply may meet the demand for the next three months; and that in the northern and eastern regions the stock in hand will suffice for from four to six months' local consumption.

4. The grain dealers have on the whole behaved well during the crisis, but there is of course no saying how long they may, with railway facilities at command, be proof against the temptation of rising markets in the adjoining Districts. Meanwhile all grain transactions are exceedingly timed, and as may be inferred from the return for Vellore town and suburbs and elsewhere, the merchants only bring in from the country such supplies as will meet current consumption. There have been no grain riots, but the general distress naturally creates a sense of insecurity in the minds of those who have the control of the markets.

5. We have had a week of showery weather, which has given to the prices of a few of the coarser grains a downward tendency; but there is no water yet in the tanks, and the prospects of the season are still gloomy and uncertain.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the supply of food-grains in stock and the localities wherein it is stored in the District of North Arcot, 1866.

Name of Taluk.	Population.	STOCK IN HAND OF FOOD-GRAINS.		Place where stored.	VALUE OF FOOD-GRAINS SOLD DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS.		Number of months supply available to meet the local demand.	Remarks.
		For private use.	For sale.		For private use.	For sale.		
Palmanair	50,983	Garces. 85	Garces. 25	In the Ryots' houses.	Rs. 30,720	Rs.	The stock in hand (25 garces) will suffice for a month's local consumption. The stock in hand enough on average for two months.	The eighty-five garces of food-grains reserved for private use will be enough for six months' consumption for Ryots and their servants. Fairs are held in six villages of the Taluk; paddy brought from adjoining villages in Chittoor, Gudiatnam, and Vellore Taluks, and from Mysore territory. This is reserved both for private use and retail sale and is in many hands. No Ryot has more than three and three-fourths garces, worth 600 Rupees. Arcot is the only town in this Taluk. Fifty bundles of paddy worth Rupees 1,000 are brought for daily sale every day from neighbouring villages, and from Wandawash, &c.; one-fifth of this is available for local consumption, and the rest is exported by rail. It is not customary with merchants to have paddy stored in their shops. The merchants in the Western Districts export paddy by contract, paying in advance. 15,000 Rupees worth of paddy exported every month to a source of distress to the needier classes. 10,000 Rupees worth of paddy available for local consumption. Some have only one meal a day, and some one every two days; others subsist on cooked tamarind seeds, alone, &c. Five fairs in this division. Paddy, &c., brought from Mysore territory, Tripotere, Vanimbady, &c., with these imports, supply insufficient.
Chittoor	1,82,471	341	...	Do.	60,000	90,000	The stock in hand sufficient for two months.	No towns of any importance in this Taluk. Those who have any stock in hand hold on for a rise in prices. Present inquiries have given rise to great misgivings as to the object of Government in making them. Paddy exported to Vellore, Conjeevaram, &c.
Cangoondy	47,856	106½	136½	Do. also under ground in fields.	12,000		The quantity in hand enough for one and half months.	
Wandawash	1,17,643	225	...	In houses....	18,000		The stock in hand sufficient for two or three months.	

Chendragberry	90,812	57½	120½	Do.	2,400	3,500	The stock in hand sufficient if not paddy every month; 100 Rupees worth for local consumption, for seven months' consumption. No dry grain in stock. The stock in hand sufficient for two and half months. The stock in hand sufficient for six months. The stock in hand enough for four or five days.	Paddy exported largely to other parts.
Tripathy	...	600	97	Do.	10,660	5,830		Nearly fifty bundles of paddy worth 1,500 Rupees come daily. Insufficient for towns-people alone. If these imports stop for a day or two, consumers in great difficulty. No exports laterally to other parts.
Tritany	1,22,910	550	...	Do. also under grounds in fields.	1,030			It may be assumed that a great part of this will be exported to Western Districts. The imports of paddy from the Carveynagur Zemindary afford relief to a portion of this Taluk. Large exports by rail. Nearly 25,000 Rupees worth of paddy probably in stock in Veeramboothoor, and twenty other villages adjacent to Sholingur.
Vellore Town and eighteen villages attached to it.	...	28½	22½	Do. also in Mundy shops, godowns, &c.	2,16,000	4,32,000		
Wallajah	1,79,830	281½	281½	In houses.	2,04,000	2,40,000		
Polur	86,336	25½	55½	In houses and shops.	7,500	9,060	The 55½ garces in hand enough for one month. The stock in hand sufficient for two months.	
Vellore Taluk.	4,42,259	281½	375	In houses.		69,000	The stock in hand enough for nearly four months. The quantity in hand (1,583½ garces) sufficient for one and a half months.	Exports active; the needier classes subsist upon cooked tamarind seeds and "Boddi" leaves.
Gudiatnam	1,24,240	31½	145½	Do.	69,000	30,000		If orders be passed interdicting export, and directing that paddy in stock be brought to market, the condition of the needier classes would be ameliorated.
Narrainavanam.	1,10,762	864½	1,583½	Do.	82,500	...		No person has any stock in hand. Small quantities are purchased for private use and retail sale.
Punganur	1,00,799		...	...				

Statement showing the supplies of food grains, &c.—(Concluded.)

Name of Taluk.	Popula- tion.	Stock in hand of food-grains.		Place where stored.	Value of food- grains sold dur- ing the past six months.		Number of months supply available to meet the local demand.	Remarks.
		For pri- vate use.	For sale.		For pre- sent use.	For sale.		
Ami...	69,151	Garce. 29½	Garce. 83½	In houses and granaries.	Rs. 1,14,000	Rs. 54,000	The stock in hand sufficient for three months.	
Maderpakum ...	51,303	14½	220½	In houses.	14,196	3,756	The stock in hand sufficient for four months.	
Total...	16,03,526	4,558½	3,146½		9,04,006	10,30,086	40½ months.	
Average...	94,325	268	185		53,177	63,570	2½ months.	

PALMANAR,
4th August 1866.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
 2. Copy to the Relief Committee.
- (True Copies and Extract.)

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Secretary to the Famine Relief Fund Committee.
" to the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Secretary.

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tor of North Aroostook stating the quantity of food
grain available.

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