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

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Secretary to the Famine Relief Fund Committee.
" to the Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th October 1866.

No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1866, No. 6,776.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 10th September 1866, No. 311:—

1. I have the honor to state that, on receipt of your letter dated 14th July, orders were issued to the Tahsildars to report the quantities of food stored in their respective Talooks as nearly as possible. Answers have now been received from most of them; but they have evidently misunderstood the questions put to them, and the information given is valueless.

2. For instance, one Tahsildar reports the Stores in his Talook at 6,000 candies, food for a probable population of one lac of human beings for about two months; and this is the highest figure given. The Tahsildar of the adjoining Talook, inferior in wealth, but scarcely so in population, at 23 candies, or about one-fourth of a day's meal to the entire population.

3. I have sent for further information, and will report the result; in the meantime, however, I may remark that there was a fair crop both in the Delta and Inland Talooks, but that the demands for export on all sides, both by sea and land, have been unceasing. Many Tahsildars have reported that, in consequence, the bazaars are now ill-supplied with grain, and have expressed fears that, unless the export be checked, scarcity would ensue.

4. The high prices have no doubt tempted many to dispose of their stores; but the majority of the Ryots would, I am inclined to believe, retain sufficient for their own use at all events until the next harvest. At present the market at Masulipatam is scantily supplied with rice, but tolerable stores of Cholum are from time to time received from inland by the canal; and there have been no complaints of actual scarcity anywhere.

5. So far as it is possible to form a judgment, I see no reason to fear, if the present season continues favorable, any real want of food in the District before the gathering of the next harvest in January next.

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No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1866, No. 2,694.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Dated 21st September 1866.
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Submitting for information of Government and communicating to Famine Relief Committee letter from Collector of Kistna district replying to Board's enquiry as to quantity of food-grains available.

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Read Letter from Collr Kistna

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