Average Bazaar prices of Grain and Salt, per Madras Garce, and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency for the month of February 1868, *Fusly* 1277.

Districts.		Prices of Grain and Sea Salt.												Rain-fall.				
		2nd Sort Rice.		2nd Sort Paddy.		Cholum.		Raggy.		Horse Gram.		Sea Salt.		Northern Section.	Southern do.	Eastern do.	Western do.	Average.
		Fusly 1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.					
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.
Northern Section.	Ganjam	315	185	124	72	225	109	204	103	234	108	272	242	0.90	"	0.90	0.30	0.50
	Vizagapatam	242	182	102	73	175	183	162	97	181	110	331	270	"	"	"	"	"
	Godavery	293	176	128	78	167	100	154	90	218	103	236	237	"	"	"	"	"
	Kistna	414	284	192	126	240	171	191	146	270	183	261	263	"	"	"	"	"
	Nellore	434	392	208	184	288	246	256	203	395	251	243	252	"	"	"	"	"
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah	650	496	284	236	323	272	318	270	310	248	344	325	"	"	"	"	"
	Bellary	672	413	307	231	331	186	310	168	334	239	456	413	"	"	"	"	"
	Kurnool	532	411	265	192	247	191	241	187	282	202	327	320	"	"	"	"	"
East Centre.	Madras	389	438	163	204	322	233	312	257	291	270	266	267	-	-	-	-	-
	North Arcot	406	405	187	179	320	297	311	261	277	237	242	240	-	-	-	-	-
	South Arcot	352	386	138	177	318	210	278	222	291	239	236	172	"	"	"	0.55	0.55
Cauvery.	Tanjore	382	357	165	164	327	226	203	176	322	245	242	247	0.05	-	-	-	0.01
	Trichinopoly	423	420	194	199	171	172	225	207	292	278	299	298	"	"	1.05	"	0.25
Southern Section.	Madura	493	442	223	217	237	208	212	168	281	257	292	265	0.99	0.65	0.82	-	0.81
	Tinnevelly	525	433	232	200	326	"	219	163	359	279	277	274	1.28	0.70	0.90	0.20	1.28
West Centre.	Coimbatore	511	459	227	224	319	254	248	236	220	290	254	257	"	"	0.26	"	0.06
	Salem	473	435	218	177	317	276	293	257	248	253	299	305	"	"	0.28	0.60	0.22
West	South Canara	392	320	162	121	"	"	296	231	295	212	252	232	"	"	"	"	"
	Malabar	481	378	217	179	"	"	317	270	324	320	302	290	"	"	"	"	"

REMARKS ON THE SEASON.

Northern Section

No Rain fell in these Districts

except in parts of Ganjam

In the Ceded Districts some of

the standing crops, such as Cotton Gram

Jowary & Paddy are in good Condi

In Vizagapatam Cotton Indigo and Sugar-Cane had been cultivated in one of the Talugs and the standing crops were generally doing well.

In the Godavery District Summer Paddy cultivation was progressing in two of the Talugs. Gingely had been sown and Cotton was approaching maturity. Tobacco and Chillies had been put and had yielded a fair return. The want of drinking water had been greatly felt in the Ramachendrapuram Talug owing to the Current Channels of the Talugs having been dried [illegible]

In the Kistnah District the harvest of the staple Crops Black Paddy and Cholum had been completed. The wet Crops were being thrashed. The later crops of Jonna Grams had been generally good. The Cotton and Indigo plants had been healthy & good.

In Nellore Raggy had been cultivated on four Talugs with the aid of wells. The standing crops were reported to be withering from a want of rain, the sun continued

were improving. The season for the rise of water in Udayagiri Talug necessitated the expenditure of funds for the repair of wells to provide labor for the able bodied poor. Samavaram, Pedakannam, Bringa Jonna and Teragu were being cut.

There was no marked variation in the prices in this Circle.

Fever Ague and small-pox had been more or less prevalent. The condition of Cattle was indifferent.

Ceded Districts

The season of this Circle had been extremely unfavorable and no rain had fallen. In the Bayalcheme and Hindu Talugs of Cuddapah the people were reported in some cases to be eating leaves and the roots. The want of water especially in the Talugs of Gandikotta and Pendlimurri had been greatly felt in Badvel.

In Cuddapah some wet and dry crops had been harvested but the outturn was very much below the average.

In Bellary White Cholum and Sugar Cane had been reaped but the Cholum and Cotton plants on the Inland lands of the Adoni Talug were withering.

In Tanjore Paddy & White Jowar
& Bengal gram and wheat had been harvested
in the Talugs.

These Districts had not been affected
by any epidemics but Cholera and fever
had shown themselves in some localities.

East Coast

There was no news in this Circle.

In Madras reports of withered crops
were being received from all the Talugs.
Navany and Raggy had been partially
cultivated with the aid of the small supply
of water in the Tanks and private wells.
Cumbu crops also had been generally shrivelled.

In North Arcot Cholam & Raggy
Bengal gram Oil seeds Chillies and Cotton
had been cultivated to a very small extent.
The crops both matured dry & had been lasting
healthy in the Talugs only; but in the
others they were just perishing. Raggy
Cotton crops in a good condition in Tala-
-pauram.

In South Arcot Cholam cultivation
in Virugalur Tandrai and Cuddalore Talugs
Tobacco Cholam & Raggy in Tirupapuliyur
Tandrai had been carried on upto [illegible]

been nearly completed but Cumbu was
still being cut. The outturn in all very poor.

Prices had been generally in a fluc-
tuating condition, except in North Arcot
where they had risen slightly.

In the Western portion of the Poloor
Talugs in N. Arcot, the poorer classes were
reported to have been in great straits for food.

Fever, Small pox and ague had
been generally prevalent in these Districts
Eighty-four persons were reported to have died
from Small pox in the Talugs of Polur and
Wandewash.

In Tanjore there had been no rain
during the month, and the rivers had ceased
to flow. The harvest had been nearly comple-
-ted and the yield was reported to be
about 75 per cent. The failure of rain
will, it is feared, cause the loss of the
gingelly oil seed crops and of the other
later dry crops in the Upland Talugs.

Very

The Cultivation season was

nearly

nearly over in Trichinopoly.

Prices had been almost stationary and the health of the people was pretty good.

No rain fell in this circle during the month. Southern Section

In Madura, Paddy, Black and Green gram were being harvested, but the outturn was not satisfactory. Cholum and gingelly oil seed had been sown. Cotton and Indigo were thriving.

In Tinnevelly, the Perthamam Paddy which had been harvested in the upper part of the Valley of the Tambraparni had yielded a fair outturn, and the crops lower down the river were still green. The Crops under the river-fed tanks which have their full complements of water are likely to yield a bountiful harvest. Those under the rain-fed tanks had been generally cut and in localities where the crops failed, the lands had been ploughed again and the ryots had been attempting to grow a hot weather crop with

the aid of the available water in store. The cultivation under wells had been satisfactory. Cotton was very healthy.

Juar and Cattle were generally healthy in Madura and remarkably so in Tinnevelly.

Prices were almost stationary.

West Centre

There was a scanty and partial fall of rain in this Circle.

In Coimbatore, Cholam and Horse gram and Bengal gram to a small extent and Wheat and Samba Paddy had been harvested. The crops under the Koyel Channel failed entirely in a few localities and had yielded but a scanty produce in others, but the second crop of Paddy under the Bhowany was doing well. Plantations, Ginger Cane and Betelnut were in an indifferent condition. Cotton was suffering from want of rain. Forage for Cattle always was failing.

In Salem the dry crops of

Cholam

Cholam and Ragy had been cultivated in almost all the Taluqs and Paddy in one only. The former Crops were generally in good condition but the latter was fast withering except in the Nandial Taluqs. Horse gram, Ragy Cholam and Paddy had been harvested in most of the Taluqs.

The Cotton and Indigo plant were in good condition but there were no Cotton cultivation during the month.

Prices were generally fluctuating.

Public health was good except in parts afflicted by fever, ague, bowel fever and Cholera.

No rain fell in this circle. West

In South Canara, the Sagi or the second rice crop had been harvested but the yield was only moderate owing to the failure of the later rains. The third rice cultivation had been completed.

In Malabar the harvest was over.

Private had slightly receded in South Canara

Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices for the month of February 1868 Fusly 1277

Districts.		Cotton. Fusly 1276. Extent.	Cotton. Fusly 1276. Assessment.	Cotton. Fusly 1277. Extent.	Cotton. Fusly 1277. Assessment.	Market rate of cleaned Cotton per candy of 300 lbs.	Indigo. Fusly 1276. Extent.	Indigo. Fusly 1276. Assessment.	Indigo. Fusly 1277. Extent.	Indigo. Fusly 1277. Assessment.	Market rate of cake Indigo per maund of 25 lbs.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ganjam	6249	13123	7593	13706	135	80	50	40	46	49
2	Vizagapatam	21154	41173	17332	40295	190	2311	16537	3321	20012	35
3	Godavery...	23357	36790	10402	16811	91	382	605	238	432	42
4	Kistna	77128	228644	194208	281753	79	13430	24469	8261	16488	50
5	Nellore	36012	35178	32822	33315	82	17031	36685	13074	31572	46
6	Cuddapah...	59801	71710	58442	73944	80 to 150	12148	20393	14480	62798	50 to 62
7	Bellary	228704	296230	382218	406824	72	231	251	991	1397	58
8	Kurnool	182059	193840	204657	234988	69	1668	5983	5481	12172	59
9	Madras	62	90	24	34	85	4931	12686	4775	9062	47
11	South Arcot	21773	46736	15374	42661	75	26488	65555	38331	57550	35
12	Tanjore	4214	5182	3085	3826	122	607	1865	827	2535	20
13	Trichinopoly	100982	102922	80370	100731	72	58	67	131	177	19
14	Madura	69349	64255	64589	64891	110	51	89	48	97	27
15	Tinnevelly	96363	207289			105	418	308			51
16	Coimbatore	149827	190733	122442	108548	92	...	...	...	...	22
17	Salem	12349	19157	10926	22902	162	535	1285	1959	2820	39
	Total ...						9977	25494	93940	248[illegible]	

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Revenue Board Office,
Madras, 24th March 1868.

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