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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th September 1872.*

No. 48. Read the following extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, dated Simla, 28th August 1872, (G. 13-346 (Statistics)) :—

READ again the undermentioned circulars prescribing the preparation and publication of weekly Price Currents of food grains in the several Presidencies and Provinces :—

Nos. 14 to 23— 1, dated 1st January 1872.

„ 146 to 155— 6, „ 1st March „

„ 202 to 211— 9, „ 1st April „

„ 309 to 318—11, „ 1st August „

*Read the following letters on the same subject :

From Government of Madras, No. 89, dated 30th May 1872.

„ „ of Bengal „ 3,01 „ 13th July „

„ „ of N.-W. Provinces, No. 555/A, dated 25th April 1872.

„ „ of „ do. „ 717-A, „ 18th May „

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council much regrets that it has not been possible to carry out the scheme of weekly publication of the current prices of food grains for all British India; but, in consequence of the strong representations from several Provinces, has determined so far to modify the previous orders as to substitute a Return twice in each month showing the prices ruling on the 15th and last day of each month, respectively. It will not be necessary, as supposed by the Madras Board of Revenue, to submit more than one price list for each district, and in that should be shown the prices current at the head-quarters of such district.

2. Orders will be issued hereafter regarding the definitive adoption of the standard *Ser* to express the weights of each article of food purchaseable for a Rupee; meantime, the Governor-General in Council will leave it to local Governments and Administrations to make the best arrangements they can in this respect. His Excellency in Council desires, however, that the term of reference may be a weight and not a measure, as the value of the latter in weight varies with the substance measured, and it is hoped that it will be found possible in each Presidency and Province to express all values in terms of the same weight. If this cannot be done care should at least be taken to exhibit on the face of the Price Current the exact value of the weights used as standard of reference.

3. The Governor-General in Council attaches great importance to the collection of these Returns, and again urges upon local Governments and Administrations the necessity that every effort should be made for their correct preparation and early submission.

ORDERED that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the several local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

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Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Department with a request that the necessary instructions may be issued to the several Political Officers under the orders of that Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1872, No. 1,296.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue will arrange for the *direct* submission of the periodical Price Lists required by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

*For the
Fid. Dept.*

*Appointments of Mr. [unclear]
as [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

[Statistics.]

To
The Local Governments and Administrations.

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Dated *28th* August 1872.

Recd. 9th Sept. 72

SUBJECT.

PRICE-currents of food grains to be published
bi-monthly.

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*The H. of Sec. has arranged
for the direct submission
of the periodical statistics
required by the Govt. of [unclear]*

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