No. 234. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1872, No. 727 :—

Read the following papers :—

From the Collector		of Ganjam,	dated	31st October	1871,	No.	1,334.
,,	,,	of Vizagapatam,	,,	22nd November	,,	,,	194.
,,	,,	of Godavery,	,,	20th October	,,	,,	344.
,,	,,	of Kistna,	,,	18th January	1872,	,,	165.
,,	,,	of Nellore,	,,	17th October	1871,	,,	2,062.
,,	,,	of Cuddapah,	,,	6th February	1872,	,,	17.
,,	,,	of Bellary,	,,	13th October	1871,	,,	395.
,,	,,	of Kurnool,	,,	11th January	1872,	,,	7.
,,	,,	of Chingleput,	,,	27th October	1871,	,,	525.
,,	,,	of Madras,	,,	1st February	1872,	,,	17.
,,	,,	of North Arcot,	,,	11th October	1871,	,,	496.
,,	,,	of South Arcot,	,,	20th January	1872,	,,	15.
,,	,,	of Tanjore,	,,	30th October	1871,	,,	319.
,,	,,	of Trichinopoly,	,,	17th January	1872,	,,	8.
,,	,,	of Madura,	,,	18th ,,	,,	,,	13.
,,	,,	of Tinnevelly,	,,	30th October	1871,	,,	472.
,,	,,	of Coimbatore,	,,	12th ,,	,,	,,	246.
,,	Commissioner	of Neilgherries,	,,	17th ,,	,,	,,	128.
,,	Collector	of Salem,	,,	20th ,,	,,	,,	3,034.
,,	,,	of South Canara,	,,	19th January	1872,	,,	79.
,,	,,	of Malabar,	,,	23rd ,,	,,	,,	16.

THE foregoing letters contain the opinion of Collectors as to the possibility of distinguishing the price of each quality of cotton a subject on which the Board have already expressed their own view in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1871, No. 4,077, recorded in Government Order, dated 11th October 1871, No. 32, R. D.

2. The result of the reference to the District Officers has been to confirm the views expressed by the Board.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore who has gone into the question more fully than others has stated his reasons clearly in his letter, and it is simply useless to attempt to get at the price of each quality of cotton when the dealers find it to their interest to mix the varieties.

4. Moreover it seems evidently hopeless to attempt such minute accuracy when the distinctions maintained in the Price List of the Chamber of Commerce are restricted to the three broad classes "Westerns" "Tuticorin" and "Coconada."

5. The striking difference in the prices of cotton in Coimbatore and Salem, two adjoining districts, to which attention is drawn in paragraph 2 of the Superintendent's memorandum is traced to the fact that while Coimbatore grows a large quantity of cotton for Export trade, Salem grows very little of it, and that only for consumption by local looms.

6. The Collector of Madras has discovered that the prices reported by him were erroneous.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd May 1872.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1872, No. 819.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government agree with the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Rev- 1872. Dispatch
No. 1711.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 7TH MAY 1872, No. 727.

Dup. 16 May 72

Encl. 21 Pcs.

Received. 17th May.

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No. 727.

Price of Cotton—exhibited in monthly Statement of Average Bazaar prices.—Collector's report against any attempt at distinguishing price of each quality of Cotton, submitted to Government.

No. 819
Report agreeable to R. No. 1st. D.F.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 23rd May.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 23rd May 1872, No. 819.

MAY.
Nos. 234-235.

Price of Cotton.—Agreeing with the Bo of Revenue in the view expressed by them on impracticability of distinguishing the pric each quality.

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