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2nd March 1874.*

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1874, No. 377 :—

Read the following letter from the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Tanjore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 14th February 1874, No. 40 :—

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Board, that owing to the almost total failure of rain since October last, in the greater part of the district, the second crop of rice has been to a great extent lost, while in those poorly irrigated parts of the delta where cultivation commences later in the year, the yield of the first crop has also been deficient. As the harvest is not yet over, what the actual outturn of the staple produce of the district, *i. e.*, rice will be, cannot yet be stated with any degree of precision; but roughly, it may be taken to be between two-thirds and three-fourths of the average. As regards dry crops, all later crops or those of the second six months as they are generally called, have more or less failed.

2. This being the case, and the exports of rice and paddy both by sea to Ceylon and inland to districts westward being brisk, prices have gone on rising fast since the beginning of this month, and two slight disturbances of the nature of grain ryots have taken place. One of these occurred at Nagore, on the evening of the 7th instant. It appears that some Musselmans of bad character set some Pariahs to upset the baskets of the women who were selling rice in the bazaar, and that the contents were picked up by a crowd of people which collected at the spot. A room supposed to contain grain was also broken open. The Police at once interfered, and the disturbance ended in the arrest of six or seven individuals who are being tried by the Joint Magistrate. Mr. Stokes does not attach any importance to this fracas except that it was accompanied by rumours of rice ryots about to take place at Negapatam and Nagore; a very similar occurrence being reported to have taken place at the same time at the adjoining French Settlement of Karrical.

3. I enclose a copy of Mr. Stokes' letter, together with one of the statements of export by sea for the last three months, as compared with those of the corresponding months of last year.

4. The other disturbance took place at Combaconum on the evening of the 12th instant, just the day after I left that place. A clamorous crowd having collected in the bazaar, the grain merchants closed their shops, and the crowd threatened to break them open; but the Tahsildar and the Inspector in charge of the Town Police were promptly on the spot and dispersing the crowd, restored order and peace. Captain Rolland, the Superintendent of Police, proceeded to Combaconum yesterday with a body of Police from the reserve, and in case matters assume a serious aspect, I propose myself to go there again.

5. The prices of paddy at Negapatam on the 7th and at Combaconum on the 12th instant, (these being the days on which the disturbances above mention-

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ed took place) were Rupees 1-12-0 and Rupees 1-8-0 per kalam, respectively, being equivalent to 14 and 16 Patnam padies, or the supposed Madras measures, per rupee. They have so stood up to yesterday in those two towns as also elsewhere, excepting Pattukottai, where the price rose to nearly 2 Rupees, per kalam, or 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ padies per rupee on the 12th, but slightly fell the next day; yesterday's report from Pattukottai being 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ padies per rupee.

6. All timely precautions in respect of Police arrangements have been taken, and I hope there may be no more disturbances. Should any occur, however, I shall report them in due course.

7. I beg this report may be forwarded for the information of Government; as, owing to nothing serious in the nature of crime having happened, I have not considered it necessary to report to Government in the Magisterial Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. S. STOKES, Esq., Joint Magistrate, to the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, District Magistrate, Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 9th February 1874, No. 29.

I HAVE the honour to report that there was a slight disturbance in Nagore on the evening of the 7th. Some Musselman, bad characters, put forward some Pariahs to upset the baskets of the women who sold rice in the bazaar, and a crowd collecting, the contents of the baskets were stolen. A room also supposed to contain grain was broken open. The Police interfered at once, and six or seven individuals were arrested, and will be tried by me. I do not attach any importance to this disturbance, except that it has been accompanied by rumours of rice riots about to take place in Negapatam and Nagore on account of the rise in price of grain. A very similar occurrence, I hear, took place at the same time in Karrical also.

2. The Assistant Superintendent of Police and I visited Nagore yesterday evening and found all quiet. We have, however, agreed that it would be prudent to have down a small reinforcement of Constables (twelve men) from the reserve at Tanjore to strengthen the force at Nagore Station. It is expected to arrive to-day.

3. A close watch will be kept on the proceedings of dubious characters; and I shall let you know immediately if any thing further occurs. At present I see no cause for anxiety.

4. The retail price of paddy in the bazaar is now Rupees 1-12-0 per kalam, or about six or seven Madras measures of rice per rupee. It will probably still rise considerably as the export is brisk. I append a table shewing the increase of export from the ports of this district for the last three months as contrasted with the same period last year. Besides the export by sea, paddy has been carted from this division to Madura; and is now, I am informed, being purchased for carriage to that district at Rupees 1-10-0 per kalam.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
District Magistrate.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government. The disturbances appear to have been of but little importance and proper precautionary measures seem to have been taken.

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No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1874, No. 279.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Tanjore Joint Magistrate's Office
Negapatam 9th February 1874.

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From The Joint Magistrate
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To The District Magistrate
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Nos. 5-6.

Disturbances in Nagore and Combaconum
—Hort's Board Proceedings regarding — and
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Jt. Magistrate
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Enclosure in No.
 -ceipts of the Board
 of Revenue to the directors
 to Government. Received
 Department dated 19.
 February 1874.

Statement shewing the quantity of rice and paddy exported to Ceylon.

Months	Description	1872	1873	Increase/Decrease
November 1873	Rice	78,861	77,915	" 946
	Paddy	315	4,465	" 4,150
December —	Rice	89,840	160,568	" 70,728
	Paddy	692	3,185	" 2,493
January 1874	Rice	175,043	257,530	" 82,487
	Paddy	5,873	3,062	" 2,811
Total Cwt —		159,858		
Total Tons —		79,929		

* In January 1874, 2,196 Cwt
 of rice were exported to
 Mauritius from Tranquebar

(Signed) H. S. Stokes
 Joint Magistrate

(Signed) D. Arthur Mack
 J. S. Magistrate

(True Copy)
 (Signed) J. S. Stokes
 Secretary

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 19th February 1874

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Copy of Mr. Arbuthnot's
report on the grain riot
that took place at
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(True copy & Extract)

Yours

Secretary

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copies of 2 enclosures.

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Dated 16th Feb 1874

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Submitting letter from
Collector of Tanjore regarding
the slight discount allowed
that took place on account
of the rise in price of grain
in Tanjore & Coimbatore
Districts

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