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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd March 1874.*

No. 50. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1874:—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Porto Novo, 21st February 1874, No. 92.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the perusal and consideration of the Board, the enclosed translation of a petition presented to me by the inhabitants of this place. They find it very hard to get grain, and it is to them an exasperating thing to see it being exported to Ceylon. A French vessel, the *Volta*, sailed only the day before yesterday with 5,000 sacks of rice (not paddy) equal to 750,000 lbs. of ordinary food.

2. The petitioners ask either to have the export trade stopped, or that all rice brought into the town on fair-days should be ordered to be sold in the local market. In an interview with me, they asked to have as an alternative at least a proportion of all the rice brought here sold to the people, while the rest only might be exported.

3. I pointed out to them I had no power to do what they asked, but promised to refer their petition to higher authority, and send it to the Board accordingly. It would no doubt be much better for the district if no export trade in rice existed at present; but I do not consider the petitioners have made out a case for forbidding exports. Government can in effect stop them best by buying up the rice now.

4. The value of the petition, however, in my opinion, consists in its showing only too clearly that the high prices of food are already beginning to be severely felt, and to demonstrate the necessity for laying in stores of grain for the use of the poorer classes, while the opportunity still offers of getting it at prices which are reasonable, compared with what they will hereafter rise to.

5. The Tahsildar of this taluq (Chellambram) tells me he anticipates distress in the western and northern parts of his taluq before long.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The request of the petitioners is, of course, inadmissible.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1874, No. 302.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

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Dated 27th February 1874.

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To J. Gross Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 3rd.

C. O. 3rd March 1874, No. 302.

MARCH.
Nos. 50-51.

Report of Food grain.—Concern with Revenue Board that the request of the inhabitants of Porto Novo regarding the—and the compulsory sale in the local market of all rice brought into the town is inadmissible.

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South Arcot
Collector's Office
Porto Novo.
21st February 1874.

I have &c

I signed, J. H. Garstin
Collector.

Submitted for the informa-
tion of Government.

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True copy & Extract,

J. H. Garstin
Secretary

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with one original Enclosure
J. H. Garstin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Revenue 1874 *Sept*
No 690.

Dated 27th }
Dsept. 27 } February 1874.
Recd. 12th March.
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SUBJECT.

Export-trade of foodgrains

— Petition from inhabitants
of Porto Novo praying for pro-
hibition of — and suggesting
that all grain brought into
town on Sundays be ordered to
be sold in local market. —
a Committee of the Board
submitted for information
of Government to the several
that Petitioners request is im-
practicable.

Passed in Council
3/3/74 No 302

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