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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd September 1875.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 22nd July 1875, No. 1,101, Revenue Department:—

Read the following endorsement of the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 367.

Read the following letter from A. O. HUME, Esq., c.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Statistics,) to the local Governments and Administrations, dated Simla, 8th July 1875, No. 9/358—366.

It has come to the notice of the Governor-General in Council that the Prices Current furnished to the Commissariat Department from bazaars by Native officials are in many cases inaccurate and untrustworthy; and as that department is at times obliged to accept the rates given therein as absolute guides in checking charges, and they are also the guide for the local audit officers, they are not only useless, but become injurious to the interests of Government.

2. These Prices Current are, of course, quite distinct from those published by the local Government in the *Gazettes*, for the correct preparation of which instructions were issued in Circular No. 6/146—155, dated 20th March 1872, and it is obvious that, with the agency employed in their preparation, it cannot but be difficult to secure accuracy; but looking to the purposes which they are intended to serve, the Governor-General in Council considers that every effort should be made to render them as trustworthy as possible, and I am to request that you will be good enough to take such measures as may seem desirable to effect this. As a step in this direction, I am to suggest that all such Prices Current should be signed in full by the Native officials who are responsible for their correct preparation, and that it should be impressed upon such officers that Government will hold them responsible for any errors that may be subsequently detected in them.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information in continuation of Circular No. 6/146—155, dated 20th March 1872, and for such action as may appear necessary.

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G. O., 26th March 1872, No. 525, who will issue the necessary instructions.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

THE Prices Current furnished to the Commissariat Department are quite distinct from those to which Board's Proceedings, dated 11th April 1872, No. 577, communicating G. O., dated 26th March 1872, No. 525, relate. Rules for the preparation of the former were prescribed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Military Department, dated 23rd February 1847, communicated to all Collectors with Board's Circular No. 595, dated 11th March 1847, and subsequently modified by Extract Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Department, dated 13th June 1850, No. 579, communicated with Board's Circular, dated 1st July 1850, since which date no further instructions appear to have been issued.

2. Under these rules, the Commissariat Officer was to forward to the Collector at the commencement of each month a blank Price Current in duplicate, containing a list of all the articles usually required to be purchased by his department, and at the close of the month, the Collector, after having the average wholesale and retail rates taken from the sales on market days during the month at the principal places in the district carefully filled in the Price Currents, was directed to forward one copy to the Officer Commanding the Division and return the other to the Commissariat Officer.

3. All Collectors will now be requested to report the manner in which these returns are now filled up; 2nd, to whom the duty of compiling them is entrusted, and by whom the requisite information is furnished; 3rd, what steps are taken to ensure accuracy.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
,, all Collectors.

Exd. A. Grubert.

To B. M. M. 23/10

BOARD of REVENUE,
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Prices Current—furnished to Commissariat Department.—Remarks submitted to Government on the manner in which these returns have hitherto been prepared. Collectors requested to report on certain points in connection with the subject.

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