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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st *October* 1876.

No. 297. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1876, No. 2,653:—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1876, No. 2,871.

In the present season of scarcity it appears to me it is very advisable that the prices of the staple food-grains at the various neighbouring towns within a certain radius in the Presidency should be notified with the utmost publicity within that radius in order to instigate native merchants, shop-keepers, and grain-owners to activity in sales, purchases, exports, and grain-traffic generally.

2. I have the honor to suggest, therefore, for the Board's approval, that, as regards this part of the Presidency, on a certain forenoon in the week, say Wednesday, the Collectors of the districts noted in the margin should telegraph to the Board and to one another the prices of the staple food-grains (as first sort or peshanum rice, second sort rice, cholum, and raggy), and that the information thus received should be immediately posted up outside the public offices and in the bazaars of the Huzur stations. Perhaps the Board may see fit to order such telegrams for their information from the whole Presidency and to transfer them to the Chamber of Commerce, or to give publicity to the returns through the public press. [illegible] adopt a common standard for this information. Perhaps the seer of 80 tolahs weight would be the most useful.

Districts—Godavery, Kistna, Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah, North Arcot, Madras, Chingleput, and Nellore.

The Board thank Mr. Sharp for his suggestion, but do not think it necessary to adopt it at present. The state of prices is well known to the larger merchants, and there would be difficulties as regards a common standard, and as to securing reliable information. Information on the subject unless accurate would be worse than useless.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 298. Order thereon, 31st October 1876, No. 1,540.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded. The Collector might obtain the information for his own district from any neighbouring markets.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 31st.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 31st October 1876, No. 1,540.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 297-298.

Staple Food-grains.—Recording, with remarks, Proceedings, Board of Revenue, on the Nellore Collector's suggestion that the prices of the — at the various neighbouring towns in the Presidency should be notified.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 24th October 1876.
Read the following:-

No. 2871.

From,

F. R. H. Sharp Esquire
Acting Collector of Nellore.

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Ag. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

In the present season of scarcity it appears to me it is very advisable that the prices of the staple food grains at the various neighbouring towns within a certain radius in the Presidency should be notified with the utmost publicity within that radius in order to instigate native merchants, shopkeepers and grain owners to actively in sales, purchases, exports and grain traffic generally

generally.

2. I have the honor to suggest therefore for the Board's approval that as regards this part of the Presidency on a certain forenoon in the week, say Wednesday, the Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin should telegraph to the Board and to one another the prices of the staple food grains (as per last or perhaps rice, 2nd sort rice, cholam and ragi) and the information thus received should be immediately posted up outside the public offices and in the bazaars of the Outer stations. Perhaps the Board may see fit to order such telegrams for their information from the whole Presidency

× Districts:
Godavery
Kistna
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and to transfer them to the Chamber of Commerce, or to give publicity to the returns through the Public press.

3. It would of course be most desirable to adopt a common standard for this information. Perhaps the seer of 80 tolahs weight would be the most useful.

I have &c.
(Sd.) H. Sharp
Ag. Collector

Nellore Collector's Office
17th October 1876

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The Board thank Mr. Sharp for his suggestion, but do not think it necessary to adopt it at present. The state of prices is well known to the larger Merchants, and there would be difficulties as regards a common standard, and very little as regards securing reliable information. Information on the subject unless accurate

× Very little as regards securing reliable information as to measures so far as regards Nellore & Bellary & Cuddapah districts

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accurate would be worse than useless.

(True Copy and Extract)

(Sd.) H. C. Stokes

Ag. Secretary

To The Collector of Kellore

True Copy

W. Elkins

Ag. Secretary

To the Secretary to Government F.R.D

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Passing orders on the Collector's (Reilly) letter suggesting that the prices of the staple food grains at the various neighbouring towns in the Presidency should be notified No 1540-

Recorded: the Collr. may do what he can to inform the ryots for his own district from any neighbouring markets. D.S.T. 31-10-76

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& Inspector Genl of Police

No objection
to the Collectors
proposal
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