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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1876.*

No. 228. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th November 1876, No. 2,806:—

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 7th November 1876, No. 3,082.

I HAVE the honor to ask the Board's sanction for a temporary increase of the pay of all Revenue officials with regular monthly salaries of Rupees 10 per mensem and under, apart of course from village servants.

2. The prices of paddy and rice have been, as per margin, during the past fortnight, when grain could be purchased at all, and they may rise still higher. The average prices in ordinary seasons are also given in the margin. A man with a small family of wife and three children (to say nothing of a mother and four or five children) will require about three seers of rice per day or ninety seers per month, so that he has to pay, according to the latest quotations, Rupees 13-2-0 for rice alone, without the cost of condiments, clothing, and house-rent. I assume that the pay of Rupees 7 for a Daloyet was fixed with the idea that his ordinary expenses would be about 4 or 5 Rupees, and that he could save Rupees 2 or 3 *per mensem* for clothing, extra expenses, and old age. Now, according to present rates, he must live considerably beyond his income to sustain his own life, and that of those dependent on him.

3. I propose the following additions of pay temporarily, while excessively high prices continue:—

Servants drawing Rupees 6 and under, Rupees 2-8-0 per mensem.

"	"	7	"	"	2-0-0	"
"	"	8	"	"	1-8-0	"
"	"	10	"	"	1-0-0	"

This addition will not compensate for the high prices, but it will be some alleviation of actual distress. I propose that this addition should be made with retrospective effect from the 1st instant. The Superintendent of Police, with my concurrence, has asked for an increase of pay for the Police, and I believe the Judge also for his peons.

PRICES are likely to fall with the advent of rain. The Board will be prepared to consider the Collector's proposal later in the month if he still considers any concession necessary.

*(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1876.

No. 229.

ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1876, No. 1,671.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government agree
with the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Financial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 11. Nov 1876.

No. 2806:-

Read the following:-

No. 3082.

From

F. R. H. Sharp Esq.

A. Collector of Bellary.

To

H. B. Stokes Esq.

A. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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2 nd Sort Paddy 5 pice	

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 ————— Rs 8 ————— Rs 1-8 ————— 8-
 ————— Rs 10 ————— Rs 1- ————— 8-

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7 November 1876 } (sd/ H. Sharp
Asst Collector

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(True Copy & Extract)
(sd/ H. E. Stokes
Asst Secretary

To The Collector of Mellore

(True Copy)

W. H. Stokes

Asst Secretary

To The Secretary to Government N.D.

W. H. Stokes

✓ **COHL. of 1870** **REVENUE**

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T. FOLIO OF REVENUE

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Total Amount 114.

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Total

G.O. 144 November 1870, No. 1871.

NOVEMBER
 No. 23422.

After Review to Secretary in 1870.
 Agreeing with the Board of Revenue as to the
 propriety of following the constitution of the
 revenue to grant.

