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15th November 1876.

No. 26 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1876, No. 2,820 :—

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 8th November 1876, No. 2,088.

I have to report, for the Board's information, that owing to the scarcity in Mysore a great demand for rice for export by land to that province has arisen, and that prices have advanced very considerably and continue to increase.

2. The whole available surplus stock of last year's crop in this district has been taken up, and the first crop of the current year, which was harvested last month, is now being brought to market at an unusually early date. The merchants of Mangalore have received large orders for rice, and the demand will, as far as I am able to judge, unless met by importations of Bengal rice through Madras and Bangalore, continue to increase.

3. The Suggi or second rice-crop has, I regret to say, been a partial failure, and even if we get rain hereafter, will not amount to a half of the usual outturn; while if we get no rain, it will not be a quarter of the average. In the vicinity of the ghauts it may be better; but, taking the district as a whole, I do not think my estimate is unduly low. Fortunately, the Yenèl, or first rice-crop, is a good [illegible] in some places above the average. In ordinary seasons the Yenèl c[illegible] consumption of the district; but this year the stock of old rice having be[illegible] exportation having largely increased, and the Suggi crop having partially failed, but little, if any, will be left by this time next year, and if the large exportation continues, will not be sufficient.

4. Under these circumstances, it becomes necessary to keep a vigilant eye on the course of the grain trade, and I have, in anticipation of the Board's sanction, appointed eight men on 8 Rupees each per mensem to keep an account of all food-grains exported by land to Mysore. One man will be stationed at the foot of each ghaut, and will send me in a daily return of the exports. Similar returns will be submitted from each port showing the exportations by sea. I beg that the Board will accord their sanction to the expenditure.

5. In conclusion, I beg to state there is no present cause for anxiety. The stock of rice and the course of trade will be carefully watched, and by January it will be known whether owing to exportation to Mysore it will be necessary to take any measures for relief during the next monsoon.

The Board think that the Collector's action is likely to be misunderstood. The men appointed to register the traffic may constitute themselves sentries to prevent export or convey the impression that export is discouraged. Even such small interferences check trade, and even the appearances of such interference is to be avoided at present. The Board do not see, moreover, the advantage of the returns, which would be unreliable at best. Prices in Canara will be a more valuable indication of the movements of grain.

2. The Collector will be directed by telegraph to discontinue the system.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. [illegible]

Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1876.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1876, No. 1,68[illegible]

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's action is approved. The establishment should be dispensed with at once by telegraphic order.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) [illegible] CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November, 1876.

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Exports of Grain from South Canara.—Approving the action of the Board of Revenue directing the discontinuance of the system established for registering—and directing to dispense with the establishment entertained for this purpose at once.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 13th November 1876.

Read the following

No. 2088

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Collector of South Canara

To,

H. E. Stokes Esqre,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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I have &c

South Canara -
Collectors Office -
Mangalore 8th Nov. 76

(sd) A. St. C. Webster
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2. The Collector will be directed by telegraph to discontinue the System.

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

To The Collector of South Canara.

(True copy)
H. Stokes
Ag Secretary

To The Secretary to Government R. D.

Revenue 1876 Despatch
No. 4880
Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

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The Board's action is approved. The Establishment should be dispensed with at once by telegraphic order, directing the Collr of Canara to discontinue the system which he has established of registering the exports of food grains to Mysore.

Sent W. R.

Superintendence of Police

Telegraph disallowed

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