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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1877.*

No. 64-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1877, No. 269:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1877, No. 29:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the Board's Proceedings, No. 1, dated the 2nd instant, and also of the telegram from the Secretary, dated the 15th instant, which is to the effect that for $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. mentioned in the above Proceedings $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. is to be read.

2. One and a half pounds of rice, *plus* a small money allowance, is to be the allowance for each male cooly on relief works.

3. This amount is equal in weight to a little under 58½ tolahs. The Board are aware that there is in practice no such thing as a distribution of grain to the coolies by weight. It would be an impossibility. We issue by measurement, by the seer or half seer. The seer differs in every taluq. In Bellary the seer contains 84 tolahs weight of mixed grains, but 86 tolahs of *rice*.

4. To issue the pound and a half we must have special measures of capacity made for the whole of the district, the measure to contain a little less than 39 tolahs weight of rice, with half measures in proportion. Thousands will be required. The manufacture will take time.

5. I most earnestly request that the Board will take all these facts into consideration and allow me to issue in grain three-quarters of a Bellary seer, the difference being as 64½ tolahs to nearly 60.

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7. I beg, however, to mention, for the information of the Board, that this payment, partly in grain and partly in money, increases the difficulty of the operation considerably. The 50,000 coolies around Bellary, who have now for a length of time been paid wholly in grain without any money allowance, have never grumbled about it. Though encamped at a distance from a town, they manage to procure the necessary condiments by barter without difficulty.

8. I may also mention that the measure which will have to be made so as to contain a pound of rice will not, when used for cholam or other dry grains, contain a pound in weight. There is a considerable quantity of dry grain stored up in the taluqs from purchases made locally.

THE Collector may issue three-fourths of a Bellary seer of whatever grain the coolies are paid in; but instructions should be given that it should be short not full measure. The Board were under the impression that the standard was uniform throughout the district, though of course individual measures vary from it.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1876.*

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 46-B.

ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1877, No. 485-A,

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

Grain reports to be taken on *Kangra* works in
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Revenue calling the attention of the Collector
to the remarks made with regard to the system
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Super W & Stokes

As Secretary

To

The Collector of Bellary

(True Copy)

W Stokes

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To

The Secretary to Government R.D.

E. J. Thompson
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Proceeding of the

Board of Revenue

Decr 23rd January 1897

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