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No. 3,637.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th August 1877.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kalkadda, 24th July 1877, Extra No. 2,084.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,151, dated 6th instant, and to inquire what quantity per cent. I may allow as wastage per month.

2. The greater part of the reserve rice received in this district was taken into store without weighing or measurement. This could not be avoided as the necessary weights and scales had not in every case been provided, and the rice came in so rapidly, and there was so much else to do, that it was frequently put into store without any other check than counting the bags.

3. Subsequent examinations have shown much short weight as well as the admixture in some bags of sand and rubbish.

4. I propose now to, where this has not already been done, examine, measure, and weigh the whole stock of rice. After this has been completed, it will be easy enough to calculate the loss, which, I fear, will be pretty heavy.

5. It will be a troublesome, expensive, and very difficult job to, once a month, turn out and weigh the rice in every depot, and I would therefore propose that, in lieu of doing this, the bags which will now be carefully weighed should be counted and a certain amount, say $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., be written off as wastage.

6. It is impossible to keep rats, bandicoots, and such vermin out of the indifferent store-houses that we generally speaking have, and they undoubtedly consume a good deal of the grain.

7. I may mention that Mr. Farley, who has had long experience as regards rice, has told me that there is a considerable difference in the weight and measurement of the same bag of rice depending upon the state of the weather at the time that this is done, exists.

The Board approve the Collector's proposal to weigh all the rice in reserve, but after weighing each of the bags should be made up so as to contain a uniform quantity, say 164 lbs., so that the balance may be readily calculated at any time with reference to the number of bags without reweighment.

2. It will not be correct to enter as the quantity received the quantity now discovered on weighing. Under "received" the quantity represented by the number of bags should be entered, each bag of rice being assumed to contain 164 lbs. or such other quantity as was contained in bags locally purchased, and any difference between the weight so computed and the quantity actually ascertained to be in store by weighing, together with such wastage as is discovered from time to time in the bags expended, should be shown in Columns 10 and 11 as wastage. The Collector may however enter a remark as to how much of the quantity shown as wastage in Columns 10 and 11 is real, and how much is, in his opinion, due to short delivery. The balance shown in Columns 12 and 13 should be the assumed contents of the bags remaining on hand, which, of course, will include a certain amount of wastage.

3. The Board do not understand the object with which the Collector proposes to adopt a fixed rate of wastage, viz., $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the quantity in which it has occurred. If it is for the purpose of determining the actual balance on hand, no rate need be assumed for the present. The balance will include the undiscovered wastage, and its probable rate can be determined after some further experience. Of course whenever the Collector considers that the wastage discovered is unreasonable, the officers concerned should be called upon to account for the difference, and any quantity for which they are held responsible should be shown in the column of remarks.

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4. Where it may not be possible to weigh the bags on hand the statement should be prepared with reference to the assumed contents of the bags received and of those on hand after deducting the quantity actually expended, which, of course, is always known.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Calcutta
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.
Copy to the Collector of the Kistna District.

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"	"	"	of Madurai.
"	"	"	of Tinnevely.
"	"	"	of Coimbatore.
"	"	Commr.	of Nilgiris.
"	"	Collector	of Salem.
"	"	"	of Malabar.
"	"	"	Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Revenue Recd. - Issuing instructions to Collector of Cuddapah regarding accounts to be maintained in connection with " " and approving that office's proposal to examine the accounts, and weigh the whole stock in the district.

W. J. Lewis