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Tinnevely regarding the rise in the price
of food grains in the Dt.

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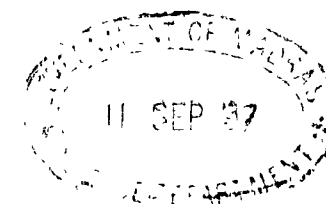
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SUBJECT.

*Submitting to Government
Revenue department for infor-
tion letter from the Collector
of Dinnevely submitting report
regarding the rise in the
prices of food-grains
in the district.*

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the Fam. Commr
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Comparative statement of prices of food-grains

Name of food grains	Average prices for the 5 years 1289 to 1293	Average prices for the 5 years 1294 to 1298	Average for the 5 years 1299 to 1303
Rice 2 nd Sort	15.2	13.3	10.5
Ragi	30.5	24.8	18.2
Cholam	28.5	22.8	17.2
Coarse	27.3	20.1	15.6

(Signed) A. W. B. Higgins
Collector

Secretary
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Statement showing the prices of food - grains for a series of years from Fasli 1283

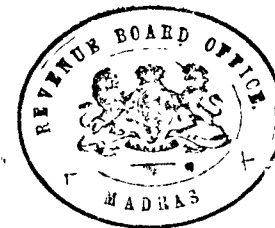
Name	1283	1284	1285	1286	1287	1288	1289	1290	1291	1292	1293	1294	1295	1296	1297	1298	1299	1300	1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306*
																								(1296-97)
Rice 2 nd Sort	12.2	11.5	12.2	9.2	8.4	8.8	12.4	14.0	15.1	18.1	16.3	12.0	13.4	14.1	13.5	13.4	11.4	10.5	10.5	9.4	11.0	11.0	11.9	12.3
Ragi	23.6	23.6	25.9	15.8	14.5	14.2	21.7	29.9	31.7	35.3	34.1	22.2	24.3	26.2	25.1	26.3	22.1	18.5	17.0	15.0	18.5	18.4	20.8	21.3
Cholam	24.1	18.7	24.0	16.1	10.6	13.6	20.5	28.0	28.7	33.3	32.2	20.2	20.8	25.8	22.4	24.7	21.1	17.1	17.0	14.2	16.9	17.6	18.8	19.4
Curmba	20.3	20.1	22.9	14.8	14.6	13.6	19.7	26.7	29.3	32.0	28.7	19.0	19.5	21.5	20.4	20.7	17.4	15.9	15.5	15.1	16.2	20.5	17.8	18.5

* The figures for the official year are given as the figures for the fasli are not available in Camp office

(Signed) A. W. B. Higgins
collector

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W. B. Higgins
Secretary



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Dated 7th September 1897.

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The following letter from
the collector of Zimmedly
dis he 1649 of 1897 dated 24 August 97
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With reference to Section
2 of the Madras Famine Code,
I have the honor to report
for the information of the
Board that the current prices
of food-grains are higher
than the warning rates which
have been fixed at 25 per
cent above normal in
the case of rice and 33
per

percent above normal in the case of dry grains.

2. The prices according to the last season report are given in the margin as compared with the warning and scarcity rates. I also enclose two statements one showing the prices from fasli 1283 to 1306, and another showing averages for each period of five years subsequent to the famine (fasli 1286-88) the prices of food-grains fell steadily from fasli 1289 up to fasli 1293. There was however a rise in prices during the five years following and there was a further rise during the five years from fasli 1299 to 1303. The prices in Faslies

		{ Prices according to season report }	{ Warning rate }	{ Scarcity rate }
Rice 2 nd sort	9.4	-	10.7	- 8.0
Ragi	15.1	-	19.5	- 13.0
Cholam	13.7	-	17.0	- 11.5
Bamban	13.5	-	16.5	- 11.0

1304 to 1306 show a slight but continuous improvement over the average of five years ending fasli 1303, but this fall received a check in the latter part of 1306 owing to the increasing demand for food grains elsewhere chiefly in Bombay and Ceylon and the consequent exportation of large quantities of grain

3. Beginning from November 1896 prices have risen gradually.

	Rice	Cholam	Bamban	Ragi	
October/96	12.1	20.2	18.5	21.2	
November/96	11.1	18.5	17.4	21.2	harvest months,
December/96	11.4	18.3	17.6	20.6	
January/97	11.7	18.8	18.0	20.6	as will be seen
February/97	12.2	19.5	19.1	20.6	from the marginal
March/97	12.5	18.5	20.5	21.8	table. The present
April/97	12.4	18.5	20.5	21.9	prices correspond
May/97	11.7	17.3	18.7	20.7	
June/97	11.2	16.6	16.6	18.4	nearly to those
July/97	10.4	16.8	14.8	16.9	
Week ending 21-8-97	9.4	15.1	13.7	13.5	prevalent in

fasli 1302, which was a specially unfavourable year so far as this district was concerned

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4. The years 1305 & 1306 were favourable years and the present year has also so far been favourable. The cultivation during the last two faslis was much in excess of that in fasli 1304, but the outturn was affected by heavy rain. The present rise in prices is entirely due to export to other places, and there is, I believe, no reason for anxiety. I am however issuing instructions to tahsildars to make careful enquiries as to whether the high prices have affected the condition of the labouring classes and whether sufficient

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work is available and to report the result. If necessary a further communication will be made to the Board on the subject.

Resolution

Submitted to Government
for information

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Dr. M. K.

Famine Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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