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SUBJECT.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 18TH DEC. 1896, No. 446.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following G.O., Mis. No. 4774, Revenue, dated 24th November 1896 :—
Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 17th November 1896, No. 3438, Routine.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government a statement of the exports of grain in October 1896 from the several ports of the Presidency except those of Ganjam and stating that no weekly trade returns are received.

Order—Mis. No. 4774, Revenue, dated 24th November 1896.

Recorded.

2. The Board is requested to submit a similar return showing the exports of grain since the beginning of the current year, with the figures for the last year for comparison. The return should also show the destination of the exports and should be supplemented by the statistics of rail-borne trade for the same period.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
" " (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

RESOLUTION—dated 18th December 1896, No. 446.

With reference to the order read above the Board begs to submit a statement summarising the grain trade of the first nine months of the current year, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period in 1895. The rail-borne trade returns are only compiled quarterly, and those for the quarter ending in September last have only recently become available. The sea-borne trade figures have been obtained from the Separate Revenue Department.

2. As shown in the table given below, the exports of grain by rail from the Presidency during the first nine months of the current year were slightly larger than those of 1895, but there is nothing in the figures worth noticing :—

Province.	1895.				1896.			
	During the quarter ending			Total for nine months.	During the quarter ending			Total for nine months.
	March.	June.	September.		March.	June.	September.	
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.
Mysore	7,220	6,823	7,064	21,107	6,491	7,224	6,835	20,550
Hyderabad	614	486	791	1,891	9 6	1,775	902	3,643
Bombay	2,222	2,320	1,741	6,283	4,258	1,896	786	6,938
Other Provinces	..	1	..	1	3	39	79	121
Total ..	10,056	9,630	9,596	29,282	11,716	10,934	8,602	31,252

The imports by rail during the same period showed a marked falling off; the decrease being spread over each quarter, and pertaining chiefly to the imports from Mysore, but there was an increase in the imports from "other provinces" (in the form of rice from Bengal), as shown below :—

Province.	1895.				1896.			
	During the quarter ending			Total for nine months.	During the quarter ending			Total for nine months.
	March.	June.	September.		March.	June.	September.	
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.
Mysore	13,259	10,649	12,832	36,739	8,418	9,482	10,313	28,213
Hyderabad	1,608	2,738	2,216	6,612	2,463	2,713	1,749	6,925
Bombay	1,281	1,067	644	2,992	875	535	448	1,858
Other Provinces	128	944	1,164	2,236	416	2,214	1,734	4,364
Total ..	16,276	15,447	16,856	48,579	12,172	14,944	14,244	41,360

3. Particulars regarding the sources and destination of the sea-borne imports and exports, respectively, will doubtless be submitted by the Department of Separate Revenue, but the next statement summarises the whole trade and the results in one view :—

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Block concerned.	Imports in 1895 during the quarter ending				Exports in 1895 during the quarter ending				Balance for nine months of 1896.	
	March.	June.	September.	Total.	March.	June.	September.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.
Northern Circars—										
Rail-borne	3,798	4,654	2,165	10,617	2,646	3,517	3,436	9,599	1,018	..
Sea-borne	19	5	12	36	5,053	8,208	6,293	19,554	..	19,518
Total ..	3,817	4,659	2,177	10,653	7,699	11,725	9,729	29,153	..	18,500
Kistna and Gódvári—										
Rail-borne	585	1,220	867	2,672	9,513	7,814	4,507	21,864	..	19,192
Sea-borne	270	115	159	544	27,922	19,097	28,633	75,652	..	75,108
Total ..	855	1,335	1,026	3,216	37,435	26,911	33,140	97,516	..	94,300
Deccan Districts—										
Rail-borne	4,281	4,197	3,422	11,900	6,100	5,316	7,488	18,904	..	7,004
North Carnatic—										
Sea-borne	737	52	..	789	..	139	309	448	341	..
Rail-borne	4,458	4,542	6,033	15,033	12,100	12,105	13,118	37,323	..	22,290
Total ..	5,195	4,594	6,033	15,822	12,100	12,244	13,427	37,771	..	21,949
Madras—										
Rail-borne	9,687	8,699	9,803	28,189	7,455	9,053	14,465	30,973	..	2,784
Sea-borne	6,514	4,262	9,320	20,096	745	174	316	1,235	18,861	..
Total ..	16,201	12,961	19,123	48,285	8,200	9,227	14,781	32,208	18,077	..
South Carnatic—										
Rail-borne	8,381	8,478	8,115	24,974	25,968	24,085	13,587	77,914	..	52,940
Sea-borne	2,936	5,150	4,775	12,881	14,659	15,335	27,861	43,581	..	30,700
Total ..	11,317	13,628	12,910	37,855	40,627	39,420	41,448	121,495	..	83,640
Central Districts—										
Rail-borne	19,761	20,236	26,129	66,126	4,034	2,688	3,824	10,546	55,580	..
Southern Districts—										
Rail-borne	22,361	23,923	33,339	79,623	4,715	9,446	12,612	26,773	52,850	..
Sea-borne	10,409	18,722	24,155	53,286	2,381	2,692	3,348	7,821	45,465	..
Total ..	32,770	42,645	57,494	132,909	7,096	11,538	15,960	34,594	98,315	..
Total, east—										
Rail-borne	10,170	10,286	10,589	31,045	9,389	8,393	8,025	25,807	5,238	..
Sea-borne	20,835	28,306	38,441	87,632	50,760	45,045	52,486	148,291	..	60,659
Total ..	31,005	38,592	49,030	118,677	60,149	53,438	60,511	174,098	..	55,421
Malabar—										
Rail-borne	6,106	5,161	6,268	17,535	667	1,237	1,571	3,475	14,060	..
Sea-borne	67,461	65,620	15,939	150,020	7,631	2,144	1,042	10,817	139,203	..
Total ..	73,567	70,781	22,207	167,555	8,298	3,381	2,613	14,292	153,263	..
South Canara—										
Sea-borne	1,817	1,046	146	3,009	14,091	5,896	279	20,266	..	17,257
Total, west—										
Rail-borne	6,106	5,161	6,268	17,535	667	1,237	1,571	3,475	14,060	..
Sea-borne	69,278	66,666	17,085	153,023	21,722	8,040	1,321	31,083	121,946	..
Total ..	75,384	71,827	23,353	170,564	22,389	9,277	2,892	34,558	136,006	..
Presidency total—										
Rail-borne	16,276	15,447	16,857	48,580	10,056	9,630	9,596	29,282	19,598	..
Sea-borne	90,163	94,972	55,526	240,661	72,482	53,085	53,807	179,374	61,287	..
Total ..	106,439	110,419	72,383	289,241	82,538	62,715	63,403	208,656	80,885	..

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Imports in 1896 during the quarter ending				Exports in 1896 during the quarter ending				Balance for nine months of 1896.		Block concerned.
March.	June.	September.	Total.	March.	June.	September.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	
TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	Northern Circars— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
4,468 10	8,398 2	8,090 8	20,956 20	7,475 16,527	10,187 24,284	8,263 8,305	25,925 49,116		4,969 49,096	
4,478	8,400	8,098	20,976	24,002	34,471	16,568	75,041	..	54,065	Total.
1,300 637	1,153 49	1,244 94	3,697 780	7,510 14,055	5,113 12,274	2,779 19,112	15,402 45,441		11,705 44,661	Kistna and Gó dávari— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
1,937	1,202	1,338	4,477	21,565	17,387	21,891	60,843	..	56,366	Total.
3,963	4,324	3,156	11,443	5,634	4,563	7,379	17,576	..	6,133	Deccan Districts— Rail-borne.
245 4,985	30 4,649	.. 6,729	275 16,363	.. 12,329	553 15,113	354 15,174	907 42,616		632 26,253	North Carnatic— Sea-borne. Rail-borne.
5,230	4,679	6,729	16,638	12,329	15,666	15,528	43,523	..	26,885	Total.
11,722 9,056	10,875 8,357	12,497 6,938	35,094 24,351	3,306 289	4,674 283	5,917 1,049	13,897 1,621	21,197 22,730		Madras— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
20,778	19,232	19,435	59,445	3,595	4,957	6,966	15,518	43,927	..	Total.
12,269 1,481	14,239 2,612	13,213 6,544	39,721 9,637	26,077 21,075	31,775 26,216	80,257 26,443	88,109 73,734		48,388 64,097	South Carnatic— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
13,750	16,851	18,757	49,358	47,152	57,991	56,700	161,843	..	112,485	Total.
11,793	15,235	16,344	43,375	7,607	4,467	3,544	15,618	27,757	..	Central Districts— Rail-borne.
19,453 13,503	17,264 4,930	17,138 4,806	53,855 23,239	3,538 3,279	2,882 1,552	3,477 1,658	9,897 6,529	43,958 16,710		Southern Districts— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
32,956	22,194	21,944	77,094	6,817	4,474	5,135	16,426	60,668	..	Total.
7,820 24,932	7,998 15,980	9,253 17,390	25,071 58,302	11,345 55,225	10,632 65,202	7,630 56,921	29,607 177,348		4,536 119,046	Total, east— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
32,752	23,978	26,643	83,373	66,570	75,834	64,551	206,955	..	123,582	Total.
4,352 64,675	6,946 46,801	4,991 3,204	16,289 114,680	371 5,458	302 2,059	972 1,825	1,645 9,382	14,644 105,298		Malabar— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
69,027	53,747	8,195	130,969	5,869	2,361	2,797	11,027	119,942	..	Total.
1,681	1,282	72	3,035	9,925	5,325	1,027	16,277	..	13,242	South Canara— Sea-borne.
4,352 66,356	6,946 48,083	4,991 3,276	16,289 117,716	371 15,423	302 7,384	972 2,852	1,645 25,659	14,644 92,056		Total, west— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
70,708	55,029	8,267	134,004	15,794	7,686	3,824	27,304	106,700	..	Total.
12,172 91,288	14,944 64,063	14,244 20,666	41,360 176,017	11,716 70,648	10,934 72,586	8,502 59,773	31,252 203,007	10,108 ..	26,990	Presidency total— Rail-borne. Sea-borne.
103,460	79,007	34,910	217,377	82,364	83,520	68,375	234,259	..	16,882	Total.

4. It is only of importance to note the net results, or the balance of imports or exports for the periods in question. These were in —

1895—Balance of imports	...	...	...	...	...	...	TONS.
1896 Do. of exports	...	...	...	...	...	...	80,585
	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,882

Of this change in the course of the trade, a large item is to be found in the falling off in the imports by sea into Malabar, especially during the six months ending in September last. The exports from South Canara were also smaller during the nine months in question than in the corresponding period of 1895, so that the balance of imports on the West Coast showed a decrease of 29,300 tons during the first nine months of the current year. On the East Coast of the Presidency, there was also an increase of nearly 58,400 tons in the net exports by sea; whilst, owing to the imports by rail being smaller and the exports rather larger, the total result was to enhance the balance from 55,421 tons to 123,582 tons of net exports. The increased sea-borne exports chiefly took place from the Northern Circars and the South Carnatic; that is, from the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, South Arcot and Tanjore districts. From the first mentioned block, the increase in the net exports was about 30,000 tons, and, though spread over the whole nine months, was most marked during the earlier months of the current year. From the second block, the increased net exports amounted to about 33,100 tons and were chiefly made in the second and third quarters of the period under reference. There were also smaller exports from the Gódvári and Kistna districts and smaller imports into the Southern districts, though the latter decrease was in part balanced by the increased net imports at Madras. It is noticeable that the latter place received a balance of about 27,850 tons more grain from inland than it did in 1895.

The central districts showed a marked falling off in imports, and the Deccan districts a slight decrease in exports.

5. Bearing in mind, however, the character of the grain trade of this Presidency, it is important, so far as the question of food-supplies is concerned, to remember that, usually, the Presidency imports more paddy than it exports, and always exports more rice than it imports. In statement No. 1 appended, the net balances of the traffic in paddy have been converted to rice at the rate of two-thirds. Then the whole grain trade, including that in other grains, works out for the periods in question as follows :—

During the quarter ending								1895.	1896.	
								Imports.	Imports.	Exports.
March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	TONS.			
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21,346		TONS.	TONS.
September ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42,116		18,605	..
							12,348		..	7,978
									..	29,265
						Total Net ..	75,810			18,638

The change in the course of the trade is very marked, and is the more remarkable, if reference be made to the fact, shown in the second table appended, that, during the ten years previous to April 1896, the Presidency had in the years 1888-89 and 1889-90 only shown a balance of exports of food-grains, and, even during the years 1894-95 and 1895-96, the average balance of imports exceeded 85,000 tons. It, therefore, appears that the change in the course of this trade began to set in during the quarter ending in June last and was growing. What the effect of the recent rise in prices, which it must be remembered set in during September last, has been on the

trade, it is as yet impossible to say. As the information becomes available it will be reviewed by the Board and submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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the Separate Revenue Department.

the Sanitary Commissioner.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT No. 1—showing the gross amounts and the net results of the grain-traffic of the Madras Presidency during the first nine months of 1896 compared with the corresponding period of 1895.

Grains.	Nature of trade.	Quarter ending 31st March						Quarter ending 30th June 1895.		
		1895.			1896.					
		Rail.	Sea.	Total.	Rail.	Sea.	Total.	Rail.	Sea.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Paddy ..	Imports	TONS. 1,440	TONS. 36,477	TONS. 37,917	TONS. 835	TONS. 24,842	TONS. 25,677	TONS. 1,041	TONS. 37,224	TONS. 38,265
	Exports	983	29,268	30,251	113	18,002	18,205	331	21,170	21,501
	Net	..	..	+ 7,666	..	..	+ 7,472	..	..	+ 16,764
Rice ..	Equivalent to rice ..	..	..	+ 5,111	..	..	+ 4,981	..	..	+ 11,176
	Imports	841	35,433	36,274	251	48,254	48,505	999	40,189	41,188
	Exports	7,842	35,859	43,701	9,539	45,907	55,446	7,901	28,016	35,917
Paddy and rice.	Net as rice ..	..	..	— 2,316	..	..	— 1,960	..	..	+ 16,447
Other grains.	Imports	13,995	18,253	32,248	11,086	18,192	29,278	13,407	17,559	30,966
	Exports	1,231	7,355	8,586	2,034	6,679	8,713	1,398	3,899	5,297
	Net	..	..	+ 23,662	..	..	+ 20,565	..	..	+ 25,669
	Net result for all grains ..	..	..	+ 21,346	..	..	+ 18,605	..	..	+ 42,116

Grains.	Nature of trade.	Quarter ending 30th June 1896.			Quarter ending 30th September					
					1895.			1896.		
		Rail.	Sea.	Total.	Rail.	Sea.	Total.	Rail.	Sea.	Total.
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Paddy ..	Imports	TONS. 1,858	TONS. 20,757	TONS. 22,615	TONS. 887	TONS. 20,132	TONS. 21,319	TONS. 1,599	TONS. 4,233	TONS. 5,832
	Exports	71	12,150	12,221	186	31,238	31,424	469	17,964	18,433
	Net	..	..	+ 10,394	..	..	- 10,105	..	..	- 12,601
Rice ..	Equivalent to rice ..	..	..	+ 6,929	..	..	- 6,737	..	..	- 8,401
	Imports	1,735	28,530	30,265	933	16,940	17,873	1,109	3,546	4,655
	Exports	8,959	52,182	61,141	7,610	18,277	25,887	6,948	35,053	42,001
Paddy and rice.	Net as rice ..	..	..	- 23,947	..	..	- 14,751	..	..	- 45,747
Other grains.	Imports	11,351	14,776	26,127	15,037	18,154	33,191	11,536	12,887	24,423
	Exports	1,904	8,254	10,158	1,800	4,292	6,092	1,185	6,756	7,941
	Net	..	..	+ 15,969	..	..	+ 27,099	..	..	+ 16,482
	Net result for all grains ..	..	..	- 7,978	..	..	+ 12,348	..	..	- 29,265

+ Imports.

— Exports.

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STATEMENT No. 2—showing the gross amounts and net results of the trade in paddy, rice and other grains for ten years ending 1895-96.

Year.	Paddy.				Rice.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Net result, imports.		Imports.	Total of columns 5 and 6.	Exports.
			Paddy.	Rice, at $\frac{2}{3}$ of paddy.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.
1886-87	27,027	13,013	14,014	9,343	64,453	73,796	107,789
1887-88	28,464	14,226	14,238	9,492	74,413	83,905	102,380
1888-89	22,999	18,709	4,290	2,860	49,354	52,214	116,194
1889-90	34,156	15,112	19,044	12,696	40,992	53,688	132,760
1890-91	77,311	23,904	53,407	35,605	90,394	125,999	85,918
1891-92	70,651	19,094	51,557	34,371	125,498	159,863	84,239
1892-93	106,294	20,059	86,235	57,490	52,155	109,645	75,817
1893-94	169,504	28,307	141,197	94,131	37,391	131,522	83,053
1894-95	104,156	34,686	69,470	46,313	46,010	92,323	118,479
1895-96	55,441	30,623	24,818	16,545	91,233	107,778	123,946

Year.	Rice—cont.		Other grains.			Net for all grains.	
	Net.		Imports.	Exports.	Net Imports.	Imports.	Exports.
	Imports.	Exports.					
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.
1886-87	..	33,993	81,513	7,301	74,212	40,219	..
1887-88	..	18,475	73,534	11,783	61,751	43,276	..
1888-89	..	63,980	55,312	23,654	31,658	..	32,322
1889-90	..	79,072	77,398	14,832	62,566	..	16,506
1890-91	40,081	..	113,124	12,660	100,464	140,545	..
1891-92	75,630	..	161,984	13,277	148,707	224,337	..
1892-93	33,828	..	175,300	9,705	165,595	199,423	..
1893-94	48,469	..	181,572	12,269	169,303	217,772	..
1894-95	..	26,156	106,943	12,517	94,426	68,270	..
1895-96	..	16,158	112,717	10,942	101,775	85,607	..

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