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Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 804

Dated 22nd September 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Compensation for dearness of provision.

Directing, with remarks, the Govt. Servants on Civil establishments in the districts of Godavari, Kistna and South Canara be granted the extra allowances permissible under article 92 of the Civil Account Code, with effect from the 10th instant, and stating that the concessions cannot be extended to Malabar and the Nilgiris.

BACK PAPERS.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

Order

From The Board of Revenue
Rev: Sett: L.R & Agri
Madras

No. 566 Revs.

Dated 14th August 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Famine Batta.

Bringing to the notice
Government with reference
Article 72 of the Civil Accou
Code that the staple grain
of the Districts of Godavari
Nellore, Malabar & South
Canara are now dearer t
12 seers to the rupee whic
in Kistna, they approxima
to this rate.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 856 Genl. / 97 Office of the Superintendent of Police, South Canara a
Dated 14th May 1897

To The Inspector-General of Police
Madras.

Through The Dy. Inspector-General of
Police, Southern Range

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice, that the prices of all articles of food have doubled since last year, and that it is telling very hard on the men in the Police force and request you will be so kind as to place the matter before Government and obtain Sanction to grant an extra allowance to each man.

I would suggest Rs 5/- to Inspector Rs 3 to Head Constable and Rs 2 to Constables per mensem The price of rice last year being under Rs 3/ and at present touching Rs 5/ per moora.

The cause of this great rise in price is owing to the large

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so no imports of other articles
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It is impossible to expect the
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So far as I gather the prices
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I have &c.

(Sd) J H Stoddart
Supdt of Police.

(True Copy)

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Supdt: of Police.

(True Copy)

Sudtn 17/6

Brockman 18/6
Famine Secretary.

No 2010 Chief office of the Inspector General of Police, Madras
10th June 1897.

Memorandum

Letter from the Superintendent of Police, South Canara C. No. 856 dated 14th May 1897.

The Superintendent should enquire from the Collector, whether under the rules as regards batta the price of rice is not such now as to enable batta to be given. If the Collector states that under the rules batta should now be given, he will address the Government. If batta is given it will be given to all servants not only to Police.

(Sd) J Meredith
for Inspector. Genl. of Police.

To

The Superintendent of Police, South Canara

through the Dy. Inspector. Genl. of Police Southern Range

(True copy)

(Sd) J H Stoddart
Supdt of Police

(True Copy)

Sudtn 17/6

Brockman 18/6
Famine Secretary

C.B.R. No. 211/97. South Canara Collectio
Mangalore 6th July 189

From

W.H. Welsh Esqr.

Collector of South Canara

To

The Secretary to the Commissio
Revenue Settlement &c, Ootaca

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proce
mgp No. 3828 Mis: dated 27th Ma
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that, since my report of the 20th
May last No: 1572/Acc. of 1897, the price
of 2nd sort rice, the staple food
grain of the district which was
then above the warning rate
has been steadily rising, as for
instance the price for last week
is as shown in the margin and

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Mangalore	8.72
Bantwal	9.60
Udipi	8.72
Karkal	10.00
Puttur	9.50
Beltangady	10.50
Coondapur	10.00
Kasaragod	9.14
Hosdrug	8.00
District average	9.35

on several occasions representa
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Subordinates expressing their
difficulties in maintaining
themselves on the scanty pay
they receive owing to enhance

rate

rates and praying for the grant
of famine batta regulated in
the Civil Account Code.

2. It is now more than 3
months since the price of
all the necessary provisions
of life have risen and
there does not appear any
prospect of an early fall.

3. I, therefore, beg that
the Board may be pleased
to take the above into consider-
tion and move Government
to give temporary relief to the
low paid subordinates, as
already suggested in my
letter of the 20th May last.

I have &c.

(Sd) D. Anathiah
for Collector.

(True Copy)

Madras 17/8
Famine Secretary.

R. C. No. 1083/Genl. 97. Office of the Superintendent of Police
South Canara District.
8th July 1897.

From

J. H. Stoddart Esqr.
Superintendent of Police.
South Canara District.

To

The Collector of South Canara.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith Copy of my letter C No. 856/Genl of 14th May last and of the reply from the Inspector-General of Police, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to take necessary steps to move Government to sanction famine batta to all Government Servants in the District

Since the date of my letter quoted above the prices of rice and other articles have enormously increased.

You no doubt are aware, that although there is no actual famine

in the District, the prices of all articles of staple food are more than those ruling in famine-stricken districts.

It is ruinous even to maintain horses. Red straw being sold at Rs 8 or 9 per 1000, the usual price being Rs 3 per 1000 and gram at Rs 3 per moora. This tells very hard on those who are obliged to keep horses.

I have &c.

(Signed) J H Stoddart.

Supt. of Police.

(True Copy)

A Duthie.
17/8
Famine Secretary.

Rec'd 17/8

Dis:
No. 1024/Ver of 97.

South Canara Collector's Office
Mangalore 21st July 1897

From

W. H. Welsh Esqr
Collector of South Canara.

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement &c. Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter G.B.R No 211 dated the 6th instant I have the honor to submit herewith letter since received by me from the Superintendent of Police, regarding famine batta to Police Subordinates.

I have &c.

(Signed) E. Ananthesh
for Collector.

(True Copy)

A Duthie.
17/8
Famine Secretary.

Rec'd 17/8

Reference No. 1838/P/97 Malabar Collector's office
Calicut. 9th August 1897

From

G. W. Dance Esqr:
Actg. Collector of Malabar
Calicut.

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner
Revr: Settlt. Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to ask Government to reconsider the order contained in its Proceedings No. 3829 misc: Dated 27th May 1897 disallowing famine batta in Malabar. Since that order was passed the distress here has increased to an extent which those who know the district would hardly have believed if they had not witnessed it. Second sort rice was then selling at 9.4 Seers per Rupee. It is now 7.9 Seers. The normal rate is 12.9 Seers. The poorer paid classes of

of Government are feeling the strain keenly, and I am deluged with applications for famine batta from officers of the various departments serving under me in this district.

I would therefore strongly recommend that famine batta may be allowed to all Government Servants on the Civil Establishment in Malabar who draw Rupees 10 per mensem or less, until there is a marked fall in prices.

I have &c.

(Signed) J.W. Dance

Collector.

(True Copy)

J. Dance
17/8
Famine Secretary.

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(Sett. 22—2,000—11-3-97.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 14th August 1897.

No. 566 Press.

READ letter from the Collector of South Canara, ~~dated~~ No. 1024/Ver dis: dated 21st July 1897.

Read also letter from the Collector of South Canara C.B.R. No. 211/97 dated 6th July 1897.

Read also letter from the Collector of Malabar, Reference on C. No. 1838/P/97 dated 9th August 1897.

Read again also G.O. No. 2605 Mis: dated 21st May 1897.

Read again also G.O. No. 2938 Mis: dated 11th June 1897.

Read again also Board's Proceedings No. 5270 Mis: dated 13th July 1897.

Read also G.O. No. 603 Press dated 21st July 1897.

+Copy attached.

Resolution

The Famine Commissioner begs to bring to the notice of Government with reference to Article 72 of the Civil Account Code that the staple grains of the districts of Godavari, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara are now dearer than 12 Seers to the rupee, while in Kistna they approximate to this rate. The subjoined figures show the course of prices since April.

For Week ending	Prices of: Godavari Raggi	Godavari Cholum	Kistna Cholum	Kistna Cumbu	Nilgiris Raggi	Malabar Rice	South Canara Rice
April 3rd	14·9	16·4	15·9	13·1	17·8	10·5	11·0
" 10th	15·0	16·4	15·7	13·1	17·5	10·3	10·1
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" 24th	14·8	16·0	14·9	13·1	17·5	10·1	10·2
May 1st	14·7	15·9	14·9	13·1	16·2	9·8	10·3
8th	14·5	15·4	14·7	12·8	16·2	9·5	10·3
15th	14·3	15·4	14·2	12·5	16·2	9·6	10·4
22nd	14·2	15·2	14·2	12·5	16·2	9·4	10·4
29th	14·1	14·9	14·0	12·5	16·2	9·4	10·2
June 5th	13·7	14·7	14·0	12·5	16·2	9·1	10·1
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26th	12·3	13·1	13·0	12·5	15·5	8·7	9·5
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10th	11·8	12·2	13·1	11·3	14·2	8·3	9·3
17th	11·5	12·0	13·0	11·3	13·9	8·2	9·3
24th	11·5	11·8	12·6	11·5	10·5	7·9	9·2
Scarcity rate	14·0	14·0	13·07	13·07	10·5	8·0	8·4
14-8-97	11·5	11·6	11·8	10·7	13·5	7·5	7·6
21-8-97	11·6	11·5	10·6	10·8	13·3	7·4	7·7
28-8-97	11·7	11·6	11·6	10·9	13·1	7·3	7·8

Rice has been dearer than 12 measures a rupee since 17th October 1896 in Malabar, and since February 13th - 1897 in South Canara.

2. It must be remembered that while Government only gives

gives compensation on the dry grains, as a fact, its poorer paid servants generally eat rice, and on the price of rice would have been entitled to compensation months ago. The effect of this, or rather the possible effect of this on Taluk peons and the Police will be plain to Government.

(True Extract)

Famine Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Genl. J
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, No. 566, 14th August 1897.

AUGUST.

Famine Batta.—Bringing to the notice of Government, with reference to Article 72 of the Civil Account Code, that the staple grains of the districts of Gódávari, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara are now dearer than 12 seers to the rupee, while in Kistna they approximate to this rate.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 2605, Revenue, dated 21st May 1897.

Abstract.—Stating that although compensation for dearness of food could be given in Malabar, there is no distress there which would justify Government in exercising the discretion entrusted to them by the rules so as to allow it.

Read—also G.O., Mis. No. 2938, Revenue, dated 11th June 1897.

Abstract.—Recording Board's Proceedings recording letter from the Collector of South Canara applying for compensation for dearness of provisions in the district.

Read—the following letter from W. H. WELSH, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Mangalore, 6th July 1897, G.B.R. No. 211 :—

With reference to B.P., Mis. No. 3828, dated 27th May 1897, I have the honour to report that since my report of the 20th May last, No. 1572-Acc. of 1897, the price of second-sort rice, the staple food-grain of the district, which was then above the warning rate has been steadily rising, as for instance the price for last week is as shown in the margin and on several occasions representations were made to me by subordinates expressing their difficulties in maintaining themselves on the scanty pay they receive owing to enhanced rates and praying for the grant of famine batta regulated in the Civil Account Code.

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Kasaragod	9·14
Hosdrug	8·00
District average ...	9·35

2. It is now more than three months since the price of all the necessary provisions of life has risen and there does not appear any prospect of an early fall.

3. I, therefore, beg that the Board may be pleased to take the above into consideration and move Government to give temporary relief to the low-paid subordinates, as already suggested in my letter of the 20th May last.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 5270, dated 13th July 1897.

Abstract.—Submitting the letter from the Collector of Malabar, stating that there is distress in the district at present, for the information of Government, with the remark, that although the current high prices must cause great privation especially among the Moplah population of Ernad and Walavanad taluks, there was no necessity for the Government to open any relief works as the want may be supplied by local charity.

Read—also the following letter from W. H. WELSH, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Mangalore, 21st July 1897, Dis. No. 1024-Ver. :—

In continuation of my letter, G. B. R. No. 211, dated the 6th instant, I have the honour to submit herewith letter, since received by me, from the Superintendent of Police, regarding famine batta to Police subordinates.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. H. STODDART, Esq., Superintendent of Police, South Canara, to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras (through the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Southern Range), dated 14th May 1897, C. No. 856-Genl.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that the prices of *all* articles of food have doubled since last year, and that it is telling very hard on the men in the Police force, and request you will be so kind as to place the matter before Government and obtain sanction to grant an extra allowance to each man.

I would suggest Rs. 5 to Inspectors, Rs. 3 to head constables and Rs. 2 to constables per mensem.

The price of rice last year being under Rs. 3 and at present touching Rs. 5 per moora.

The cause of this great rise in price is owing to the larger exportation going on with rice, and also *no* imports of other articles of food owing to the plague and restriction of quarantine, which has interfered with trade very greatly.

It is impossible to expect the men to meet this extra expense on their present very scanty pay—especially to those of the lower rank—and it is *most* necessary that something should be done to assist them in their present suffering.

So far as I gather the prices are not likely to fall but rather that they will rise more.

Enclosure No. 2.

Memorandum from the Superintendent of Police, South Canara, dated 14th May 1897, C. No. 856.

The Superintendent should enquire from the Collector, whether under the rules as regards batta, the price of rice is not such now as to enable batta to be given. If the Collector states that under the rules batta should now be given, he will address the Government. If batta is given it will be given to all servants not only to Police.

Enclosure No. 3.

From J. H. STODDART, Esq., Superintendent of Police, South Canara, to the Collector of South Canara, dated 8th July 1897, R. C. No. 1083-Genl.

In forwarding herewith copy of my letter, C. No. 856-Genl., dated 14th May last, and of the reply from the Inspector-General of Police, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to take necessary steps to move Government to sanction famine batta to all Government servants in the district.

Since the date of my letter quoted above, the prices of rice and other articles have enormously increased.

You no doubt are aware that, although there is no actual famine in the district, the prices of all articles of staple food are more than those ruling in famine-stricken districts.

It is ruinous even to maintain horses. Bed-straw being sold at Rs. 8 or Rs. 9 per 1,000, the usual price being Rs. 3 per 1,000 and gram at Rs. 3 per moora. This tells very hard on those who are obliged to keep horses.

Read—also G.O., No. 603, Revenue, dated 21st July 1897.

Abstract.—Directing that Government servants on civil establishments in the districts of Bellary, Vizagapatam, Kurnool, Anantapur and Cuddapah be granted famine batta under article 72 of the Civil Account Code with effect from certain dates.

READ—also the following letter from G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Calicut, 9th August 1897, Ref. on C. No. 1838 :—

I have the honour to request that the Board will be pleased to ask Government to reconsider the order contained in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 3829, dated 27th May 1897, disallowing famine batta in Malabar. Since that order was passed the distress here has increased to an extent which those who know the district would hardly have believed if they had not witnessed it. Second-sort rice was then selling at 9·4 seers per rupee. It is now 7·9 seers. The normal rate is 12·9 seers. The poorer paid servants of Government are feeling the strain keenly, and I am deluged with applications for famine batta from officers of the various departments serving under me in this district.

I would therefore strongly recommend that famine batta may be allowed to all Government servants on the civil establishment in Malabar who draw Rs. 10 per mensem or less until there is a marked fall in prices.

RESOLUTION—No. 566, dated 14th August 1897.

The Famine Commissioner begs to bring to the notice of Government that the staple grains of the districts of Gódávari, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara are now dearer than 12 seers to the rupee, while in Kistna they approximate to this rate. The subjoined figures show the course of prices since April :—

For week ending	Prices of						
	Gódávari.		Kistna.		Nilgiris.	Malabar.	South Canara.
	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cholam.	Cumbu.	Ragi.	Rice.	Rice.
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„ 19th	12·5	14·6	13·0	12·5	16·2	8·7	10·0
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July 3rd	11·9	12·6	13·6	12·3	15·2	8·4	9·4
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„ 24th	11·6	11·8	12·6	11·5	10·5	7·9	9·2
Scarcity rate	14·0	14·0	13·0	13·0	10·5	8·0	8·4

Rice has been dearer than 12 measures a rupee since 17th October 1896 in Malabar, and since 13th February 1897 in South Canara.

2. It must be remembered that, while Government only gives compensation on the dry grains, as a fact, its poorer paid servants generally eat rice, and, on the price of rice, would have been entitled to compensation months ago. The effect of this, or rather the possible effect of this, on Taluk peons and the Police will be plain to Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

28 AUG 97
SECRETARIAT

From The Board of Revenue,
Revenue Settlement Land Records
and Agriculture

Order

No. 6763 Miscellaneous.

Dated 23rd August 1897

Received

Registered

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, letter from the Collector of South Canara, submitting copy of letter from the District and Sessions Judge, South Canara, requesting to obtain the sanction of Government for the grant of rice compensation for the subordinates under him.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

(Sett. 22—2,000—11-8-97.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Dated 23rd August 1897.

No. 6763 Miscellaneous.

READ ..... Endorsement from the Collector of South Canara Dis on C No. 16 of 97 acc, dated 5th August 1897, submitting to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue —— Settlement and Director of the department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras, in continuation of this office letter G. B. R No. 211 dated 6th July 1897, on the letter from the District and Sessions Judge, South Canara No. 1971 dated 2nd August 1897 with seven enclosures.

Resolution:

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings No. 566 dated 14th August 1897.

(True extract)

[signature] 24/8

Famine Secretary.

To,

The Secretary to Government, Revenue department with papers in original to be returned

Copy to the Collector, South Canara

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

RECEIVED AT MADRAS
28 AUG 97
SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT

Order

From
The Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.), Madras.

No. 1870 Mis.

Dated 25th August 1897

Received

Registered

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings No. 566 dated 4th August 1897 letters from the Collector of South Canara and Inspector General of prisons requesting the Board to obtain early orders for the grant of rice compensation to low paid subordinates in the District.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Copy of letter No. 242 dated
30th June 1897, from the Superintendent, District Jail, Mangalore:—

I have the honour to inform you that Rice, the Common Staple food in this District has become very dear and the worst sort Costs, Rupee one for eight Seers and all the other provisions too are very dear. The warder Establishment Constantly Complain of the same and Suffer very much thereby. I therefore request you will be good enough to move the Government to Sanction Compensation for dearness of food under Artic

72 of the Civil Account Code-

/True Copy./

(Signed) A. G. Cardew

Inspector-General of Prisons.

/True Copy./

Hawkins 26/8.

Examining Secretary.

Govt.
24/8

(Sett. 21—2,000—11-8-97.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 25th August 1897.

No. 6870 Mis.

READ the following letter from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras No. 3031 dated 8th July 1897 to the Collector of South Canara -

I have the honour to forward Copy of a letter No. 242, dated 30th June 1897 from the Superintendent of the District Jail Mangalore, and to request that, if sufficient Cause exists, the necessary action

may

may be taken under Article 72 of the Civil Account Code Vol. I.

Read also the following endorsement thereon from the Collector of South Canara Disposal on Current No. 2030/acc of 97 dated 15th July 1894.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras in continuation of this office letter G. B. R No. 211/acc dated 6th July 1894.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of South Canara I Rem under G.B.R No. 211 of 1897 dated 14th August 97.

I have the honor to invite the attention of the Board to this office letter G. B. R. No. 211/acc of 6th July 1897 and request that the Board may be pleased to obtain early orders on the matter. The price of rice for the last week is noted in the margin.

Mangalore	7.38	
Bantwal	8.00	
Udipi	7.38	
Karkal	8.00	
Puttur	8.00	
Beltangady	8.00	
Coondapur	8.00	
Kasaragod	7.11	
Hosdrug	6.75	
Total	68.62	
Average	7.62	

Resolution.

Submitted to Government in Continuation of Board's Proceedings 566 dated 14th August 1897.

/True Copy and Extract/

/Illegible/
Asstt Secretary

To,
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department
The Collector of South Canara.

Endt 2614

D 1,000—8-4-97.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 7141, 7666, 7387 & 7455

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

the Hon'ble Sir Ensle CR
& the Govt

C No. 7141 Pg A

I observe that in RO 603 dt 21.7.97 it was ordered that batta should be granted from certain dates, but it was not ordered that it should be discontinued when prices fell to 12 seers a Rupee, as they have done in Vizagapatam. Orders about it should be issued at once if there is any doubt as to whether it has been discontinued in Vizagapatam, orders should be issued by telegram

JS

This should be issued
the discontinuance, I am a bit
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With reference to article 72 of the C.A.C the Board brings to the notice of Govt the fact that the prices of staple grains in some of the districts are ~~not~~ dearer than 12 seers per rupee. The grain referred to in the article is not the grain ~~the~~ used as food by the class of Govt servants affected by it 72 nor necessarily the grain consumed by the majority of the laboring population, but the cheapest and the coarsest grain used by any considerable section of the community. The Govt of India has further explained that the object in fixing 12 seers per rupee was to indicate the stage of general scarcity and pressure. This criterion does not apply in the case of Malabar and S. Canara where normal prices are but slightly above

this prices of 12 seers ; and in the case of these districts and of districts similarly circumstanced we have to consider whether the stage referred to by the Govt of I has been reached. It has also to be borne in mind that ~~[illegible]~~ is intended to forestall ~~[illegible]~~ do India that the Scarcity rates should be substituted for the fixed prices of 12 seers in the rule in art 72.

Godavari. Grain Ragi

Normal rate 28 Scarcity rate 14.

The price has been dearer than 12 seers for rupee since the W. E 3rd July, but is fairly steady having never risen above 11·5 seers. Relief measures have been in progress or have been tried in some parts of the district. As the case is covered by article 72 batta may be sanctioned with effect from the 3rd July.

In c. No 7666 the Famine Commissioner submits a letter from the Collector of Godavari forwarding an application from the Municipality of Rajahmundry for permission to pay famine batta at the rate of one rupee per mensem to all its servants drawing Rs 10 and less. The Municipal Council bases its proposal on the ground that rice which is the ~~food~~ grain consumed by its servants is sold at 8½ seers the rupee and proposes to continue the allowance till there is a permanent fall in price. The council makes the proposal not with reference to art 72 of the C.A.C but as an employer mindful of the interests of its employés ; and it is not clear why the Collector should hold that the council is bound in this matter by the rules framed by the Govt of India in respect of Govt servants. This is however a question for the Local municipal Dept to which the current will be transferred with the orders that may be passed in this Dept in respect of Govt employés.

Kistna Staple grain Cholum

Normal rate 26 Scarcity rate 13

The price has been dearer than 12 seers since the W. E 7th August there was a sharp rise in the W. E 21st August but there was nearly as sharp a fall in the next

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I think batta should be allowed from this date till Ragi is 14 seers a Rupee ; but note extraordinary. Prices are recorded a little too high we should say

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weeks. Test works have been tried in Vinukonda.

The price according to the latest report was 11·6 seers and ~~no~~ ~~reports~~ ~~have~~ it may ~~not~~ have fallen below 12 seers last week. Orders are solicited as to whether latter is to be sanctioned

Nidigunta Staple grain Ragi
Normal rate 22 Scarcity rate 10·8

The price was dearer than 12 seers only for the W. & 24th July; ~~and~~ it has since fallen below 12 seers. Compensation is not permissible under the rules.

Addanki Staple grain Rice
Normal rate 13·4 Scarcity rate 8

The price has been dearer than 12 seers since Oct 1896, but this does not signify much as the normal rate is only slightly higher than this. The price has with one exception been higher than the Scarcity rate since the W. & 24th July ~~4th August~~ and is now rising steadily. The district has formed the subject of special reports and the Collector has in fact said that he should not hesitate to recommend the opening of kitchens if he considered them necessary. There is no doubt as to the existence of scarcity and pressure and it is submitted that in accordance with the position taken up by us in the proposed draft letter to Indian, latter may be sanctioned with effect from the date when the Scarcity rate was ~~reached~~ first passed

S. Canara. Grain Ragi
Normal rate 14 Scarcity rate 8·4

The price has been dearer than 12 seers from before April last but this does not signify much as in the previous case. It reached the Scarcity rate in the W. & 4th August and has since further risen rather sharply. No reports of scarcity or distress have come from the district. Orders are solicited

C. No. 7387 contains an application from the Dt. Judge S. Canara on behalf of employés in the public Dept for compensation

C. No. 7455 contains a similar application from the Inspector General of prisons on behalf of employés in this Dept.

The W. & 4th [illegible]

to whether famine batta should be granted or not: Prices are falling. I submit there is no need to grant famine batta here in Godavari or Kistna or in S. Canara or Malabar & the Nilgiris it is not admissible.

W.H.7.

See above

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C. Nos 7141, 7387 & 9.

The Hon'ble Mr. Grose C.S.I.

G. O. C. Press) No. 804 d/22 Sept 97

The Govt have resolved to direct that Govt Servants on Civil establishments in the districts of Godavari, Kistna and S. Canara be granted the ordinary allowances permissible under article 7 of the Civil account Code with effect from the 10th inst. The payment of these allowances shall be discontinued in S. Canara as soon as the price of rice per ~~staple~~ grain of the district, ~~viz~~ rice becomes cheaper than the scarcity rate viz 8.4 seers per rupee, and in Godavari (Cocanada) & Kistna (Chaluvai) when the staple grains cease to be dearer than 12 seers per rupee. The Collectors concerned will communicate to the heads of their depts serving in their districts the dates on which the prices of the staple grains fall to or below the above rates.

2. The normal price of rice is as high as 13.4 seers per

to Malabar, and the fact that in Ganjam is dearer than 12 seers for a rupee, nothing, not necessarily indicate the kind and level of general scarcity. The case in Ganjam departs from the season report or in the W. R. 11th in Salem or Malabar that in the price of rice in the districts not fallen below the ordinary rate (8 seers for a rupee) is not prepared to extend concession to Malabar. The case of the allowances is not permissible under the rules in the case of the Nilgiris

Should the Board's decision with reference to this, there is no doubt that there is an accumulation of the Famine Code which would be over-ridden by the fall in prices which has made his rate under 12th instant

As proposed
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To the Famine Commr
The other Heads of Depts under the B.D
The F.D
The other Depts of the Secretariat
The A.G.
The Heads of Inspl Depts
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Compensation for dearness of provisions.

Directing, with remarks, that Government servants on civil establishments in the districts of Gódávari, Kistna and South Canara be granted the extra allowances permissible under article 72 of the Civil Account Code, with effect from the 10th instant, and stating that the concession cannot be extended to Malabar and the Nilgiris.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 566, dated 14th August 1897.

Abstract.—Bringing to the notice of Government, with reference to article 72 of the Civil Account Code, that the staple grains of the districts of Gódávari, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara are now dearer than 12 seers to the rupee, while in Kistna they approximate to this rate.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 6763, dated 23rd August 1897.

Abstract.—Submitting to Government letter from the Collector of South Canara submitting copy of letter from the District and Sessions Judge, South Canara, requesting to obtain the sanction of Government for the grant of rice compensation for the subordinates under him.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 6870, dated 25th August 1897.

Abstract.—Submitting to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 566, dated 14th August 1897, letters from the Collector of South Canara and Inspector-General of Prisons requesting the Board to obtain early orders for the grant of rice compensation to low-paid subordinates in the district.

Order—No. 804, Revenue, dated 22nd September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Government resolves to direct that Government servants on civil establishments in the districts of Gódávari, Kistna and South Canara be granted the extra allowances permissible under article 72 of the Civil Account Code with effect from the 10th instant. The payment of these allowances should be discontinued in South Canara as soon as the price of rice becomes cheaper than the scarcity rate, viz., 8·4 seers per rupee, and in Gódávari (ragi) and Kistna (cholam) when the staple grains cease to be dearer than 12 seers per rupee. The Collectors concerned will communicate to the heads of other departments serving in their districts the dates on which the prices of the staple grains fall to or below the above rates.

2. The normal price of rice is as high as 13·4 seers per rupee in Malabar, and the fact that this grain is dearer than 12 seers per rupee does not necessarily indicate the existence of general scarcity. The Government observes from the season report for the week ending 11th September that the price of rice in the district has now fallen

below the scarcity rate (8 seers per rupee), and is not prepared to extend the concession to Malabar. The grant of the allowances is not permissible under the rules in the case of the Nilgiris.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
" other Heads of Departments under the Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
" other Departments of the Secretariat.
" Accountant-General.
" Heads of Imperial Departments serving in Gódávari, Kistna and South Canara.
" Collectors of Gódávari, Kistna and South Canara.

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