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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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STATEMENT showing the price of food-grains in the Nellore district from November 1897.

Months.	Nellore.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholum.	Cumbu.
December	9·0	12·6	11·0	10·5
April, 30th	9·0	14·6	13·5	12·2
Scarcity rate	8·4	14·0	13·0	12·0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
December	8·0	14·7	12·9	12·7	8·7	16·7	14·5	14·3	8·3	15·6	14·2	15·2
April, 30th	9·2	19·0	20·0	14·4	9·9	19·5	19·4	17 8	9·3	19·4	17·4	15·7
Scarcity rate	7·9	..	15·0	14·0	7·9	16·0	15·0	14·0	7·9	16·0	15·0	14·0

Months.	Chingleput.				North Arcot.				Trichinopoly.			
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	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
December	9·1	11·4	..	..	9 5	16·2	12·2	15·4	8·8	17·0	13·0	16·5
April, 30th	9·3	14·5	..	..	10 0	16·3	15·2	14·3	9·3	15·0	*15·3	14·7
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	Do. 30th April 1898 ..	9·2	9·9	9·3	9·0	9·3	10 0	9·3
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Ragi ..	Average price December 1897 ..	14·7	16·7	15·6	12·6	14·4	16 2	*17·0
	Do. 30th April 1898 ..	19·0	19·5	19·4	14·6	14 5	16·3	15·0
	Scarcity rate	..	16·0	16·0	14·0	12·0	16 0	14·0
Cholum ..	Average price December 1897 ..	12·9	14·5	14·2	11·0	..	12·2	13·0
	Do. 30th April 1898 ..	20·0	19·4	17·4	13·5	..	15·2	15·8
	Scarcity rate	15·0	15·0	15·0	13·0	..	13·0	12·0
Cumbu ..	Average price December 1897 ..	12·7	14·3	15·2	10·5	..	15·4	*16·5
	Do. 30th April 1898 ..	14·4	17·8	15·7	12·2	..	14·3	14·7
	Scarcity rate	14·0	14·0	14 0	12 0	..	13 5	13·0

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Exd. Shaik Karim.

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STATEMENT showing the price of staple food-grains in certain districts in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

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To "

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" " To the Secretary to the G of I R & A. Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to refer ~~address the Govt of India~~ to Mr Dobbs' ~~in continuation of~~ my letter No. 194 2-4-98 enclosing copies of the report on the general economic condition of the Nellore District ~~submitted by the Board of Revenue~~ and of the reports on the state of the season in Chingleput and North Arcot. In para 3 of this letter it was stated that of the six districts besides Nellore for which budget provision had been made on account of famine relief

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relief, it was hoped that
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in which distress or
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in the near future, that
further reports were then
due from the Collectors
of these two districts, and that
the general report in regard
to the ~~the~~ six districts
would be forwarded to the
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of April.

2. I am now to submit
for the information of the
Govt of India the marginal-
ly noted Proc of the
Board of Revenue briefly des-
cribing the present position
and stating that it is, at
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X of Sec. 48 of the Famine
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B.P. 169
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* Vide Board's Proc
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of Kurnool and Cuddapah.
This improvement in the
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last and to the general co-
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rains.

* Ibid.

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H.E. the Governor in Council
~~agrees with the opinion of the~~
Considers
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Rice	Average price, December 1897	8·0	8·7	8·3	9·0	9·1	9·5	8·8
	Do. 30th April 1898	9·2	9 9	9·3	9·0	9·8	10·0	9·3
	Scarcity rate	7·9	7·9	7·9	8·4	8·4	8·4	8·4
Ragi	Average price, December 1897	14·7	16·7	15 6	12·6	14·4	16·2	* 17·0
	Do. 30th April 1898	19·0	19 5	19 4	14·6	14·5	16 3	15·0
	Scarcity rate	..	16·0	16·0	14·0	12·0	16·0	14·0
Cholum	Average price, December 1897	12 9	14·5	14 2	11·0	..	12·2	13·0
	Do. 30th April 1898	20·0	19·4	17·4	13·5	..	15·2	15·8
	Scarcity rate	15·0	15 0	15·0	13·0	..	13·0	12·0
Cumbu	Average price, December 1897	12·7	14·3	15·2	10·5	..	15·4	* 16·5
	Do. 30th April 1898	14·4	17·8	15 7	12·2	..	14 3	14·7
	Scarcity rate	14·0	14·0	14·0	12·0	..	13·5	13·0

* These grains are harvested in December or earlier. The price of varagu, largely consumed in Trichinopoly, has fallen considerably.

Order—No. 311, Revenue, dated 26th May 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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INFORMING the Government of India that it is at present deemed unnecessary to submit a report on the general economic condition of any of the six districts in the Madras Presidency in which distress was apprehended.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. G. STOKES, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Revenue and Agricultural Department,

Dated Ootacamund, 26th May 1898.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Mr. Forbes' letter, No. 194, dated 2nd April 1898, enclosing copies of the report on the general economic condition of the Nellore district and of the reports on the state of the season in Chingleput and North Arcot. In paragraph 3 of this letter it was stated that of the six * districts, besides Nellore for which budget provision had been made on account of famine relief, it was hoped that Chingleput and North Arcot might be the only districts in which distress to an appreciable extent need be apprehended in the near future, that further reports were then due from the Collectors of these two districts, and that the general report in regard to the six districts would be forwarded to the Government of India in the course of April.

Miscellaneous.

* Chingleput. North Arcot. Trichinopoly. | Anantapur Kurnool. Cuddapah.

2. The Collectors of Chingleput, North Arcot, Trichinopoly and Anantapur have now reported † that all classes of the population in their districts can hold out on their own resources for some time longer and that it will not be necessary to provide relief unless there is a failure of the south-west monsoon. Similar reports have been received ‡ from the Collectors of Kurnool and Cuddapah. This improvement in the outlook is due to the general fall in prices since December last and to the general copiousness of the pre-monsoon rains.

† *Vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 169, Press, dated 4th May 1898, copy enclosed.

‡ *Ibid.*

3. In these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that it is at present unnecessary to submit a report (as prescribed by rule X of section 48 of the Famine Code) on the general economic condition of any of the six districts referred to. If it should become anywhere apparent that the intervention of the Government will be eventually necessary, the necessary report will be promptly submitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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