

“I don't think it would pay to import frozen meat from the colonies for the Bombay markets for the following reasons :—

“(1.) The distance being so great and the European consumption is small, and the prices of fresh meat comparatively low, and in other parts of India it is much cheaper than in Bombay.

“(2.) The natives will not touch any kind of meat slaughtered or handled by Europeans.

“The average supply of beef and mutton is up to the demand, excepting at the beginning of the rains, when there is a slight falling off in the quality of beef for a short time.”

I have, &c.

E. C. K. OLLIVANT,  
Municipal Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM showing the Weekly Average Consumption of Beef and Mutton in the City of Bombay, and the Average Ruling Market Prices of same.

Per Week.	Number of Carcases.	Total Average Weight.	Average Ruling Prices per lb.		Or in English Money, about	Remarks.
			From	To		
		lb.	R. a. p.	R. a. p.	£ s. d.	
Beef .. .. .	390	97,500	0 3 0	0 3 6	0 0 3½	} At present rate of exchange, 1s. 7½d. per rupee.
Mutton for Europeans ..	2,427	84,945	0 3 0	0 4 0	0 0 4	
Mutton for natives ..	6,460	193,800	0 2 6	0 3 6	0 0 3½	

P. C. HIGGINS,  
Superintendent of Markets and Slaughterhouses.

Enclosure No. 6.

(No. 90 of 1884.)

The CITY MAGISTRATE, Poona, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Bombay.

SIR,—

Poona, 6th October, 1884.

With reference to Government Resolution No. 3597, dated 2nd instant, I have the honour to report that the daily consumption of mutton in Poona City averages about 3,000lb. Beef is not used or brought into the city. The price of mutton is about 1 anna\* and a half per pound.

I have, &c.,

A. H. PLUNKETT,  
City Magistrate, F. C., Poona

W. P. Symonds, Esq.,  
Under-Secretary to Government, General Department, Bombay.

Sub-Enclosure.

(No. 1006.)

The CANTONMENT MAGISTRATE, Poona, to the COLLECTOR and MAGISTRATE, Poona.

SIR,—

Cantonment Magistrate's Office, Poona, 16th October, 1884.

With reference to paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 3597, dated 2nd instant (sent to me direct from the Secretariat), I have the honour to forward herewith a return showing the actual number of animals killed for the past twelve months for sale in the public markets in the cantonment. The weight is only an average of the several animals of each kind; each sheep or goat weighs about 38lb. They are killed in about equal numbers. Cows only, as a rule, are slaughtered, and weigh about 280lb. each. About 10 per cent. of all the above is first-class meat, and sold (mutton and beef) at 4 annas (say, 6d. sterling) per pound. The price of the other kind of meat averages from 1½ to 2½ annas per pound.

2. The frozen meat referred to would certainly find sale to a limited scale amongst Christian classes, as it is much cheaper than either beef or mutton, but it will not find market amongst the other classes of people such as Parsees, Mahomedans, Jews, &c., as these classes of people will not touch any meat which is not killed by a Mahomedan moolah or by one of their castes.

I have, &c.,

C. D. LA TOUCHE, Colonel,  
Cantonment Magistrate, Poona.

The Collector and Magistrate, Poona.

STATEMENT of BEEF and MUTTON sold in the Public Markets in the Cantonment of Poona for the past Twelve Months.

—	No. of Cattle (sheep, Goats, and Cows).	Weight of each Cattle, in lb.	Total Weight, in lb.	Total No. of lb. per Month.	Ten per cent. of Total Weight, best.	Total of Other Sort, in lb.	Remarks.
Mutton .. ..	26,827	38	1,019,426	84,952½	8,495·2	76,456·8	
Beef .. ..	6,268	280	1,755,040	146,253½	14,625·31	131,627·31	

C. D. LA TOUCHE, Colonel,  
Cantonment Magistrate.

\* 1 anna—nominally, 1½d. sterling.