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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th September 1866.*

No. 136. Read the following letter from S. R. DAWES, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th September 1866, No. 49.

In an article in this morning's issue of the *Madras Times Newspaper*, headed "Looting the Bazaars," I find it stated that I, in my Magisterial capacity, "persuaded" the Merchants to sell rice at the reduced rate of eight measures per Rupee.

2. I beg to state, for the information of Government, that no such persuasion was *at all* used by me. On the contrary, I distinctly and repeatedly intimated to such of the Merchants as came before me, that they were at liberty to sell at their own prices, and that I was on the spot simply to afford them protection from the mob. This intimation was made to them in the presence of the mob, and not only by myself, but my Court Interpreter who was also on the spot.

3. Probably the statement in question owes its origin to the fact of my being present at the Bazaars when the rice was being retailed, but of course that presence was necessary for the security of both the persons and property of the Merchants, and had nothing whatever to do with the selling prices of grain.

4. The Editor also makes it appear that I proceeded to the spot with Mounted Policemen, whereas, I did not see a Mounted Officer of Police till about 5 p. m., and I was out all day visiting Chulai, Pursewalkum, and Periamettoo, without any European assistance save that afforded me by my own Court Inspector.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1866, No. 1435.

The Government are glad to find that Mr. Dawes did not, in any way, attempt to interfere with the selling price of grain.

2. An idea appears to be prevalent in Madras, that the Government have fixed or intend to regulate the price at which grain shall be sold. The Commissioner of Police will instruct his subordinates to take every opportunity of contradicting this unfounded rumour. The Grain Merchant has legally the right of determining the price of his grain, and in the exercise of this right, the Government will assuredly protect him. It is obvious that the importation of grain into Madras will at once be arrested, and the present distress be greatly enhanced if the Merchant's freedom of action is restricted, either by the fear of riotous violence or the apprehension of Government interference with his operations.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Police.
To Mr. S. R. Dawes, Magistrate of Police, Vepery.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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down without any - Yours. The same
- Mr. Bamey way*

Superior Dept. June
Read letter from Dr. S. P. Davis - May 1866
14 Sept 1866 N 1435

The future had to
find that Mr. Davis
did not, in any
way, attempt to
interfere with the
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intend to repeat the
price at which
grain had been sold.
The Gov. of Illinois
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every opportunity
of contradicting this
unfounded in-
formation. The price

Adverting to Mr. Davis
statement that he went
about accompanied by
his Interpreter (!!!) I
think the Gov. should
be informed whether he
really is so ignorant
of the vernacular of this
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to be unable to commu-
nicate with the people
of the South without a per-
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The same, however, and
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 speak Tamil, one of his
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 his election to the
 membership which dis-
 appears.

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This information may
 be called for by a set-
 -tled order - but in
 the mean time it
 is very desirable
 that this order should
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The Court of Poles
 Mr. R. Dames, Master of Poles, ³ ~~deputy~~ 14/4
 18th Dec 1844

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Ante 14.10.1886

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Proceeding of Ensignment.

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