

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	18. 9.	19 1866

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th September 1866.*

No. 147A. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Famine Relief Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th September 1866, No. 172.

I am directed to submit the enclosed three extracts from the Proceedings of the Famine Relief Committee, with the request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to pass such orders as to him may seem proper on the subject referred to in each.

No. 170.

MADRAS RELIEF FUND.

MADRAS, 14th September 1866.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the General Famine Relief Committee, held on the 13th September 1866.

XV. "Read Proceedings of the Town Committee, dated 1st and 8th September, showing the number of persons relieved up to date, the additional tickets issued, sanctioning further advances, and submitting for the consideration of the General Committee a proposal by one of the Town Committee to obtain rice from Cocanada for the use of the Relief houses, as he found himself unable to obtain rice in the market.

"The Committee observe that they have already recorded their deliberate determination not to allow any proceedings of theirs to interrupt, in any way, the ordinary course of trade, they cannot, therefore, entertain the proposal to import grain upon their own account referred to in the Proceedings of the Town Committee. At the same time the Committee resolve most respectfully to represent to Government the regret with which they have perceived the disastrous effects of the recent outrages in the town of Madras, outrages which might have been probably prevented by more efficient action on the part of the Police, and which should certainly have been more speedily and completely controlled. The first effect has been to prevent the free sale of grain, and to create the difficulty adverted to by the Town Committee, for the grain dealers have had recent experience that they may, at any moment, be exposed to serious loss of property at the hands of mobs of people which the Police are supposed to be powerless or unwilling to control. Should this impression not be speedily dispelled, the import of grain to the town must be seriously affected. Indeed, it is within the Committee's knowledge that at least one telegram has already been despatched to the grain-growing localities, countermanding large orders for the shipment of grain to Madras. This want of confidence in public security must seriously increase the distress, and impede the Committee's efforts to provide relief. They, therefore, venture to suggest that such public notice may be taken by Government of the recent deplorable events as will serve to restore public confidence."

(A true Copy and Extract).

(Signed) **R. A. DALYELL,**
Honorary Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 147B. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1866, No. 1444.

The Government fully concur with the Committee of the Famine Relief Fund in regretting the late occurrences and the serious consequences which such outrages must naturally entail.

2. The Government resolve to furnish the Committee with copies of their Orders of the 13th and 14th instant, Nos. 1426, 1435 and 1436.

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3. The Committee may be assured that the Government will maintain public tranquillity and security at whatever cost, and by the exercise of all the means at their command.

4. The Committee, and more especially the Native gentlemen on it, will materially aid the Government by using their influence to re-assure the grain merchants and retail dealers of the town by making generally known the sentiments of Government (as set forth in the Order of the 14th instant), and by themselves setting an example of confidence in the resolution and ability of Government to repress disorder and protect their subjects in the free exercise of their legal rights.

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Secretary to Government.

To the General Famine Relief Fund Committee.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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