

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1486	Press Mis.
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Dated 24. 9. 1866	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

24th September 1866.

No. 226. Read the following letter from the Vice Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th September 1866:—

With reference to the recent disturbances in Madras, in connection with the prices of food grain, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of some resolutions which were passed at a Special General Meeting of the Madras Chamber of Commerce, held on the 17th instant.

Copy of Resolutions passed at a Special General Meeting of the Madras Chamber of Commerce, on 17th September 1866.

1. Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce regard, with satisfaction, the expression of the views of Government on the recent grain riots, contained in the proceedings of 14th instant, on the letter of the Municipal Commissioners of 13th instant.

2. That the fear of a recurrence of such disorders, and the impression unhappily existing that they are not utterly disapproved by the authorities, is calculated to discourage importation of food into Madras, and so to aggravate the present distress.

3. That, to disabuse the public of this false impression, it is desirable that a strict and public enquiry should be made as to the conduct of the Police, and others in authority, previously to, and during the riots.

4. That, to the same end, it is also desirable that the above Proceedings of Government, and any future expression of their views and determination on the same subject, shall be translated into the vernacular languages, and placarded in all places of public resort.

5. That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1866, No. 1486.

The Governor in Council observes that all necessary measures have been taken for the preservation of the peace, and these have been so far effectual, that the import and sale of grain have been generally resumed.

2. Upwards of 300 persons concerned in the late riots have been arrested. Of these 119 have already been convicted and punished; 63 have been committed to the Sessions, and the remainder are under trial. The Police have been re-inforced and Military Guards hold the most important localities. The Governor in Council is satisfied, that the proof thus practically given of the determination and ability of Government to uphold the law, is sufficiently significant of their views and policy, and will be effectual in restoring confidence and preventing disorder.

3. The conduct of the Police is being carefully investigated, and any dereliction of duty on their part will be appropriately punished.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner of Police

Exd. J. Wright.

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