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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
10th October 1866.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kankipad, 24th September 1866, No. 308.

I have the honor to report that a grain riot occurred at Vatalpalem, in Bapatla Taluq, of this District, on the 13th instant.

2. From the reports which have reached me, it appears that the Merchants had closed their shops, and refused to sell grain, alleging that all their stores had been bespoken for export.

3. A large crowd from Vatalpalem and the surrounding villages attacked the stores, and carried off some 3000 Rupees worth of grain.

There were only four Constables in the place at the time, who were, of course, unable to offer any serious opposition to the mob. By evening of the same day, however, the Taluq Inspector had arrived from Chinna Ganjam with additional Police, and the Tahsildar from Bapatla was there on the following day, and no renewal of the outrage was attempted.

4. The Joint Magistrate and Assistant Superintendent of Police proceeded at once from Guntoor, and have since been engaged in investigating the matter. A large number of rioters have been identified and committed for trial, but I have not yet received any full report of the affair.

5. The Superintendent of Police was in the adjoining Taluq of Repalli at the time, and has reported that some alarm and uneasiness were felt in other towns on the coast, but that he had taken precautions to strengthen the guards, wherever it was requisite to do so, and did not anticipate any further trouble.

6. The great demand for grain, for export to other Districts, has led to the stores in this District being much drained, and the bazaars are in many places now scantily supplied.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1866, No. 1584.

The Government regret to learn that a grain riot occurred in Vatalpalem. They will await a fuller report of the occurrence, with reference to paragraph 4 of the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of the Kistna District.
„ Inspector General of Police.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

10th Oct: 1866 No 1584.

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that a grain riot has occurred in Tata-
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of the occurrence with reference to
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To the Magistrate of the Western District
— Chief of Police. } 10/10/66