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Approving the action taken by the Collector of Malabar in granting relief to the Minicoy Islands.

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From,

G. W. Dance Esquire
Ag Director of Malabar.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Madras.

Sir,

250 Pell
13-4-97
Copy sent to Political B

In reply to G.O. No 1797 this, dated the 2nd April 1897, I have the honor to state that I have questioned the Amin and Sumastha and some of the principal inhabitants of Minicoy. There is undoubtedly a good deal of distress there. But the Minicoy islanders are a most impossible people. In October last I received a most pressing report from the Amin begging me to send over rice at once as the people were starving. This was really the case, so I sent off 700 bags of rice. When it arrived the Islanders said that they would arrange to get rice from Elsewhere and refused to take it. Shortly afterwards the Cyclone came and

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about 100 bags were spoiled. In the distress which followed the Cyclone the Islanders ransacked the rice, including I believe what was spoiled. Of course if they had only handed the Consignment when it arrived it would have been safely under Cover long before the Cyclone came.

2. I have since been told that the Islanders refused to take the rice at the instigation of one of their Chief men. They blindly follow their head-men like a flock of sheep. But with this Experience we have naturally to be Cautious in undertaking measures of relief now.

3. I have however arranged to send over 1000 bags of rice in three Minicoy vessels which are now in the roads. One of them has already a Cargo on board of 300 bags for private sale. The Government rice will be Entrusted to the same man who took over the last Consignment. I have issued orders permitting rice to be distributed without payment to those who are absolutely starving and Cannot pay in Labour or in kind. But I have directed the Jumadah to keep a list of such persons showing the Amount supplied to Each, so that the value may be

recovered

recovered later on. Where possible in such Cases I have directed the Jumadah to take personal security. I have Expressly ordered that no rice should be supplied gratis to persons who are able to pay.

4. Twelve bags of rice will be distributed gratis to the lepers by the Jumadah at the rate of one bag a month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Assistant Director
for Agl Director

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Relief to the Minicoy Islanders. (5)

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Ths Collector's action is approved.

Board of Rev. R-R. (A)
Collector, Malabar (Q) of his letter)
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Note

The cost of the rice that will be distributed gratis will be debited to the island revenues.

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