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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd August 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 71. Telegram from Collector of Malabar, Calicut, to Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 28th July 1866.

The Mysore Authorities are officially prohibiting export of grain to Wynaad. The consequence must be disastrous. I yesterday addressed the Commissioner. More by post.

No. 72. From the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 28th July 1866, No. 101.

1. Learning yesterday from a report from the Tahsildar of Wynaad that supplies of rice, raggy, horse-gram, and other miscellaneous articles of food, &c., were not coming into the Manantoddy market from Mysore as usual, and that he learned that the Mysore Authorities had absolutely prohibited the export of supplies from their country, I addressed the Commissioner, and beg to enclose copy of my letter.

Dated 27th July 1866, No. 2,274.

The Tahsildar did not give particulars, and I conceived the interference might arise from unauthorized action on the part of some of the local authorities near the border.

2. But I have this morning received a note* from Mr. Gordon, an influential Planter in North Wynaad, bringing to notice that a supply of grain actually on its way to one of the estates under his charge was stopped by the Peons of the Mysore Government; and if this interference is allowed to continue even for a time, the consequences must be so disastrous, that I earnestly request the immediate attention of Government to the matter.

* From P. H. Gordon, Esq., dated 26th July 1866, (copy enclosed).

3. Many of the Planters and Shop-keepers of Wynaad have large advances out for the purchase of grain in Mysore, and altogether apart from the impolicy of arbitrary official interference with supply and demand; the cruel injustice of stopping such supplies on their way to the purchasers is apparent.

4. Wynaad depends entirely on Mysore for its supply of raggy. This is the staple food of the great number of Mysore coolies employed in Wynaad. The continuance of a stoppage of supply will simply cause a rush to their homes of these out-coolies. The demand in Mysore will, by no means, be diminished; but the Planters, whose money has so enormously benefitted the Mysore laboring population, will be well nigh ruined.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1866, No. 1,947.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Commissioner of Mysore has informed the Government (by telegraph) that no orders have been issued by the Mysore Authorities for the prevention of the export of grain.

2. A copy of Mr. Gordon's letter to the Collector will, however, be forwarded to the Commissioner for his information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

(Copy)

The Lesmore Estate
Manantoddy July 26. 1866.

To

G. A. Ballard Esqre
Collector of Malabar

Calicut

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the fact that the Mysore Government have prohibited the export of grain, & that a supply which was on its way to one of the Estates under my charge in North Wynad was stopped on the Mysore frontier by Government peons. As I have large advances out for raggy and am well aware that the other Planters are in the same position I have no doubt that the result of this measure if continued in force will simply be the ruin of the District. Our labour at present is principally drawn from the Mysore territory & the only food which they consume is the raggy of the Mysore, & which cannot be elsewhere obtained. This measure is the more arbitrary as the grain is required for the sustenance of our Mysore Coolies only, & if it is continued in force the result will be that these Coolies will at once return to their own Country & no decrease in the consumption of grain will therefore be effected.

For these reasons I respectfully beg the interference of the Madras Government on our behalf.

I have &c.
(Signed) P. H. Gordon.

(True Copy)

G. Ravenscroft
Collector.

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Copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar dated 27th July 1866

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Copy of letter from Mr. R.A.D. Malabar dated 25 July 1866

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No 2274

Malabar Collectors Office
Calicut 27th July 1866

From

G. A. Ballard Esquire
Collector of Malabar,

To

The Commissioner
of Mysore

Sir,

The Tasildar of Wynad has brought to notice that the Coolies from the Mysore Country who form a considerable portion of the population of that Taluk are put to great distress by the stoppage of the supplies of Raggy from the Mysore country under restrictions which the local authorities are stated to have placed on the export of grain in consequence of the present scarcity - Apart from the general inexpediency of official restrictions which rather aggravate than remedy the evils attendant on scarcity, the circumstances of Wynad are peculiar as it is entirely dependant for its supply of Raggy on Mysore, and its coolly population must be starved or emigrate en masse if the supply is stopped - I have the honor therefore to request that such early instructions as you deem fit may be issued for the removal of any restrictions on the export of grain in the direction of Wynad which may have been imposed by local authorities without

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the cognizance and sanction of their superiors

I have &c.

(Signed) G. A. Bax
Collector

(True Copy)

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Collector

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In a letter from the
Collector of Malabar
dated 28th July 1866 No 101

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Copy of the letter to
Mysore Commissioner
dated 27th July 1866 No 2272.

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The Com.r of Hy are has informed the Sec.y / by Telegraph that no orders have been issued by the Hy are authorities for the prosecution of the Expedition of Praia.

A copy of Mr. Jordan's letter & the Com.rs reply herewith be forwarded to the Com.rs for his information.

I Dr.

3rd. August /66.

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From
The Collector of Malabar
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Dated 28 July 1866
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With order

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