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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 21 - 8 - 1866

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Read the following Telegrams:—

No. 560. From Collector, Cuddapah, to Revenue Secretary, Madras, dated 19th August 1866.

Must force bandies at four Rupees for ten miles. Bullocks all ploughing; how many bandies do you want? Why not send by transit to Bangalore?

No. 561. From Collector, Bellary, to Revenue Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 19th August 1866.

Your telegram of to-day. Scarcity prevails in Mysore, and there is cholera on the road; very difficult to get carts. Please telegraph to Collector of Cuddapah to provide one hundred and fifty carts at Moodanore. Send grain in proportion to carts available. It had better come in bags. I have telegraphed prices to Dharwar, Secunderabad, and Kurnool.

No. 562. From Officer Commanding Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 20th August 1866.

Four elephants, one hundred and fifty or two hundred camels, and four hundred and fifty pack-bullocks could be sent, but forage not procurable on the road. More by post.

No. 563. From Collector, Bellary, to Revenue Secretary, Madras, dated 20th August 1866.

Your's of last night. We cannot send Commissariat cattle for want of forage. I would not press Cuddapah carriage. It would do more harm than good. It will take ten days for the Bellary merchants to collect carriage at Modanur. They will take ten thousand Rupees worth of medium rice delivered at Modanur per week at seven Madras Measures per Rupee, and retail it at cost price including carriage to Bellary. Grain is deficient, what there is, is hoarded owing to the bad appearance of the season, and the difficulty and expense of replenishment.

No. 564. Order thereon, 21st August 1866, No. 2,168.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are unable fully to understand Mr. Wedderburn's intentions. On receipt of his first urgent telegram, the Commissary General was instructed to purchase Rupees 10,000 worth of the cheapest grain procurable and send it by rail to Moodanoor, while the Collector of Cuddapah was directed to have carriage in readiness.

2. The Collector of Cuddapah reported that carriage could only be procured by impressment, and at the high rate of 4 Rupees per cart for each stage of ten miles.

3. Mr. Wedderburn was then called upon for further information, as to the practicability of the Government cattle at Bellary being made available for the conveyance of the grain from Moodanoor, &c. It appears that four elephants, 150 or 200 camels, and 450 pack-bullocks are available, but cannot be sent, owing to want of

...orage on the line of road. Mr. Wedderburn deprecates resort to impressment, and states that the Bellary merchants will take 10,000 Rupees worth of medium rice weekly at Moodanoor at 7 Measures per Rupee, and retail it at cost price including carriage to Bellary.

NOTE.—The price of second sort rice at Madras is Rupees 560 per garce of 9,200 Measures, or 5½ Measures per Rupee.

4. Impressment would clearly be most mischievous, and must on no account be resorted to.

5. Nor is it by any means expedient that Government should supply the merchants of Bellary with grain for re-sale generally at cost price. The interposition of Government in this way would derange the whole grain trade of the District, and would deter holders of grain in other places from exporting to Bellary.

6. The Government have adopted the only measures which are safe and expedient. They have sanctioned for immediate commencement all the public works recommended by the local Officers, thus affording to the able-bodied poor the means of purchasing food, and through the Relief Committee, to which they have largely contributed, they have placed it in the power of the Collector, to relieve those who are unable to earn their subsistence by work.

7. The objections to any attempt on the part of Government to import grain for the consumption of the population generally are so great and so obvious, that the Government conclude that Mr. Wedderburn's intention is to distribute the grain he has applied for only to the poor, who may by age, sickness or other cause, be unable to earn their subsistence by labor. On this assumption, the Government direct the Commissary General to forward ten garce of the cheapest description of grain procurable at Madras to Bellary, via Bangalore. Mr. Wedderburn will understand that this grain is only to be issued to the class above mentioned, and wherever practicable at the relief-houses and cooked, and he will take care that this measure is not misunderstood by the merchants, and regarded by them as indicative of any intention on the part of Government to interfere in the ordinary grain trade of the District.

8. The Government await a full report from Mr. Wedderburn.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Bellary.
" the Collector of Cuddapah.
" the Commissary General.
" the Accountant General.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Relief Committee.

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Revenue Department

No. 2168.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 21st August 1866.

The Government are unable fully to understand
Mr. Nicholson's intentions from
receipt of his first urgent telegram
the Commissioner General was
instructed to purchase 1000
worth of the cheapest grain
procurable and send it by
sea to Nicobar or Car Nicobar
Collector of Cuddalore was
directed to have carriage in
readiness

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The Collector of
Cuttack reported that
carriage could only be pro-
cured by impressment, and
at the highest of 8 Rupees
per Cent for each stage of
ten Miles.

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then called upon for further
information, as to the pro-
bability of the Cart Hire,
of Bullocks being made available
for the conveyance of Stores
from Cuttack to Ganjam &
Chicacole & from Ganjam to
Chicacole 100 or 200 Carts
and 200 pair of Bullocks are
annually let out on hire
in the Zillah of Ganjam
the Law of Nuisance also Restraint
& prevented recourse to impressment

Note. The price of
Second Sort Rice
at Madras is Rs. 500
per Garce of Measures
Ten Rupees.

and stores that the Bullocks
employed would be worth of more
at the Conclusion of the Service
for Beef as could be sold at
cost price excluding Carriage
to Bullocks.

Impressment should
clearly be most unobjectionable
and never or on occasions, be
resorted to.

For the Hire of any
means of Land and Water Carri-
ment should be made by the
means of the Bullock Contract
given for people generally &
at cost prices & the introduc-
tion of Grain in Carriage would
damage the whole grain trade
of the District and would be an
obstacle to the introduction of
fair Rent paying to Bullocks

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
Dy 21st August 1866

Collector of Bellary
informed that the Grant
ordered to be sent by the
Commissary General is
for issue to the poor
only and that it is not
the intention of Govt to
interfere with the grain
trade of the District

Courtesy to England
24th Augt No 37 of 1868
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