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No. 104. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 14th August 1866, No. 114 :—

No. 1,947.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 3rd instant, informing me that the Commissioner of Mysore reported that no restrictions had been placed on the export of grain, &c., to Wynaad.

2. I observed a day or two ago a letter in the public prints, signed by the Secretary to the Commissioner, denying that restrictions had been placed on the export of grain to Wynaad, and attributing the failure of supplies in the Manantoddy market to fear of violence, as a dacoity had been committed at the Goodalur market.

3. I could hardly believe that restrictions of the nature complained of had emanated from Mysore head-quarters, or indeed from local officers of standing; but I have no doubt that interference, which threatened most serious consequences, was exercised by the Mysore local officials more or less directly. The Goodalur business could hardly have had any influence on the Manantoddy market, for, apart from the fact that the suppliers are different, I know from the Superintendent of Police (Captain Davies), who was on the spot, *that the Goodalur market was as well supplied on the weekly market day next after the disturbance as it was previously.* A fortnight afterwards, it is true, supplies at Goodalur suddenly ceased, and the reason assigned by all classes was that orders had been issued by the Mysore authorities prohibiting the export of grain.

4. The Tahsildar of Manantoddy, the principal grain merchants of the place, and their Agent in the Mysore country, and the European Planters, who sent two of their number across the border to make enquiries, were all convinced that restrictions had been imposed. This in fact was the universal impression, and had it not been promptly removed, the inconvenience that the temporary stoppage occasioned would have caused serious distress.

5. By a letter received a day or two ago from the Commissioner, I see that he considers the matter was too hastily taken up by me. I cannot at all agree with him in this, but lest Government should lean to his opinion, I beg attention to the enclosures noted. There are the facts (1) that grain supplies ceased, and (2) that all classes attributed the cessation to official prohibition of export. Whether the impression was well or ill-founded, it was absolutely necessary to remove it promptly and effectually. It is found that any impression that prohibitions to export were imposed by the Commissioner was unfounded. I think it would be well, to prevent trouble in future, to ascertain whether unjustifiable interference was not resorted to by the local officials.

1. Original letter from Mr Wotherspom, to the Sub-Magistrate, Wynaad, dated 6th August 1866.
2. Translate of a letter from a Mysore Merchant.
3. Do. of ceriain Merchants at the Manantoddy Bazaar, dated 6th August 1866.

6. I am glad to say that supplies on the last market day are reported to have been brought in freely.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th September 1866.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1866, No. 2,360

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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R. R. R

Kristnappen and Bava Sahib.

From,

Mariappan - Batada Bazaar

Ganjam.

We are all well till this the 2nd day of Ashadam, and hope to hear of your welfare. Subban has reached this.

At present no articles are allowed to be sent from this to other countries, and so we cannot send you any. Samba rice sells at Rs 15½ for 100 seers and Sama Rally thin rice at Rs 18½ for the same quantity, white raggi sells at Rs 9½. If you would send us a registered letter enclosing an order from your Tahseldar or some of the Coffee planters to our Ramalavan here, we would send all what you want. unless you do this we cannot send you any supply. We have procured similar orders from the Nelgherries and other places and are sending out regular supplies. As soon as you receive this you must procure an order or a letter from the Tahsildar or the planters and send it to us in a registered Cover. We long for your reply. you will at once write to us whether it is possible or not for you to procure such a letter. It will be well if yourselves and Subbien would undertake to do this.

Yours

In any letter that you may procure to the Manaldars address it must be particularly stated that no hindrance is to be offered to any supplies that Marriappan of the Batadi Bazaar Gauchain may send to Iranamboddy. Enclosed with my best Compliments to Subbien, Krestnappen and Bava Sahib.

Marriappan (Signed)

/ True Translation /

Collector.

Translation of the deposition of 1 Kormuth Puttan Chetty 2 Venkatarama Iyer, 3 Vakia Pitiyakal Mannimana Iyer, 4 Poydan Mannimkand 5 Mulanteri Kunhamud - Merchants at the Manamboddy Bazaar Wynad Taluk before the Tahsildar of the said Taluk on the 6th August 1866.

Rice, raggi, black gram, green gram, horse gram, beans, Bengal gram, dholl, gingelly seed, fenegreek, cummin, mustard, onion, tamarind, chilly, jaggeri, gingelly seed and castor oil, and similar other articles are usually brought down from Mysore. Supplies of these are never received from any other country. We hear that the Mysore supplies were cut off by orders from the local authorities. We heard this from some merchants who have recently arrived here from Mysore. Their accounts are reliable. We have also received letters to the same effect from

from Gonahan & other places in Mysore.

1 Puttaiah (signed)
2 Venkatadasma —d—
3 Vaha Ramaiah
Mannu —d—
4 Ongalam Mannu —d—
5 Mulantara Kunkanna —d—

Kannan (signed)
Valadder.

True translation

Samuel
Collector

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To the Secy to Govt
Revenue Depart
Madras
Dated 11th August 1866
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dated 10th Oct No 114

Statement with reference to G.O. dated 3rd August 1866 No. 1947 - That statements more or less correct had been placed on the records of Sirkar by the Hyderabad local officials, and papers forwarding certain papers in support of the assertion

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In a letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry No. 114 D/ 18th August/66.

Translation of a letter from a Merchant at Ingeram to one at Rajahmundry - regarding the prohibition on the export of grain

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In a letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry No. 114 D/ 18th August.

Translation of a letter from certain Merchants at Rajahmundry to Bazaar [illegible] regarding the prohibitions in the export of grain

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