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No. 307. Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bellary, 5th September 1866, No. 69 :—

1. With reference to Government Order, dated 21st August 1866, No 2,157, requesting a careful enquiry and report on the subject of complaint of persons of Moolcalmorro, (a part of the Mysore District which runs into the Bellary District,) that they were prevented, by the influence of the Tahsildar of Raidroog, in the purchase of grain, I have the honor to state that the present Tahsildar, whose appointment is only recent, reports that no interference of any sort was exercised by him, but that on enquiry he learned that the late Tahsildar, (now re-transferred to his former post of Sub-Division Sheristadar of North Arcot, owing to failure to pass the required test,) in consequence of an expected disturbance from grain not being exposed for sale in the market, pressed the merchants to sell in moderate quantities to the people.

2. The Tahsildar reports that the demand for grain being so great, (there is not a question about that,) and the Moolcalmorro people having not succeeded in getting the full quantity they hoped to purchase, may have attributed the indisposition of the merchants to sell in larger quantities to official influence.

3. Sollabuna and eight other Cusbah merchants of Raidroog have deposed before the Tahsildar, that there has been no official obstacle to the sale of grain to any person, but that as no grain came in on one market day, they were induced on that occasion to open their own stores, and to sell (in smaller quantities indeed than usual, owing to the market not being replenished from outside) by the influence of the late Tahsildar, in order to prevent a disturbance.

4. If a further enquiry into this subject is to be made, the names of the persons who applied to the merchants to purchase grain, the names of the merchants who were willing to supply them, but prevented, and how prevented, the quantity agreed for, and price accepted, should be detailed. The allegation of official influence should be accompained by such overt proof as to render it capable of investigation.

5. This is a very different case from what lately occurred between this District and the Nizam's territory. In that case, Bellary merchants with their carts *and purchased grain* were stopped, and prevented bringing it. The official correspondence, the preference of the complaint, and reference to the Talookdar made thereon for instructions as *to the release of the grain*, proved interference. Here it is stated that persons were not permitted to buy grain by influence, whatever influence was used, appears to have been employed in inducement to sell.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1866, No. 2,454.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector will make the further enquiry referred to in paragraph 4 of the foregoing letter, and submit his report to Government.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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