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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th November 1866.

No. 175. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Nellore, 15th October 1866, No. 50 :—

1. I have the honor to forward two petitions I have received from some of the officials in my Office, asking for a grant of "rice compensation" during the time that rice is at its present high price.

2. These persons addressed Government in January, since which prices have risen considerably.

3. I cannot compare the prices of grain in this district, where eight seers are purchased for a Rupee, to those of Bellary, Cuddapah, and Kurnool, where the price is about double what it is here, but there is no doubt that the lower paid officials are in a very bad condition, and should, in my opinion, obtain some relief. I therefore recommend that relief, as has been granted in some other districts, may be granted to all officials drawing 10 Rupees a month and under, till prices fall.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1866, No. 3,028.

Miscellaneous. The request is inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.
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To

The Acting Collector of Nellore

Most Honored Sir,

We the undersigned inhabitants of Nellore employed in this Collectorate under your kind care, most respectfully beg to intimate, that, rice, the chief article of food which was sometime ago, sold in this District at 37 seers per Rupee (each seer = 80 Rupees weight) is now sold at 8 seers. In addition to this, Cloths and all the Sundry articles are also very dear. Our small income is hardly sufficient to maintain our large families while the prices of all the necessaries of life are daily increasing.

In short we are in want of words to express the extreme misery, the heavy yoke of which we are now groaning under.

Under these circumstances we most humbly solicit, that your honor will be so gracious as to take into your sympathetic consideration

our pitiable and insufferable condition and kindly recommend us for the benefit of the grant of "Rice Compensation" in proportion to the rise in the prices of all articles of food.-

We further beg to assure You, Honored Sir, that this indulgence has been very liberally granted by Government to the suffering poor in those Districts of this Presidency where the results of famine are actually felt.-

We have the honor to be,

Most honored Sir,

Your most obedient Servants.-

(Signed) Kahanabeyana Venkatamma

(") Saheb Mahammed

(") Mahammed Hajah Vatheer.-

(True translation)

J. Crane

Actg. Collector

To

The Hg. Collector of
Nellore

Most Honored Sir

We the several employers in the Guzur Factory most humbly beg to intimate to your honor that there is no dry cultivation at all in the Taluqs around Nellore but the wet cultivation only is carried on to a great extent and on this account rice has been the chief article of food for the whole populations. Peas, Beans, Grams and dry grains of all kinds have been hitherto imported here from the northern & western Districts which afforded relief to the people of this District. The demand for cotton from various parts of the world being very great for the last 2 or 3 years the people of Bellary and Kurnool &c.a having entirely given up the cultivations of Jonna, ragee &c.a and being desirous of speculating upon the cultivations of cotton have devoted their entire attention to the cultivations of that plant. This naturally led to the export of rice and dry grains from this District to the several parts of the west by all the Ryots & Merchants who

Received the within petition from the Petitioners & forwarded it to the Collector of Nellore & Gooty, Penukonda & Rayadroog 15th October 1850.

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Translation of a Petition presented by some of the Ryots & Merchants of Guzur to the Collector of Nellore.

who availed of this advantageous opportunity to fill their purses. For these causes rice is become very scarce in this District. We beg to state further that this scarcity is not at all the result of want of rains & want of profitable crop but on the contrary cultivation has been more successfully carried on for the last 2 or 3 years than formerly the ryots and merchants taking advantage of the present state of things existing in others Districts. and being stimulated with avaricious motives have sent and are sending rice viz. in large quantities to Madras and the western Districts and thereby the prices of all articles have risen in proportion to the degree of their want. By these causes, we are unable to obtain rice and our other necessaries of life to the extent of our wants even at the expense of much of our gold. For the last 10 years nearly the various employers, the Gumastas and Peons on receipt of small salaries as well as the poor and the frail have been taking food at least once a day but now, they are all deprived of even this small relief. It is now simply reported that rice is sold at Rs 52 per putti but no rice is available for sale even at that exorbitant rate. Although our income is very insignificant, still the duties entrusted to our care are many and important. We much regret that we are unable through insufficient food, to perform our duties in that highly efficient manner which their importance necessarily demands. When we submitted our petitions to Government soliciting them to favour us with a certain increase to our salaries, they endorsed upon it that the subject of Rice compensation was pending before them. We therefore most respectfully beg that you will deeply consider our unfortunate circumstances and recommend us to Government for an increment to our paltry salaries and at the same time cause some quantity of rice viz. be purchased on our behalf either from the ryots or the wealthy merchants and distributed among us. Unless this be done, we are at a loss to know how we can maintain ourselves and protect our large families who are all labouring hard under half starvations.

In conclusion we beg to enclose for your honors perusal and consideration the endorsement made

beg Government on our petitions and at the same time intimate to your honor that the indulgence of Rice Compensations has already been granted to the Police Constables.

We beg to remain

Most honored Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servants

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(True Translation)

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Acting Collector

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Enclosure II

In a letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department dy 15 October 66 No 60 —

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Translation of a Petition presented by some of the employees in the Steward Cutchery requesting to recommend for an increment to their salary salaries and at the same time cause some quantity of rice to be furnished & distributed among them —