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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th August 1867.

No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Communicating copy of Proceedings regarding the supply of rice required at Vellore to meet the wants of the troops. } (Here enter 9th August 1867, No. 1,286.)

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1867, No. 1,874.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, 30th July 1867, No. 525; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward a copy of an emergent letter from the Officer Commanding 6th Regiment Native Infantry, Vellore. I deem it expedient in a matter of such serious moment to apply to you at once for orders being given to the Commissary General to send a supply of rice to Vellore to meet the wants of the troops, in case the strike on the part of the shop-keepers continues.

From the Officer Commanding 6th Regiment Native Infantry, Vellore, 29th July 1867; to the Brigade Major, Centre Division, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Officer Commanding the Division, that since yesterday morning every shop in the bazar at Vellore has been closed, and that not a grain of any sort of food has been procurable.

I sent immediate intimation to the Sub-Collector, who, in conjunction with the Assistant Superintendent of Police, endeavored to persuade the shop-keepers, to open their shops, but without avail. In the evening a large mob assembled in the bazar, and on their refusing to disperse some arrests were made, upon which stones and brick-bats were thrown at the Magistrate, and some of the Police. Mr. Comyn, the Sub-Collector, then called upon me for assistance, I ordered a Company under an European Officer, but the mob dispersed before the Military were called out. Fresh endeavors have been made this day to persuade the shop-keepers to open their shops, but without success. I write now to recommend that measures be taken by the Commissariat Department to send rice to Vellore, for in the event of the shop-keepers holding out, there will be no food for the men of the Regiment under my command. I have managed to procure *for to-day* eight bandies of paddy from the country, and the Sub-Collector has also sent for rice from Arcot and other places, but I think it would be advisable to have a reserve of rice in case of an emergency.

I believe the cause is the License and Municipal Taxes.

ORDER, No. 2828, 31st July 1867.

Ordered that the foregoing papers be communicated to the Commissary General, with instructions to arrange for throwing an immediate supply of *rice*, for issue to the troops on payment, into Vellore, *should the emergency continue*—communicating with the Officer Commanding the station by telegraph on the subject, if necessary.

2. Colonel Loudon will be careful to interfere as little as possible with the ordinary sources of supply, and will discontinue the sale of rice to the troops at the earliest possible moment that supplies may be available in the bazars.

3. It is understood that the Officer Commanding the Division has telegraphed to Vellore for information as to the state of the bazars there on this date. A copy of the reply will be furnished to the Military Department, and will be communicated to the Commissary General as soon as received.

4. Colonel Loudon, in communication with the Military Authorities, will ascertain and report as to the expediency of maintaining a *small* reserve of rice at Vellore for the present, for issue only in case of absolute necessity.

5. Colonel Loudon will keep Government informed of any arrangements he may make under the authority of this order.

(True Extract.)

/ o/s / R. Marshall *Major General,*
Secretary to Government.

To the Brigade Major, Fort Saint George.
" Commissary General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Adjutant General.
" Public Department, for information.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

Rev. 1867. Dispatch
Proc. of Govt. for Augt
No. 2128.
Proceedings in the
Judicial Dispatch.

Dated 9th August
Recd 9th " 1867.
No. 1286.

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Communicating
copy of Pro: regarding the
supply of Rice required
at Yellow Sea for the
wants of the Troops.

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12th August

Judicial Department

Proceedings in the Judicial Department, and to the Collectors
of North Prov.
Fort William
The 9th August 1867

By Order
H. Beveridge
Secretary.

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