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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
27th March 1873.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 477. From the Commissary General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 15th March 1873, No. 8919.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying two letters, dated 4th and 7th March 1873, from Mr. D. P. Keogh, offering to supply the finest Australian flour for making bread for the use of the European troops, in any quantity that may be required by this department, for the next twelve months, at Rupees 200 per ton of 2,000 lbs., to be delivered at Bangalore, provided the Government will admit it free of duty at Madras.

2. This flour has been tried by the Executive Commissariat Officer at Madras, it has produced excellent bread, and two letters on the subject from the said officer are attached.

Nos. 9633 and 9954, dated 5th and 14th March 1873.

3. The lowest and most favorable tender received for the supply of wheat at Bangalore for 1873-74, is at 15½ lbs. per Rupee.

4. From the statement appended, it will be seen that 57,950 lbs. of wheat are now required for a month at Bangalore, the cost of which is Rupees 3,769, adding to which the expenses for grinding the wheat into soojee, and deducting therefrom the realizations from refuse flour, &c., the net value of 37,266 lbs. of fine soojee obtained from the said quantity of wheat amounts to Rs. 3,862, giving an average of Rupees 207-4-2 per ton of 2,000 lbs. of soojee, at which rate the bread would cost 10-10-0 per Rupee, and if made of Australian flour 10 lbs. 15 pence per Rupee.

5. To guard against any inconvenience that may arise from delay in the arrival of consignments, Mr. Keogh proposes to store at once a two months' supply of flour, and to continue delivering monthly such quantities as may be required.

6. I beg therefore to submit the matter for the early consideration and orders of Government, as the supply should commence from 1st April next, but as Mr. Keogh may not be ready by that date, arrangements will have to be made to issue soojee as at present given to the troops at Bangalore, until the receipt of the flour from Australia.

7. In view to test the flour at the Presidency, I would propose to use it for baking for the Civil hospitals, should bread be eventually required for the said establishments from the Commissariat, and to meet which demand no contract has been entered into.

No. 478. *With report from the Ag. Controller of Mil. Accounts, 21st March 1873, C.*

No. 479. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1873, No. 1105.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council accepts Mr. Keogh's tender.

2. The contract to be in force for one year.

(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.

" Controller of Military Accounts.

" Revenue Department. *with 5 spare copies*

To D. P. Keogh, Esquire.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

