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No. 307. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1876, No. 2,850 :—

Read the following letter from H. T. ROSS, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Pennakondah, 3rd November 1876, No. 296 :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters, Nos. 1,563 and 1,603, enclosing the telegrams of the Madras Government regarding the establishment of a system of grain-payments.

2. I enclose copy of the English draft of a circular to my Tahsildars on the subject, from which you will see how I am endeavoring to give effect to your wishes and those of Government; but, from the information I have regarding the state of local markets as to supplies and the resources of local grain-merchants, I have not the least hope of ever being able to carry out a system of grain-payments throughout this division except by regular Government importation as urged in my letter, No. 293, of this date, which was drafted before receipt of your No. 1,603.

3. I have not yet been able to introduce grain-payments anywhere. In Madakserah, Hindupur and Dhurmaveram, there has not yet been time enough. At Pennakondah, I notified the proposed arrangements to the grain-merchants, and I made what purchases I could on last market day (Wednesday, 1st instant), in order to establish a sufficient store to commence with, but up to this moment I have only been able to secure a few hundred rupees worth, and one merchant has promised to deliver me Rupees 200 worth besides; but beyond this no one has yet offered to supply any, and the quantity I have is barely sufficient for the upkeep of the Pennakondah relief-house, much less sufficient for me to commence grain-payments to the large numbers of coolies on my relief-works.

4. I am doing my best to get the merchants to come forward with grain for Government, but they are very shy about entering into contracts and persist in saying they have no grain in stock, which is, of course, not to be relied on. I will report again so as to reach you on the 8th, the result of my further endeavors; but meanwhile it is of the utmost importance that you should send me the grain I have asked for in my letter No. 293.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

CIRCULAR.

Grain Payments.

1. Collector has ordered payments on relief-works to be made in grain and money as follows :—

Per Man = $\frac{3}{4}$ Seer and 3 Pies in cash,
Per Woman = $\frac{5}{8}$ Seer and 2 Pies in cash,
Per Child = $\frac{3}{8}$ Seer and 1 Pie in cash;

but if you think this rate is too low, you may pay as follows:—

Per Man=1 Seer and 3 Pies.

Per Woman=$\frac{3}{4}$ Seer and 2 Pies.

Per Child=$\frac{1}{2}$ Seer and 1 Pie.

2. To do this, you will require sufficient quantities of grain to be stored at convenient "centres" for all the relief-works in your taluq, and these "centres" should correspond with the places where relief-houses are to be opened, so that they may be as few stores as possible.

3. If there is sufficient grain to be purchased in your taluqs near to these "centres" and you have, in consequence, no difficulty in making the combined grain and money-payments, you must without delay make arrangements for regularly paying the famine coolies in this system henceforth, and you must report what arrangements you have made, and from what date you have commenced grain-payments.

4. If you find a difficulty in procuring regularly grain in sufficient quantities to keep up the relief-houses as well as to pay the coolies on all the relief-works, you must notify to substantial grain-merchants that the Circar is prepared to make very large purchases of grain, and you should encourage them to import grain for this purpose, and you should ascertain from them if they are willing to make contracts for the regular supply of fixed quantities of grain to the Circar. If they are willing to enter into such contracts, you must report to me (after settling the most advantageous conditions you can on behalf of Government) what contracts you are able to secure, and I will then give you orders whether to accept them or not.

5. Before settling the terms of any contracts for my approval, you must first estimate what quantity of grain will be required to be deposited weekly at each relief "centre" (settled as in paragraph 2),—(1st) for the upkeep of the relief-houses, (2nd) for the payment in grain of all coolies on relief-works near to that centre, and (3rd) for the storing of a sufficient reserve stock at each centre to meet contingencies such as an unexpected increase in the number of laborers, the failure of the contractor, and the like. Having estimated the amount thus required to be deposited at each relief centre "every week," you must then settle at what rates the contractors will engage to deliver that quantity at those centres weekly; and in reporting these proposed contracts, give me your opinion on the advisability of accepting the contracts. As an enclosure to your report, exhibit the proposed contracts in a table as follows.

6. If you cannot secure contracts and find it impossible to purchase in the villages enough grain for the purposes I have mentioned, lose no time in reporting the fact to me, stating at the same time what amount of grain is required to be deposited weekly at each relief centre, and I will arrange for the importation from Bellary and other places of the quantity you require.

7. As a safe-guard, I have already asked the Collector to send you cart-loads of grain every week until further orders, to be used by you for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 5. If you do not require this, or if you require more, report to me, and until you can secure contracts, this quantity I have asked for can be used and will at all events be of value in forming your *reserve* stock. You must remember, however, that you are to do your *very best* to secure contracts with merchants, and render it unnecessary for the Circar to import grain; as soon as satisfactory contracts can be settled, I will stop the Circar importation, if necessary.

(Signed H. T. ROSS,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Serial Number.	Name of Relief Centre.	Quantity of grain required to be delivered weekly at each Relief Centre to meet all three purposes in paragraph 5.	Names of proposed Contractors for the delivery of grain at each Centre.	Quantity of grain each person contracts to deliver at each Centre.	Total (to tally with Column 3).	Rates at which each Contractor will undertake to deliver the quantity required weekly.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. T. ROSS, Esq., Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, dated Hadgali, November 1876.

With reference to your letter No. 296, dated the 3rd instant, I have the honor to enclose copy of a memorandum penned by Mr. Thornhill, 1st Member of the Board of Revenue, who is at present on duty in this district, and with reference to it, to request you will, after making your best endeavors to purchase grain in the markets, to report as early as convenient. In the mean time your circular should be modified.

Memorandum.

I have read Mr. Ross' letter of the 3rd, and his circular, and am very sorry to find he has met with so little success in arranging for the purchase of grain. Both letter and circular show that he has given much thought and attention to the subject. I am myself very confident that private enterprise will be found equal to the supply of the wants of the country at Pennakondah, as it has been elsewhere, if sufficient inducement is held out. My advice to Mr. Ross would be, to drop all thought of obtaining contracts. Prices are daily rising and merchants are naturally shy of binding themselves to a price even for a week, but if they *know* that they can sell all they bring to market at their own price, there will soon be a different tale.

2. In a time like this, it is good policy for a while to throw aside all consideration of price, to go into the market on market day, and pay without hesitation any thing that is asked. Do the same at every large market for a fortnight, and I shall be very much surprised if the supply is not vastly increased every where; it is wonderful how soon news of this kind spreads. The drawback to this of course is that it may and probably will raise the price on all purchasers; this must be faced and borne, but it will probably be only temporary with a larger influx of grain into the markets; prices will soon tend to adjust themselves, and if not, it is always better to have a full market with high prices than no grain. Tadpatri is the natural base of supply by Rail for Mr. Ross' taluqs. I do not know if there is much store of grain there, but I fancy Sabaputhy Moodeliar will put down any quantity there, if the merchants were to communicate with him.

The circumstances of the Pennakondah division are very similar to those of the Sub-division of Cuddapah; there was a good deal of stagnation there when I visited it last month; but the knowledge that grain would be bought freely by the Sub-Collector, or some other cause, seemed to give trade a start and parties of cartmen were soon in movement all over the country. In September, the Sub-Collector was in alarm that the supplies would fail; now there is, I believe, a tolerably full supply in the santas.

Huvinhadgalli,
November 1876.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
1st Member, Board of Revenue.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for information.

Hudgali,
11th November 1876.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 308. Order thereon, 17th November 1876, No. 1,712.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the following telegram be despatched to Collector, Bellary:—

"Ross's report third instant. Let him ascertain if Arbuthnot's Agent, Tadpatri, can furnish grain."

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16 November 189

Read the following:

No 296.

No 2650.—

Penukonda

3d November 1896.

To

The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge re-
-ceipt of your letters No 1563 & 1603 enclo-
-sing the instructions of the Madras Government
regarding the Establishment of a System
of grain payments

2. I enclose copy of the English draft
of a circular to my Tahsildars on the subject
from which you will see how I am endea-
-vouring to give effect to your wishes and
those of Government; but from the infor-
-mation I have regarding the state of
local Markets as to Supplies & the resources
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of local grain - Merchants. I have not the least hope of ever being able to carry on a system of grain payments throughout this Division except by regular Government importation as urged in my letter No. 293 of this date, which was drafted before receipt of your No. 1603.

3. I have not yet been able to introduce grain payments any where. In Madaksirah, Kindapur, & Dharmaveram there has not yet been time enough. At Pennakondah I notified the proposed arrangements to the grain - merchants, and I made what purchases I could on last market day (Wednesday 1st instant) in order to establish a Sufficient store to commence with, but up to this moment I have only been able to secure a few hundred rupees worth; & one merchant has promised to deliver me Rs 200 worth besides: but beyond this no one has yet offered to supply any, & the quantity I have is barely sufficient for the up-keep of the Pennakondah relief house, much less sufficient for me to commence grain payments to the large numbers of Coolies on my relief works.

4. I am doing my best to get the merchants to come forward with grain for Government, but they are very shy about entering into Contracts & persist in saying they have no grain in stock which is of course not to be relied on. I will report again, so as to reach you on the 8th, the result of my further endeavours.

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I have &c
Cagney H. T. Ross.
Hd Assistt Collector

To.

The Head Assistant Collector
Bellary

Sir

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-dified.

Bellary Collectors Office
Camp Hadgali Taluq
Hadgali
November 1876

I have &c
(Sd) J. H. Master
Collector.

Memorandum

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of obtaining Contracts. Prices are daily rising & merchants are naturally shy of binding themselves to a price even for a week: but if they know that they can sell all they bring to market at their own price there will soon be a different tale.

In a time like this it is good policy for a while to throw aside all consideration of price, to go into the market on market day & pay without hesitation anything that is asked. Do the same at every large market for a fortnight & I shall be very much surprised if the supply is not vastly increased every where. it is wonderful how soon news of this kind spreads. The drawback to this of course is that it may & probably will raise the price on all purchases. This must be faced and

and borne, but it will probably be only temporary with a larger influx of grain into the markets, prices will soon tend to adjust themselves: & if not, it is always better to have a full market with high prices than no grain. Tadpatri is the natural base of supply by Rail for Mr. Ross' Talugs. I do not know if there is much store of grain there but I fancy Sebapurthy Mudr will put down any Encumbly there if the merchants were to communicate with him.

The circumstances of the Pennakonda division are very similar to those of the Sub Division of Cuddapah, there was a good deal of stagnation there when I visited it last month, but the knowledge that

that grain would be brought freely by the Sub Collector or some other Cause Le-
-caused to give trade a start; & parties of Cartmen were soon in movement all over the Country - In September the Sub Collector was in alarm that the Supplies would fail, now there is I believe a tolerably full Supply in the Centas.

Hurrihadgalli 4 November 1876

(Signed) G. Thornhill
1st Member Board of Revenue.

(True Copies)

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for information.

Camp Hudgahi - 11 November 76

(Signed) J. H Baster
Collector.

Enclosure. Circular
Grain Payments.

1. Collector has ordered Payments on relief

relief works to be made in grain & money as follows:-

Per Man: 3/4 Seer and 3 pies in cash.
Per woman: 5/8 Seer and 2 pies in cash
Per Child: 3/8 Seer and 1 pie in cash.

but if you think this rate is too low, you may pay as follows.

Per Man = 1 Seer and 3 Pies
Per Woman = 3/4 Seer and 2 Pies
Per Child = 1/2 Seer and 1 Pie

2. To do this you will require sufficient Quantities of grain to be stored at Con-
-venient "Centres"; for, all the relief works in your taluq & these "centres" should Correspond with the places where relief Houses are to be opened, so that they may be as few stores as possible.

3. If there is sufficient grain to be purchased

purchased in your talugs near to these "Centres" and you have, in consequence, no difficulty in making the combined grain and money Payments, you must without delay make arrangements for regularly paying the famine Coolies in this System henceforth & you must report what arrangements you have made and from what date you have commenced grain payments.

4. If you find a difficulty in procuring regularly grain in sufficient quantities to keep up the relief houses as well as to pay the coolies on all the reliefworks, you must notify to Substantial grain merchants that the Circar is prepared to make very large purchases of grain & you should encourage them to import grain for this purpose & you should ascertain from them if they are willing to make contracts for the regular Supply of fixed quantities of grain to the Circar. If they are willing to enter into such contracts, you must report to me (after Settling the most advantageous conditions you can on behalf of Government) what contracts you are able to secure and I will then give you orders whether to accept them or not.

5. Before Settling the terms of any contracts for my approval, you must first estimate what quantity of grain will be required to be deposited weekly at each relief "Centre" (Settled as in para 2) (1st) for the up-keep of the relief houses, (2d) for the payment in grain of all coolies on relief works near to that Centre, and (3d) for the

the storing of a sufficient reserve stock at each centre to meet Contingencies such as an unexpected increase in the No. of Labourers, the failure of the Contractor & the like. Having estimated the amount thus required to be deposited at each relief centre "every week" you must then settle at what rates the Contractors will engage to deliver that quantity at those Centres weekly, and in reporting these pro-posed Contracts give me your opinion on the advisability of accepting the Contract. As an enclosure to your report, exhibit the proposed Contracts in a table as follows.

6. If you cannot secure contracts & find it impossible to purchase in the Villages enough grain for the purposes I have mentioned, lose no time in reporting the fact to me, stating at the same time what amount of grain is required to be deposited weekly at each relief centre & I will arrange for the importation from Bellary & other places of the quantity you require.

7. As a Safe-guard, I have already asked the Collector to send you Cart-loads of grain every week until further orders to be used by you for the purposes mentioned in para 6. If you do not require this, or if you require more, report to me, until you co[illegible] this quantity I have asked for can be used & will at all events be of value in forming your reserve stock. You must remember however, that you are to do your very best to secure contracts with merchants & render it unnecessary for the Circar to import grain, as soon as Satisfactory Contracts can be settled. I will stop the Circar importation, if necessary. (Signed) H. T. Pope.
A.S.H.Q. Asst. Collector

(True copy)
(Sd) S. H. Master
Collector

Serial Number.				
Name of Railway Centre.	Quantity of grain required to be delivered weekly at each Railway Centre to meet all 3 Contracts in Para 5	Name of Contractor for delivering grain at each Centre.	Quantity of grain each person contracts to deliver at each Centre.	Date at which each Contractor will commence to deliver the quantity required weekly.
		Total (to tally with Column 3).		

Submitted for the information of Government:

(True Copy & Abstract)

H Abbott
Actg Secretary

To The Secretary to Government R. D

Revenue 1876 Dept

Proceedings of the

No 4953

Board of Revenue

Dated 16 Nov 76.

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GO 17 November 76 No 1712.

Submitting for the information of Government Endorsement from the Coll Bellary, submitting Correspondence with the Bd Asst Coll regarding the grain payment in the case of relief works.

Sec to B.C.

No 1712.

Ordered that the following telegram be dispatched to Coll, Bellary.

If grain difficulty reported to you by Ross continues in his Division, apply Arbuthnot's agent, Tadpatri or Gooty, to throw in supplies.

F.S.

17-11/76.

changed to following, at Arbuthnot's suggestion. "Ross's report third instant. Let him ascertain if Arbuthnot's agent, Tadpatri, can furnish grain." By. Coll Bellary