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No. 323. Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Additional Sub-Collector of Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th November 1876, No. 92 :—

I HAVE, in the absence of the Collector on circuit, the honor to report that in consequence of the merchants here refusing to sell rice to me unless I entered into contracts at high rates for a period of one month, I yesterday purchased from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. 2,000 bags, at Rs. 9-8-0 per bag, delivered in Bellary.

2. I beg that Government will be pleased to move the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, to arrange for the special train which will carry this not being detained *en route* and being run through as quickly as possible.

3. If this proposal is approved of, I request that Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. may be communicated with direct.

4. I contemplate making further purchases of rice, for I find that the local market cannot be depended upon, although it is well stocked; and I trust that Government will see fit, upon my advising them of purchases, to take steps to have it forwarded without delay.

5. The attack of cholera which I have already reported is, I am grateful to say, dying out, but I cannot calculate upon the moment when the disease may not again appear and compel me to move out the parties which are still not far from Bellary. If I had the grain to keep them going, I would move all out, except that at Alipoor where work must be continued so long as cholera does not appear, in order to provide work for the Bellary coolies. As it is, the supplying of the parties now out taxes our resources to the utmost.

6. I was fortunate enough yesterday to be able to purchase from Messrs. Dymes & Co. 800 bags which were on the way, 300 arrived this morning, and have been a considerable relief to us.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1876, No. 1,720.

Miscellaneous.

THE purchase from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s Agent as reported is approved. The Government are aware that the Firm is prepared to contract for supplying grain for relief works on a large scale and are arranging for speedy despatch, but no special precedence can be given to any Firm on account of their supplying Government works. The settlement of accounts with them can best be made at Madras.

2. The purchase from Messrs. Dymes & Co. is also approved.

3. In view of the very heavy pressure of work on Mr. Price in connection with the relief works, the Governor in Council resolves to appoint Mr. Agar to be a temporary Assistant to him on the pay of an Assistant Superintendent of Police with horse allowance, and orders that he be instructed by telegraph to join at Bellary at once from Bangalore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 92 Dated { 14 November 1876.

From

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras

Sir,

I have, in the absence of the Collector that on circuit, the honor to report, in consequence of the merchants here refusing to sell rice, some unless I entered into contracts at high rates for a period of one month, I yesterday purchased from Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. 2000 bags at Rs 7/8 per bag, delivered in Bellary.

2. I beg that Government will be pleased to move the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway to arrange for the special train, which will carry this, not being detained on route and being run through as quickly as possible.

3. If this proposal is approved of, I request that Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. may be communicated with direct.

4. I contemplate making further purchases of rice, for I find that the local market cannot

be depended upon although it is well stocked, and I trust that Govt. will see fit upon my advising them of purchases to take steps to have it forwarded without delay.

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6. I was fortunate enough, yesterday, to be able to purchase from Messrs. Dymes & Co. 800 bags which were on the way, 300 arrived this morning and have been a considerable relief to us.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

Fredrick Rice

Additional Sub-Collector

for Collector

Ed. H. I. Hay.

No. 4973

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 14 November 76 No. 92

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government Madras

Enclosure.

Received 18 Nov.

Intimates the purchase of grain from Messrs Arbuthnot & Co & requests that arrangements may be made with the Railway Company not to detain it.

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With order

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The purchase from Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. agent as exported is approved. But no special precedence to any [illegible] can be given. Sign on account of [illegible] & contract for supplying grain of their supplying for Relief works on large scale & any govt works arranging for speedy despatch. The estimated [illegible] of accounts to the time can be [illegible] made on [illegible].

The purchase from Messrs Symes & Co. is also approved.

Review of the very heavy purchase of work on Mr. Price in connection with the Relief works the Govt. resolves to appoint Mr. Egar [illegible] a temporary assistant & him on the [illegible] Supt. of Police [illegible] Nora Alexander & [illegible] to the [illegible] at Bellary [illegible] Bangalore.

[illegible]

Nov 18/11