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The increase in the numbers employed on Government Relief works in the districts marginally noted, and the uncertainty of supply of food in many places where these works are situated, render it necessary that special arrangements be made for establishing grain depôts in convenient places in each taluq, and to appoint a Special Agency for the control of these operations.

Bellary,
Kurnool, and
Cuddapah.

2. Mr. Thornhill has undertaken, in the first instance, to make these arrangements, with his Head-quarters at Bellary, and to Mr. Thornhill must be addressed all requisitions from the Divisional Officers of these districts.

3. In order to save delay, Mr. Thornhill has been instructed at once to furnish the taluq depôts, which have been determined upon by him, with a sufficient supply to meet immediate requirements. The amount of grain despatched by Mr. Thornhill for each taluq depôt and the Railway station where the grain will be deposited and be available for transmission to depôts, will be communicated to the Divisional Officers and Tahsildars.

4. The Divisional Officers will now, without loss of time, submit in the form which will be prescribed by Mr. Thornhill, as the Government Grain Agent, their future requirements carefully calculated on the number of works within their control, the existing numbers of laborers and their probable increase, calculated on the extension of the works—always remembering that to avoid serious risk, they should use their utmost endeavours to keep a month's supply in hand. One of the most important and immediate duties of the Divisional Officers is to organize the means of transport from the Railway stations to the taluq depôts. This can probably be best effected by sending carts or Lambadies from the depôts to the Railway stations. It is probable that by offering liberal terms, it will be possible to secure transport on contract either by carts or by Lambadies, but in these details much must be left to individual discretion. It is essential that on this subject Divisional Officers should keep the Government Grain Agent most fully informed. Finally, in estimating their requirements the Divisional Officers will carefully consider the condition of their own local markets and the possibility that the local trade may be able to supply a portion, at least, of their wants. They will bear in mind that the arrangements above indicated are intended to meet a special exigency, and that it is the earnest desire of the Government that Divisional Officers should avail themselves of local resources. To enable the Division Officers to form a sound judgment on this important subject, they will keep themselves carefully informed of taluq prices, and they will be kept punctually informed by the Government Agent, of the prices at which it will be expedient for them to make local purchases.

5. The Divisional Officers will be careful, when sending their indents to the Grain Agent, to send copies of these indents to the Collectors of Districts, and to

keep them punctually informed on prices, means of transport, and all the details connected with their grain transactions.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

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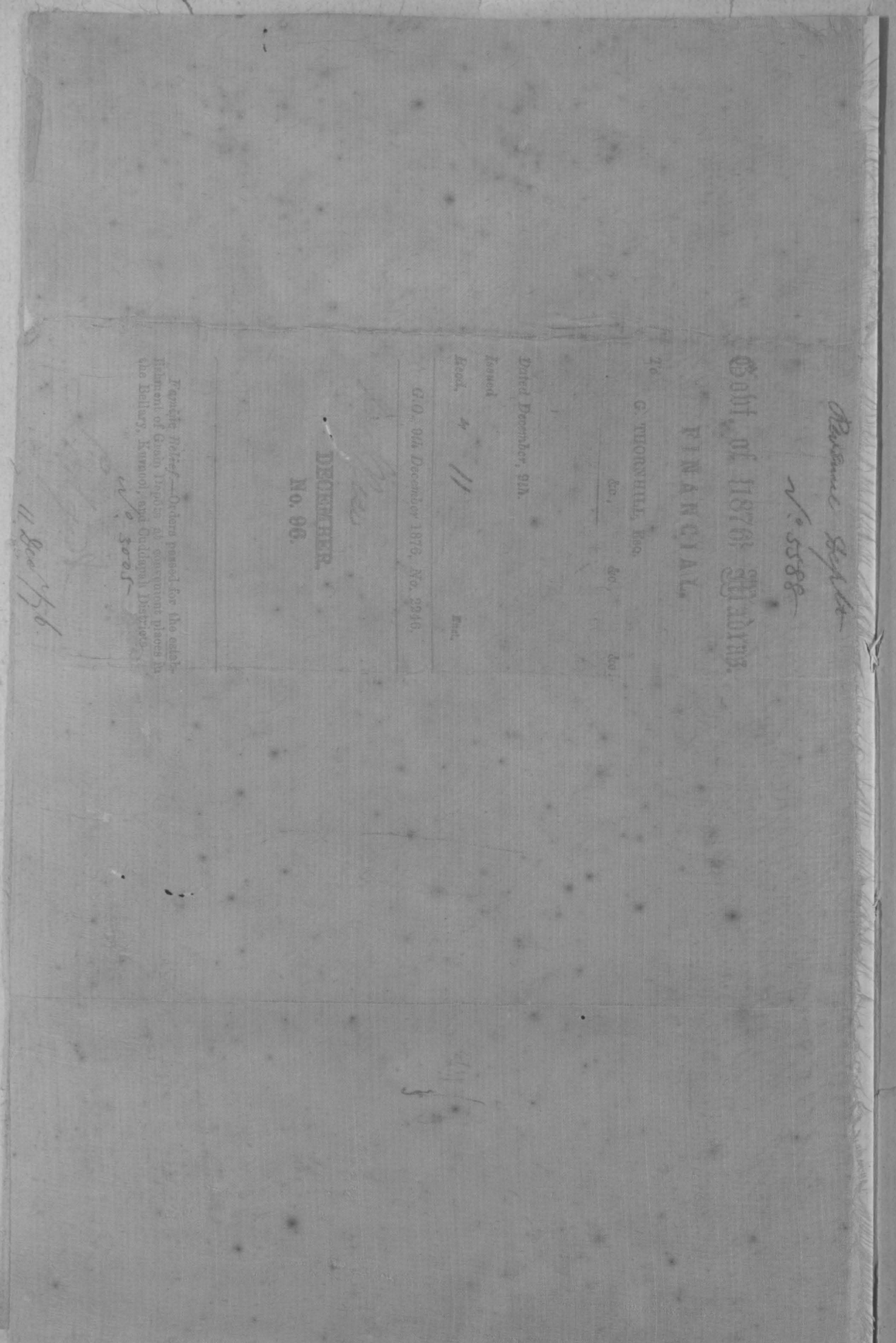

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