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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th February 1877, No. 688.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 403. *From Major F. J. HICKS, Government Grain Agent, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st February 1877, No. 291.*

With reference to paragraph 6 of the G.O., No. 470, dated the 9th instant, I have the honor to forward a fresh statement showing the present state of the stock of rice at each Railway Depôt. From this it will be seen that I have run short of rice at Tripetty, Cuddapah, Wontimetta, Yerragoontla, and Mudanur.

2. I hope however both Cuddapah and Yerragoontla will soon receive a regular daily supply, as I have requested Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to send by rail daily 900 bags to Cuddapah, and 500 to Yerragoontla.

3. As the stock at Bellary is more than I require at present, I have arranged to transfer from this depôt 5,000* bags to Gooty and 5,000 to Yerragoontla; this is more than I require at present. *1,100 bags have already been sent to Gooty, and 2,000 to Yerragoontla.

Depôts supplied from both these places are in much more need of the reserve rice than any of the District Depôts supplied from Bellary.

4. To further aid me in keeping a sufficient stock on hand, I recommend that, in addition to the 1,400 bags now sent by rail daily, some steps be taken to send 6,000 bags to Tripetty Depôt, being the balance I still require to enable me to complete the quantity of reserve rice required for the supply of Voilpad Taluq in Cuddapah District. If this can be done, it will also enable me to complete the contract made for the carriage of rice to Voilpad.

5. Owing to the short supply of Government rice sent to me, I have been obliged to stop sending rice from Cuddapah to Cumbum and Budvail, from Mudanur to Pulivendla, from Gooty and Tadputri to Anantapore, Durmaveram and Peeapully, and from Bellary to Hospett. This I have arranged in communication with District Officers, and on terms agreed on with my cart contractor without prejudice to recommencing operations should rice hereafter be required to be sent to any of these places.

6. For the present I do not require rice at Rajampett, Wontimetta, and Mudanur, and I propose closing the depôts at those places.

7. Up to date I have only received applications to cart rice for Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. in small quantities from Tadputri and Gooty, but I believe some other merchants intend to employ my contract carts. No local dealers have as yet applied to me. I have sent out printed notices to Tahsildars for distribution amongst grain dealers in the different taluqs to which I am prepared to carry rice, and as I have still a stock of rice on hand sufficient to keep carts going for some days there is still time to watch the experiment of my carts being used and applied for by private dealers.

8. Up to date the cart contractors have been working well, but no pressure has been lately put upon them. On the contrary as my stock of rice has been gradually

running short, I have rather encouraged the contractors to lessen the number of carts despatched daily.

9. In addition to the Government reserve rice, I have carted and delivered a quantity of rice purchased by District Officers, and I am now expecting at Cuddapah 11,000 bags of rice purchased from Messrs. Dymes and Co. by the Collector of Kurnool, and which I have been asked to transport to Cumbum.

10. I have also carted and delivered to District Officers a large quantity of weighing-scales, tools and such stores.

No. 404. *Telegram from Major F. J. HICKS, Government Grain Agent, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd February 1877.*

No Government rice at Tripetty and Cuddapah; insufficient supply at Yerragoontha. Recommend rice being sent to these places to meet cart contract demand, and allow further time to watch experiment of dealers employing contract carts. If no rice is sent carts cannot be detained.

No. 405. *ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 688.*

Communicated to the Revenue Department (Famine).

2. The Governor in Council desires that Major Hicks will abstain from moving grain by rail from Station Depôts at which it has been already so placed, as this use of the rolling stock seriously interferes with general arrangements.

3. As regards the supply required at Tripetty, Government desire that Major Hicks will consider and report. Tripetty and Voilpad can be extended to Madras.

(True Extract.)

L. M. Hicks
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department
.. Board of Revenue.
.. Government Grain Agent, Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright

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showing the state of the stock of rice at each Rail-
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ment Grain Agent in connexion with the move-
ment of Grain by rail from Station Depots at
which it has been placed.

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