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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 897. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1877, No. 1,213:—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Government.

... delivered till after the need had passed away. The grain issued to the ... was sold, whether at cost price or at market rates is not stated, to the coolies who were paid in money. No information whatever is given as to grain purchased in the Sub-division.

3. The statement as to the Huzur transactions is summarized in the margin. The actual cost is not

—	Purchased.	Issued.	Balance.	Approximate cost.
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	RS.
Paddy	52.73	19.83	32.90	4,320
Rice	502.12	68.82	433.30	80,280
Cholam	139.79	60.63	79.16	18,020
Total	694.64	149.28	545.36	1,02,620

given, but only the rates; and the Board have taken the mean of those given for each grain. There is no need to keep at Nellore so large a quantity as 545 tons, and it should either

be stored as reserve in those parts of the district, if there are any, in which a failure of supply is a possible contingency, or utilized on the East Coast Canal. The Collector is requested to state what he would propose should be done with the grain, and also to furnish particulars of the Sub-division purchases.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 898. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1877, No. 1,265.

Miscellaneous.

The Government wish to know on what authority this large quantity of grain was purchased.

2. The Collector will inform the District Engineer of the amount of surplus stock available for the canal works and hold the balance for relief purposes under himself and his subordinates.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th March 1877.*

2. In reply, Mr. Sharp sends a statement in putties, tooms, and seers showing the purchases at, and issues from, the Collector's head-quarters only. Tenders were called for in January when grain was
- 56 seers = 1 toom.
20 tooms = 1 putty.

March 1877, No. 974.

With reference to the extract of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 10th

"The Acting Collector is requested to report how much grain he has bought, for what purpose, at what price, and how much has been actually expended."

February 1877, as per margin, I have the honor to state that in the month of December last no grain was procurable at any price in the western taluqs, and applications for it were made from many parts of the district where relief works were in progress. I tried, but in vain, to procure grain in Nellore, so I advertized in the local gazette and entered into contract in December 1876 and January 1877 with some of the leading merchants of this place for the supply of the requisite quantity of grain, amounting to 681 putties of rice, paddy, and cholum, at the rates then prevailing, for distribution to the western taluqs and for the poor-houses in Nellore town. The supply of the total quantity of grain contracted for has been completed, and the payments have been made for the same as received. The same circumstances compelled the Sub-Collector to purchase large quantities of grain for the taluqs in the Sub-division. The grain in question was purchased chiefly for relief coolies and for poor houses. Grain depôts were established at several stations where relief works are in progress, and the grain was sold to the coolies who were allowed money payments, crediting the sale proceeds against the expenditure incurred for the purchase of grain.

2. A statement showing the quantity of grain purchased and actually expended and the balance now in stock at the Iluzur is herein enclosed for information. The taluq officers have been called upon to submit similar returns for their taluqs, which when received will be compiled and forwarded to the Board of Revenue.

3. In arranging for the contracts, I directed that a limit of time should be fixed within which the grain should be delivered. The late Treasury Deputy Collector who made the contracts under my instructions has not left on record any note as to the time within which the grain was to be delivered; but the merchants assert that they were ready to deliver soon after the contract was made, but that the Cutcherry officials were not ready to receive. There was a fall in prices after the contracts were made, but this could not be foreseen, and in the absence of any proof against the merchants' assertions, I have received all the grain tendered for, though having to pay at the time of receipt more than the market rates—*Vide* note in accompanying statement. Of course matters might have taken an opposite turn, and prices might have risen still higher, in which case the Government would have had the advantage.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

The Acting Collector of Nellore having reported in his letter, dated 29th January 1877, No. 480, that Rupees 1,18,000 were required for purchase of grain was called upon to report what grain was wanted for, how much had been bought and expended, and at what price it was paid for.

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Heins:

For order.

The Yellow Color
sent a statement
showing a balance of
some 625 tons of grain
and 694 original
purchases of grain
for about a half of
the year. He gives
no information regarding
the purchases made
by his District officers.

He also suggests the
balance between
utilized on the East
Coast Canal on
but into such distant

* at Head Quarters

To be approved

Approved by

W. C. B.

On what authority
was this enormous
quantity of grain pur-
chased - this is all

Col. of 1877

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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REVENUE, No. 1, 1877.

From the Yellow Color. - Declaring to know on what
authority the large quantity of grain was purchased,
and directing the Collector to inform the Board of
Revenue of the amount of surplus stock available
for the canal works and for the balance for
other purposes under his control.

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financing markets.

2/3/77 J.H.S.

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2/3/77 J.H.S.

No 1265
H. O 28 Dec 1877
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of the amount of surplus
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for the Canal works
& to have the balance
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Sh. at London
28/3/77 J.H.S.

Received by the Secretary
of the Canal Co. on 8 April 1877
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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 17th March 1877.
No. 1216
Read the following

No. 974
Encls. one
To Mr.

J. R. N. Sharp Esquire
Acting Collector of
Mellore.

To J. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir

With reference to the extract
of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 10th
Feb 1877, as per margin, I have the
honour to request the Acting Collector
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at what price, and how much
has been actually expended.

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For order

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quantity of grain amounting to 681 Pattis of rice,
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Vellore
Collector's Office
5th March 1877
I have
J. H. Sharp
Acting Collector.

The Acting Collector of
Vellore having reported in his letter
dated 29th January 1877 that Rs 118,000 were
required for purchase of grain, was
called upon to report what grain
was wanted for, how much had
been bought or expended, and at
what price it was paid for.

In reply Mr. Sharp
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For Mr. & Extract
J. C. H. Stokes
Secretary.

To the Collector of Customs.
For Mr. & Extract

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Secretary

To the Additional Secretary to Government, Sec. Dept.
With Copy of Statement

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