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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th March 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 917. Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 14th March 1877, No. 244 :—

With reference to paragraph 3, G.O., dated 23rd ultimo, No. 684, I have the honor to offer the following explanation.

2. During January and February last Mr. Farmer sent me a succession of sensational letters, depicting in most gloomy terms the state of his division, owing as he said, to the absence of grain and of carriage to procure it.

3. Mr. Farmer, however, appears suddenly to have discovered shortly afterwards that a thousand bandies were available in his division for carriage, and that the local grain merchants were ready to supply his wants on the spot.

4. The Hon. D. Arbuthnot, while in the Cumbum Division, had, as Mr. Farmer says, issued "distinct instructions" to the Deputy Collector at Cumbum "to buy all the grain he could without limitation as to quantity, because the quantity was large."

5. Acting on these instructions and in anticipation of my approval, Mr. Farmer and the Deputy Collector at Cumbum entered into contracts for the aggregate supply by local merchants of Rs. 3,52,600 of dry grain.

6. I received information of this transaction during the course of my late tour through the Cumbum Division, and although I was desirous that Mr. Farmer should supplement the Government imports by making such local purchases as were necessary to meet current demand, I had no idea even that such a large quantity of grain was procurable at Cumbum.

7. On ascertaining the magnitude of the transaction, I hesitated to confirm it, knowing, as I did, that the stock of Government grain was being forwarded from the coast and elsewhere, but on being personally informed by Mr. Farmer that he had already advanced upwards of Rs. 40,000 to the grain merchants, that the non-ratification of the contracts might not only be viewed as a breach of faith but might enhance the future difficulty of procuring grain through the local merchants, I confirmed the contracts, reported the transaction by wire to Government, and desired Mr. Farmer not to make any further purchases without my previous sanction.

No. 918. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1877, No. 1,275.

Miscellaneous.

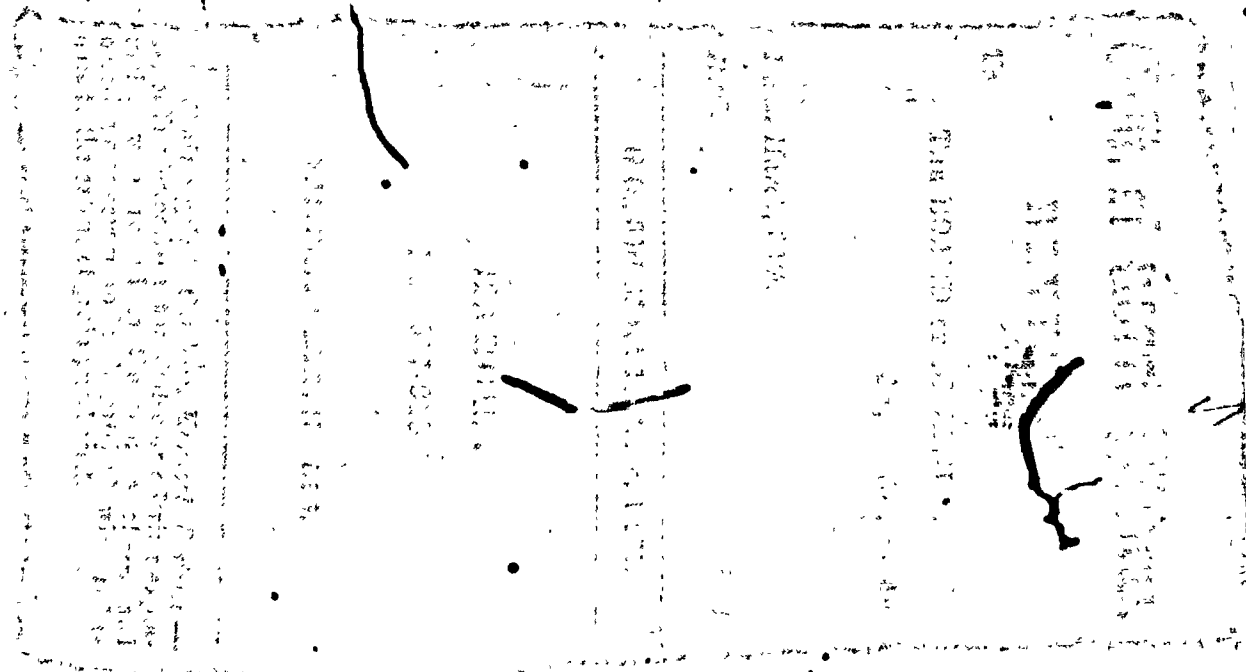
RECORDED. The following telegram will be despatched :—

"Government greatly surprised at extent of grain purchased at Cumbum. Report how much remains undelivered, with whom contracts made, for what grain, and at what prices. Negotiate off as much as possible of undelivered grain."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Collector of Kurnool.
Ed. F. R. Bantleman.



Admiral

This is a most serious
complication -

Do we know in the
of the old quantity of
Govt grain sent from
Kottapattam to have
as Curimbim. & old
succeded. we are to
receive under these
contracts?

Govt will coll to
stop all deliveries under
these arrangements if it can
be done without direct
breach of contract - & it
is not - result -

Govt ask whether any
of this (which is not reserve
but purchase for local pur-
poses) grain can be issued
without interfering

News
For orders

It appears from the
enclosed report from Mr
Davidson that he has
for various states,
confirmed contracts for
grain to be supplied
by local merchants in
Cumbria, to the
amount of Rs. 352,600.
The authority for making
these contracts appears
to be some instructions
given by Mr. Adair Smith
while on tour in that
part of the country.
The telegram alluded
to by Mr. Davidson
in the 7th Para of his
letter in which he
says he reported the
transmission to Govt

is not to be found in
this Dept. nor the
Public Dept.

It does not appear
at what rate the
contracts were made
nor how much has
been delivered.

From Ind. S. of the
23rd Feb. No. 604 it

seems that the Board
Adv. Col. of Gen. Kinnel
with Major Hicks
early in Feb. last
& appears to have
sent something about
having made large
purchases for in
Part 2 of the G.O.
the collector is called
on to explain the
necessity for the
very large purchases
of grain for the
army making for
current expenditure.

with Trade?

I think this matter
must be taken up with
rest of other Public
Works of visit
not at once & up to

27/3. H.V.

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Orders are requested
1. Whether the contracts are
to be confirmed by Govt.
2. Whether the further delivery of
grain at Cumburn is
to be ordered to be stopped?
3. If money wages are in
operation the relief work in
Cumburn & that the price, that
is to be done with the rice
which at 10 1/2 a bag is
probably to 22500 bags
at 2321 tons.
H.V.

24/3/77.

Kurnool Collector's office
14th March 1877

No. 244

From,

A. Davidson Esquire
Acting Collector of
Kurnool Dist

To,

J. H. Parson Esquire
Addl. Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Madras

Sir,

With reference to para 390
dated 23rd Ultimo No. 684 I have the
honor to offer the following explanation
1. During January and February
2. Cast Mr. Farmer sent me a succession
of exonerating letters depicting in most
gloomy terms the state of his Division
owing, as he said, to the absence of gram
and of Carriage to procure it
3. Mr. Farmer, however, appears
suddenly to have discovered shortly
afterwards that a thousand handies
were available in his Division for
Carriage, and that the local gram
merchants were ready to supply his
want on the spot.

4. The Honorable D. Arbuthnot
while in the Combar Division, had
as Mr. Farmer says, issued "distinct
instructions" to the Deputy Collector at
Combar "to buy all the gram he

Kumool Collection
14th March 1877

No. 244

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Acting Collector of
Kumool

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Addl. Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Madras

Sir,

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6 I received information of this transaction during the course of my late tour through the Cumbum Division and although I was desirous that Mr. Farmer should supplement the Government imports by making such local purchases as were necessary to meet current demand, I had no idea then that such a large quantity of grain was procurable at Cumbum.

7 On ascertaining the magnitude of the transaction I hesitated to confirm it, knowing as I did that a large stock of Government grain was being forwarded from the Coast & elsewhere, but on being personally informed by Mr. Farmer that he had already advanced upwards of Rs 4,0000 to the grain merchants, that the non-ratification of the contracts might not only be viewed as a breach of faith but might enhance the future difficulty of procuring grain through the local merchants I confirmed the contracts, reported the transaction by wire to Government

and declined Mr. Farmer not to make any further purchases without my previous sanction. 12/11

I have the honour to be

Yours most obedt Servt.

R. Davidson

Ag Collector

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The A. J. Colebrook
Hennepin

Dec 14. 1899
Dec 15. 1899
Dec 16. 1899

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Ad Heren's application
 with reference to para 3
 of the 64 of 23rd March
 in regard to the answer of
 your reply in London
 I enclose the information
 that the former had been
 directed to go to wife to the
 discharge of your order
 count of which is her
 self has subsequently
 been approved

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