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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

5th March 1877, No. 825.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers :—

No. 58. *Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 16th February 1877, No.* 713.

Read the following extract from the letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 2nd February 1877, No. 9 :—

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5. The Government have lately impressed upon me the necessity for encouraging local traders so as to ensure the regular receipt of supplies of grain from Madras. This I have been doing incessantly for months past. In every part of the district I have visited I have held meetings and conversed with the local merchants, and they one and all assure me of their readiness to get up grain regularly and sell it freely. What they only ask of me is assistance in their remittances to purchase grain. They have plenty of money and are quite ready to spend it, but are afraid to carry large ...ns in cash long distan... fear of being looted on the way to the ... ...nished by the ..., have plan... and they ask with reason what better chance of safety have they if they go down unprotected to Madras with money to buy grain. All they want is an ample supply of Currency Notes in the Treasury to be issued to them in return for the cash they are ready to pay. The Government I am aware have not been disposed to encourage the use of Currency Notes as means of remittance for trade purposes, but in the face of a great crisis like the present, I venture to submit the ordinary rules that have been laid down for guidance of Treasury Officers may with advantage be relaxed, and I trust that the Government will now be pleased to sanction the liberal issue of notes in return for cash to those traders who are engaged in importing grain to distressed districts from Madras. There is no reason at present to fear that the notes will be hoarded. The Deputy Tahsildar assures me that there is such a demand here for Currency Notes to pay for grain in Madras that he could with ease receive Rupees 50,000 a-month in cash for notes if only he had them to issue. Other Deputy Tahsildars have told me the same thing. Convinced that this is the real and most important encouragement that the grain merchants require, I have been of late indenting freely on the Accountant-General for Currency Notes, but he never supplies me with notes for more than half of any of the indents I send in, and they are expended immediately on receipt. I beg respectfully to urge upon the Government the advisability for affording more extended facilities to traders in their remittance for grain. It is what is really wanted. If it is still considered unadvisable to extend the circulation of Currency Notes, I would beg to suggest the issue of

credit notes, to be in force for stipulated periods, by Treasury Officers to merchants who are actually engaged in importing grain.

The Government await the report of Mr. Austin mentioned in paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter, and accepts the assurance of the latter officer that no unnecessary works have been recommended by him for execution.

2. Paragraph 2 will be communicated to the Inspector-General of Police for information, and paragraph 5 to the Financial Department for disposal.

3. The Collector should have submitted his letter through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 409.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his early remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th February 1877.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 59. *From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 22nd February* 1877, *No.* 835.

Revenue Department.

ing the indents for Currency Notes; but
to meet existing wants is by the Collector issuing supply bills on the
for sums of not less than 500 Rupees each.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1877, No. 825.

Communicated to the Revenue (Famine) Department.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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