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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

12th March 1877, No. 893.

Food Grains.

Read the following paper:—

No. 145. *From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th March* 1877, *No.* 489.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the limits for landing grain have been lately extended from the south end of the Light-house Esplanade to Cossimode, the original range between the north angle of the Custom House and Clive's Battery having been found insufficient owing to large imports.

2. The present staff of Conicopillays and Peons, particulars of which are given in the margin, is insufficient to supervise efficiently the landing over this extended range, and owing to losses of Boat-notes, and the want of a proper check at the time of landing from each boat, considerable difficulty is experienced in closing the accounts of each ship, &c.

20 Conicopillays.
12 Peons.
Ten Conicopillays and six Peons attend at 6 in the morning. The rest at 10 o'clock. The morning men go away at 10 and come back [illegible] men remain on duty.

3. In addition to the regular work the Conicopillays and Peons have now to examine all bags of grain landed, with a view to detect damaged grain under G.O., dated 3rd February 1877, No. 393, and it is absolutely necessary that the number of examining Conicopillays and Peons attached should be increased temporarily to assist Mr. Ross, the Municipal Inspector, who has been deputed to superintend the detection of damaged grain.

4. I beg therefore to request the immediate sanction of Government to the entertainment, temporarily, for three months, of 10 Conicopillays and 15 Peons, on salaries of Rupees 12 and 7, respectively.

5. At the same time I beg to state that the scale of rewards sanctioned in G.O., dated 14th February 1877, on my application has been found practically inadequate. A bag of rice is worth 6 to 8 Rupees, and the reward for detecting damaged grain may, I think, be fixed at one Rupee per bag; I beg therefore to submit the following scale for sanction:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
For detecting 1 bag or more up to 10, for each bag	1	0	0
Do. from 10 to 50, each bag	0	12	0
Do. 50 upwards, each bag	0	8	0

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1877, No. 893.

The proposals contained in the above letter are sanctioned as a temporary arrangement, but the Government desire that the Collector will consider whether the temporary

employment of two European Inspectors on higher pay is not more likely to secure the object in view than that of this larger number of men of a class who, not being permanently employed in the public service, have to look for future means of livelihood from the very class against whom it is now desired they should inform.

(True Extract.)

V. Fitzpatrick
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Sea Customs.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Revenue (Famine) Department.
,, Board of Revenue.

Extd. T. O'Connor.

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To

THE COLLECTOR OF SEA CUSTOMS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 12th.

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