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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

12th March 1877, No. 894.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 147. *From Major F. J. HICKS, Government Grain Agent, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 28th February 1877, No. 341.*

I have the honor to forward you a revised statement showing the present stock of reserve rice on hand at the different Railway depôts. From this it will be seen that the supply has run very short at all depôts, and at some has run out altogether. This has caused me the greatest difficulty in meeting the demands of my cart contractors, and has led to the stoppage of work at Tripetty and at intervals at Cuddapah and Yerraguntla. The cart contractor at Cuddapah has asked for compensation on account of the minimum quantity of rice not being supplied to him at Tripetty as per contract agreement, but if 6,000 bags of rice are sent to Tripetty, as requested in my letter, No. 291, dated 21st instant, I shall be able to supply him with all the rice he has contracted to carry and he will then forego his demand for compensation.

2. Up to date I have only received applications to carry 500 bags of grain for merchants, and this all for one Madras Firm. I have circulated notices to all parts showing the rates at which I am prepared to carry grain for merchants and grain dealers, but it seems very uncertain whether even at the cheap rates advertised native dealers will resort to this means of transport. To give further time for the development of such grain traffic, I have arranged with my contractors to cart away the reserve Government rice still remaining at Railway depôts as slowly as possible without actually sending away available carts seeking for employment on the spot, but if Government wish it I could easily arrange to transport the whole of the remaining stock to district depôts in the course of a very few days, but then I should have to deal with the question of compensation due to the contractors for failing to supply them with the minimum quantity of rice they contracted to carry for Government. The balance of this minimum quantity is shown in column 5 of the Statement and amounts to 159,037 bags, and if this could be sent to me regularly by rail to the stations named in the statement, it will enable me to carry out all the contracts entered into without any further difficulty.

3. Perhaps the best plan is to continue working slowly with a view to keeping a certain number of carts employed and available in case of any emergency, or any sudden demand for reserve rice arising in any outlying taluqs.

No. 148.

ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1877, No. 894.

The Government approve Major Hicks' intention expressed in the concluding paragraph.

2. The daily despatch of the 1,400 bags or 100 tons of Government grain to his depôt will be distributed as desired by him by telegraph.

(True Extract.)

L. H. D. S.

Chief Secretary.

To the Government Grain Agent, Bellary.

" Revenue (Famine) Department.

" Board of Revenue.

" Collector of Cuddapah.

" do. of Bellary.

" do. of Kurnool.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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G. O. 1248 March 1877 No. 894

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March 1877—Order passed on letter from
Superintendent Grain Agent, Belknap, submitting a
verified statement showing the present stock of
Reserve Rice on hand at the Railway Deposits.

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