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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1877, No. 1,724-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 285-A. From Major F. J. HICKS, Grain Transport Agent, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 1st May 1877, No. 604.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,457, Revenue Department, dated 17th April, I have the honor to inform you that I have ordered my Assistant, Mr. Travers, to act under the instructions of the Collector of Cuddapah as regards any part he may be requested to take in the inspection ordered to be made of the Government reserve rice in the Cuddapah District.

2. As a much larger quantity of reserve rice has been stored in the Kurnool District and a considerable quantity in Bellary, I most strongly recommend that similar inspection may be made in those districts. I have just heard that weevils have appeared amongst the rice stored in Raidroog Taluq of the Bellary District; and I very much fear that, unless some immediate and extra precautions are taken, a considerable quantity of the reserve rice will be damaged and destroyed by insects and other causes.

3. I have made many inquiries as to whether there is any known means of preventing the damage done by weevils, but without any satisfactory result; and I enclose a letter which I have received from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., which generally expresses the opinion I have heard from many others on the same subject.

4. If any measure could be adopted to bring into consumption any of the reserve rice in which weevils have appeared, I think it would be the best plan to follow, as when they once appear and the bags infested by them are not at once removed ; I fancy they would soon spread over the whole store.

5. In case Conductors of the Commissariat Department are not available for duty, so as to inspect the stores in Kurnool and Bellary at once, I would strongly recommend that the services of a few good native Dubashes be obtained from some of the Mercantile Firms at Madras. Such men, if placed under the orders of Collectors, would make the inspection more rapidly, and, I believe, arrange to store the rice more securely and better than any one else.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & CO., Madras, to Major F. J. HICKS, Government Grain Agent, Bellary, dated 26th April 1877.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd instant.

2. In boiled rice, the ravages of weevils do not, as with wheat, proceed rapidly. The course suggested by you of exposing the contents of the bags in the sun, especially if accompanied by sifting or moving about the grain, would doubtless have a good effect in temporarily diminishing the number of insects ; but we are inclined to think this would be more than counterbalanced by the loss in weight and pilfering, which it would give rise to.

3. Natives not unfrequently mix a little flower with raw rice to protect it against weevils, but this is not considered equally efficacious with boiled rice, of which the Government reserves almost entirely consist.

4. We presume the rice will, before very long, go into consumption, and seeing that, as above stated, the ravages effected on boiled rice by weevils are very gradual, we should not think any special remedy was necessary, nor do we know of one by which the insects can be eliminated from the grain.

No. 968.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department, with reference to the G.O. in that department, dated 17th ultimo, No. 1,457.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No. 285-B. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 1,724-A.

Miscellaneous.

BEFORE passing final orders in this matter, the Governor in Council will await the report of the result of the inspection of the grain already ordered. Meanwhile, His Grace resolves to direct that on completion of the inspection of the stocks of Government grain in the Cuddapah District, Conductor Farley proceed to the Kurnool and Bellary Districts, and report on the state of the Government grain there stored.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Grain Transport Agent, Bellary
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Cuddapah.
,, the ,, of Bellary.
,, the ,, of Kurnool.
,, Conductor Farley.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Commissary-General.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

J No. 3235.

From Grain Transport Agent, Bellary

Dated 2nd May 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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Bellary 5/5

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Ordered to be submitted

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No 604

Bellary 1st May 1877.

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Major F. J. Wicks
Grain Transport Agent

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

J Hicks
Grain Transport Officer

Madras 26th April 1877.

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Sir
Your most obedient servants
(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co

(True Copy)

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Grain Transport Agent.

No 43235

Ref'd to in Mem'l 1537 of 1898

Grain Depot Chittagong 27th May 1898