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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th May 1877, No. 1,853.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 576. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1877.

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1877, No. 141.

I HAVE the honor to report that the Accountant-General has disallowed famine batta for April 1877 under G.O., No. 41, dated 5th January 1877, at the higher rate of Rs. 1½ per month, on the ground that the Commissioner of Police certified that rice was sold at 10¼ seers per rupee during the month. I have ascertained from the Commissioner that this price refers to third-sort rice.

2. The higher rate of batta was entered in the bill, as the average price of second-sort rice was 9.67 seers per rupee during the month. The adoption of second-sort rice as the staple food of the district was reported to the Board of Revenue in this office letter, No. 74, dated 12th March 1877, and has been apparently approved by them.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg to be informed if second or third-sort rice is to be taken as the staple food under G.O., No. 41, dated 5th January 1877. If the former, the Accountant-General should be instructed to pass the amount disallowed.

SECOND-SORT rice should certainly be taken as the staple food in Madras and not third-sort which is very inferior and not in consumption except amongst the poorest classes. The Accountant-General is requested to inform the Board whether, with reference to the above, he is prepared to withdraw his objection.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 576-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd May 1877.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 11th May 1877, No. 2,179.

Read also the following Memorandum from the Accountant-General, Madras, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 14th May 1877, No. 1,561.

Vide Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,179, dated 11th instant.

THE undersigned has the honor to explain that this office has simply accepted the statement of the Commissioner of Police. The Board perhaps had better refer the question to Government, and suggest that, with a view to avoid doubt and confusion, a Notification be inserted in the last Gazette of each month by some competent authority, declaring whether the establishments are entitled to higher, lower, or no batta for that month.

(Signed) L. C. PROBYN,
Accountant-General.

Revenue Department, 29th May 1877, No. 1,853.

THE Proceedings read above will be submitted to Government, with request that the Accountant-General be directed to withdraw his objection in the case of the batta drawn in Madras.

2. With regard to his suggestion made in the communication above recorded, the Board observe that it will often happen that returns of prices from the districts for more than half the month will not be available in time for publication in the last Gazette of the month, and the suggestion is, therefore, impracticable. It will be better if Government will declare what grain is to be taken as the standard in each district, since the Accountant-General is not prepared to accept the Board's opinion on such a point.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 577.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1877, No. 1,853.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve the Board's adoption of the price of second-sort rice as the batta standard, and direct the Accountant-General to pass the bills accordingly on the certificate of the District Collectors.

2. The Commissioner of Police in Madras will discontinue the issue of certificates, and will refer applicants for them to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Military Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Commissioner of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

No 2179.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 11th May 1877

Read the following

No. 141.

From

R. J. Melville Esquire

A. G. Collector of Madras

To

H. E. Stokes, Esquire

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated May, 29th.

Encl.

G.O., 29th May 1877, No. 1,883.

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Nos. 576-577.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,213.

Price of second-sort Rice as the Batta Stand-
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Accountant General

Revenue Department

No. 2340

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 23rd May 1877

Read again Board's

Proceedings dated 11th May 1877

No. 2179

Read also the following

No. 1561

Audit Department

From The Accountant General,
Madras

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Vide Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue No. 2179
dated 11th Instant

The undersigned has the

No. 73862

Enclosure in

Board's Proceedings

State Action at

Secretary AGO

A. S. Subra 23 May

1877, No. 2340

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Signed L. Proby
J. A. St. George,
Accountant
General's Office
14 May 1872

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To

The Additional Secretary
to Government, A. D.

with copy of Board's Pro-
ceedings d/11 May '77 no 2/79

V. M.

Revenue Famine Deptt

Memorandum

G. O. 5th January 1877

N. L. 1 states that batta at two specified scales is to be granted to certain specified classes of Servants, the lower when the staple "food" of the District is selling above ten seers the Rupee, the other when it is below that rate. The Acting Collector of Madras finding 2nd sort rice at 9 by seers the Rupee, granted batta to his establishments on the higher scale. The Accountant General on the ~~Statement~~ ^{Statement} that does not appear ~~of the~~ ^{of the} Commissioner of Police that 3rd sort rice

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Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

dated 23rd May 1877

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rice was selling at $10\frac{1}{4}$ seers.
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charge. The collector referred
the matter to the Board
who in their Proceedings
11th May 1877 expressed their
opinion that "Second sort
rice should certainly be
taken as the staple food
in Madras not 3rd sort
which is very inferior and
not in consumption except
amongst the poorest classes,
and they hoped the
Accountant General would
withdraw his objection."
Thus the Accountant General
refused to do remarking
that he has simply "accepted
the Statement of the Com-
missioner of Police". He
suggests ^{that} a Notification
be

be issued ^{in the last Gazette of}
each month ^{whether lower or no}
declaring whether ^{in that length or no} Batta is
to be paid. The Board
point out that it is imprac-
ticable as the Price Returns
are not available in time.
It has been laid down
by the Board and is referred
to an Accountant General's
Circular N^o 352 of 18 April
that Famine Batta is to be
paid in regard to the
rates prevailing in the
nearest bazaar ^{for 2nd}
^{supply} sort rice) and a certificate of
the prevailing price by the
local Treasury Officer is to be
appended to the bill.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS.

Dr. H. G. O.

No 1847

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 700 Dr. Melchior
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 900 Dr. Cassevalborras

1. The Accountant General will pass the Budget in drafts in Rupees.
2. His place in Council is constrained by the Chief of Mission to ^{be} ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~Accountant~~ ^{General} ~~not~~ ^{to} ~~bring himself~~ ^{as} ~~into~~ ^a ~~position~~ ^{of} ~~an opportunity~~ ^{of} ascertaining what the "Staple food" in Rupees is he Mr. have accepted the sum of the Rs. of Revenue on such a point?
3. In regard to the Accountant General's proposal that it should be notified in the last Gazette of each month whether the High School Examinations are entitled to ^{be} ~~held~~ ^{for} that month or not. His place in Council agrees with the B. in thinking it impracticable. It also seems inadequate to remove either

doubt (the only one existing) in
confusion in the prices entered
in such a certificate we have
to be based on returns ^{of prices} submitted
by the local officers probably by
the same local officers as
whose signatures
the certificate appended
to the establishment forms
Natta bills ~~in~~ lately
presented by the Act. Gen. in
fact it was ~~the~~ ^{only} August 1877
the same with some error.

Under present ~~circumstances~~ ^{arrangements} the
ultimate responsibility of
deciding whether the establish-
ments are to be ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ Natta & other
places with the local officers &
the class, caste, & food
prescribed by the servants to
whom G.O. of Jan 5, 1877. has
been issued to apply varies
completely in different districts
in the absence of any facts

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Showing its necessity His Grace
in Council has no reason to
to alter the ~~present~~ ^{present} arrangements