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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th March 1877, No. 989.

Food Grains.

Read the following papers:—

No. 235. *From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th March 1877, E. No. 1655.*

I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter received from the Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway bringing to notice that several bags of unwholesome rice are being forwarded by the railway to stations in the interior.

2. The Municipal Act only authorizes interference with unwholesome grain when there is reason to believe that it will be sold as food for man within the town.

3. This belief could hardly arise in respect of rice taken to a railway station.

4. I, therefore, request that the Government will be pleased to issue such orders in the matter as they may deem proper. Perhaps the safest course would be to warn the authorities of the town to which this damaged grain is forwarded.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Acting President of the Madras Municipal Commission, dated Madras, 6th March 1877.

I have noticed, during my visits to the Salt Cotaar Goods Shed, bags of rice brought in for despatch which appear to me totally unfit for food, and I think the interests of the general community would be served if an Inspector from the Municipality were required to visit our goods shed daily to inspect the rice.

2. On Sunday morning I observed two small heaps of rice apparently condemned, but they had vanished yesterday, and I am afraid have been loaded and sent away into the interior.

3. It is impossible for our people to watch every bag placed in the trucks, and advantage is no doubt taken of this circumstance to load rice which ought not to be sent.

No. 564.

Referred for the opinion of the Acting Advocate-General as to the power of interference.

8th March 1877.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 236. *From ERNEST BARCLAY, Esq., Government Solicitor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 13th March 1877, No. 128, forwarding the following opinion of the Acting Advocate-General:—*

OPINION.

The proper course to take seems to me to be that recommended by the President of the Municipality of Madras in his letter to the Chief Secretary, dated the 6th

March 1877, paragraph 4. Wherever Madras Act III of 1871 applies, the provisions of Section 127 may be used to prevent the sale of the damaged rice, that is to say, within Municipalities in the Mofussil. If the rice be offered for sale elsewhere, the person selling may, on a proper case being made, be proceeded against under Section 273 of the Penal Code. Cases may also arise in which the Magistrate may proceed under Chapter XXXIX of the Criminal Procedure Code.

MADRAS,
13th March 1877.

(Signed) P. O'SULLIVAN,
Acting Advocate-General.

No. 237.

ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1877, No. 989.

The Acting Advocate-General's opinion will be communicated to the President of the Madras Municipal Commission and to all Collectors.

(True Extract.)

H. H. H.
Under Secy
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Madras Municipal Commission.
" Collector of
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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some rice being sent by the railway to auctions
in the interior.

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