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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th June 1877, No. 1,973.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 245. Endorsement of the Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture—Famine,) dated Simla, 28th May 1877, No. 482.

Read the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, 26th April 1877, No. 33, (Revenue).

THE Despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 9th March, No. 14 of 1877, relative to the famine in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, has been considered by me in Council.

2. The inefficiency of the means at present available for the transport of grain from Madras to the interior, and especially to the Ceded Districts and Kurnool, must reasonably have caused much anxiety. The efforts hitherto made to increase the carrying power of the railway have been met by unforeseen difficulties; but as the subject is now engaging the earnest attention of your Excellency's Government and that of Madras, I trust that means will be devised for overcoming the present obstacles.

3. Your instructions to the Government of Madras relative to the necessity of removing the misapprehensions which exist in the public mind as to the relations between the Government and the firm of Arbuthnot and Company, have my approval. After consultation with the Madras Government, your suggestion for the sale of the Government reserve stock be acted upon, I trust that the periods of sale and quantities sold may be so arranged as not to disturb the ordinary operations of trade.

4. I trust that the local authorities in Nellore, the Ceded Districts, and Kurnool, will succeed in carrying into execution the plan suggested by Sir R. Temple of drafting laborers from the relief-works in those districts to the great work of the East-Coast Navigation Canal. The end to be attained is so important that the utmost exertions will be spared to make use of the present opportunity for the completion of this useful work.

5. I shall await the result of your deliberations on the subject, to which the Sanitary Commissioner of the Madras Government has drawn attention, of the alleged inefficiency of the reduced rate of wages lately prescribed for the relief-works in that Presidency.

6. I fully concur in the views expressed in the Resolution of your Excellency's Government on the returns received from the Chief Commissioner of Mysore relative to the scarcity in that Province. The Chief Commissioner and the officers of the Administration appear to have well deserved the praise bestowed on them by your Excellency in Council for the zeal, judgment, and humanity which have characterised their arrangements and exertions to meet the great calamity which has fallen on the Province.

Revenue Department, 12th June 1877, No. 1,973.

7. I concur with your Excellency in the emphatic recognition which you record of the value of Sir R. Temple's labors.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.
(By order,)

(Signed) T. C. HOPE,
Addl. Secy. to the Govt. India.

No. 246.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1877, No. 1,973.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) S. H. GURSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 23 (Revenue), dated India Office, London, 26th April 1877.

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To—The Government of India.

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3. Your instructions to the Government of Madras relative to the necessity of removing the misapprehensions which exist in the public mind as to the relations between the Government and the firm of Arbuthnot and Company have my approval. If, after consultation with the Madras Government, your suggestion for the sale of the Government reserve stock be acted upon, I trust that the periods of sale and quantities sold may be so arranged as not to disturb the ordinary operations of trade.

4. I trust that the local authorities in Nellore, the Ceded Districts, and Kurnool will succeed in carrying into execution the plan suggested by Sir R. Temple of drafting labourers from the relief works in those districts to the great work of the East Coast Navigation Canal. The end to be attained is so important that I trust no exertions will be spared to make use of the present opportunity for the completion of this useful work.

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W. H. C. (Agr. & Hort.)
Famine

Department of Revenue, Agriculture & Commerce

Sir R. Temple, 26th May 1877

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
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FROM

THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA.

Dated 26th April 1877.

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ACKNOWLEDGES with observations the receipt of
Government of India's despatch No. 14, dated
9th March 1877, relative to the famine in
Madras and Bombay Presidencies and in
Mysore Province.

Ans. Secy. of the Secy. of State for India
3500 C. 23 June 1877
to the Secy. of State for India