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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd March 1877, No. 1023.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 269. *From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th March 1877, G. No. 862.*

It having been intimated to me, about the middle of last month, that the Government were anxious about the rice lying exposed on the beach, and that, under the exceptional circumstances of the time, the Military Department would have no objection to allow the Monument Esplanade to be occupied with rice pandals, I had the ground marked out into plots and at the same time caused notices to be served upon the owners of the uncovered rice to vacate the portion of the beach occupied by their respective heaps on or before the 1st of March.

2. The effect of this was that, with one or two exceptions, the merchants removed the rice referred to in the notices to quit within the specified time, but owing to fresh imports there still remained a considerable quantity of exposed rice on the 1st of March.

3. Owing to the prevalence amongst the mercantile community of an expectation that arrangements would shortly be completed by the Railway Company for the daily removal of a much larger quantity than before, owners were unwilling to incur the expense of erecting pandals on the esplanade. In many cases they already stood to lose money on their imports, in consequence of the fall in prices, and this, of course, tended to increase their anxiety to avoid additional expense for storage.

4. The consequence has been that no plots have been taken up for pandals on the Monument Esplanade up to the present time.

5. Owing, however, principally to falling off in imports, there has been a considerable diminution of the quantity of rice lying exposed on the beach, as the annexed statement, compiled from inspections made respectively on the 4th and 13th instant, will show.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT showing the estimated Number of Bags on the Beach held by each Firm.

Name.	Probable Number of Bags	
	On the 4th of March.	On the 18th of March.
Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.	75,000	49,400
" Binny and Co.	13,000	2,600
" Parry and Co.	..	100
Mr. H. DeClosots	..	7,000
Yagopah Chetty	..	100
Hajee Jahariah	15,000	4,000
Selaman Saib	..	3,000
Messrs. Burnett and Co.	2,000	100
" Gordon, Woodroffe, and Co.	132,000	32,000
" Dymes and Co.	20,000	6,200
" Wilson and Co.	300	1,500
Puttabie Ramiah	2,000	..
Sashiah Bramany	500	..
Audenarrayana Chetty	2,000	..
Total	281,800	106,000

(Signed) L. R. BURROWS,
Acting President.

No. 270.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. 1023.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Offy. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright

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