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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th June 1877, No. 2,143.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 638. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1877, No. 2,285.

Read the following letter from Major F. J. HICKS, Grain Transport Agent, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 12th May 1877, No. 651 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for submission to the Board, a copy of a letter received from the Accountant-General.

2. You are aware that I have been submitting to the Board weekly statements showing the receipts of rice at the different Railway depôts by the Agents of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. and of the issues made by them under my instructions. These statements give only the number of bags received and issued. The weight received has not, I believe, been recorded by the Agents of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., as the Railway Company do not weigh the bags at the time of delivery. The weights issued however have been recorded, as immediately on taking charge I particularly requested the Agents of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to weigh all bags before issuing them under my instructions. This information has been furnished to me except in the case of a few depôts in the Cuddapah District.

3. The weight of rice issued, added to that of the rice now in store, would give the weight sent up from Madras minus the losses in transit by rail and at the Railway depôts, and if Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. are able to give the weight of all grain sent up from Madras the actual loss can be easily calculated.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's letter, I do not quite understand why Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. consider me responsible for all grain they have despatched from Madras. I have no doubt it will all be correctly accounted for by the responsible Agents of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. on the spot, to whom all consignments by rail have been directly made and the Railway receipts forwarded. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. have not kept me informed of such consignments or sent me any periodical account of transactions. Their Agents on the spot have sent me weekly returns showing the receipts and issues at each depôt, but whether the receipts correspond with the despatches from Madras I cannot tell, but I should say they do not as I have occasionally heard of short deliveries made by the Railway Company; reports about which, as well as of great loss of weight of bags in transit, have been made direct to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. by their local agents in charge of depôts, and I understood from Mr. Gough, the Principal Agent, that such losses would be accounted for directly between Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. and the Railway Company.

5. As pointed out in G.O., No. 1,266 (Revenue, Famine), dated 28th March 1877, the contents of a bag of rice need not be constant, as Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. sent up grain from Madras by rail by the ton and not by bags, and in practice this is found to be the case, and instead of a uniform weight of 164 lbs. some bags only weigh as little as 87 lbs. On this account as I cannot calculate the total weight of consignments by the number of bags, I have requested Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to furnish me with a statement showing the tonnage of consignments sent from

Revenue Department, 23th June 1877, No. 2,143.

Madras, and as soon as I receive this and can compare it with the actual weights of rice issued and remaining in stock at Railway depôts, I shall be able to certify whether all the grain despatched by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. has been received, or if not what is the actual deficiency.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, to Major F. J. HICKS, on Special Duty in connection with State Relief Works, Bellary, dated Fort St. George, 9th May 1877, No. 1,382.

With reference to your letter, No. 521, dated 14th ultimo, the undersigned has the honor to state that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. report having despatched to you the bags of grain as detailed below, and to request that you will be good enough to send an acknowledgment of their receipt as early as possible in order that the Board of Revenue may be advised of the number of bags and quantities of grain for which you should account.

2. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. do not acknowledge their responsibility for the grain after its despatch from Madras, but consider you responsible for so much of the grain which for the convenience of the Government is held by their Agents at your disposal. If you desire it, you can of course protect yourself by getting an acknowledgment from the Agents.

3. It is presumed that the bags are of full weight. If not you should report the fact and state the actual weight received.

Up to 5th April 1877.

Stations.	Number of Bags.	Stations.	Number of Bags.
Tripatty ...	11,050	Yerragoontla ...	21,160
Rajampett ...	3,190	Adoni ...	47,820
Bellary ...	*54,000	Wontimitta ...	300
	and odd.	Tadpatry ...	47,010
Caddapah ...	*88,000	Gooty ...	57,325
	and odd.	Goondacul ...	11,200
Mudanoor ...	2,800		

* Please give actual figures as received by you.

From 5th to 30th April 1877.

Stations.	Number of Bags.
Adoni ...	6,000
Gooty ...	16,500
Tadpatry ...	11,550
Yerragoontla ...	11,550

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

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. J. HICKS, Major,
Grain Transport Agent.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board have had nothing to do with the purchase of the grain reserve and are not aware of the terms agreed upon with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. as to delivery and responsibility for correctness of quantity.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Revenue Department, 23th June 1877, No. 2,143.

No. 639. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1877, No. 2,143.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the reply of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co to the letter addressed to them by Major Hicks relative to the tonnage of grain sent off by rail from Madras by them.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. E. Goodall.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue

Dated 17th May 1877

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Gracie Transport Agent

The Secretary to the
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12th May 1877 }
Bellary } (Sd) F. J. Hicks
Grain Transport Agent

Credit Department
No. 1382. Fort St. George
Acctt Genl's Office
2nd Dec 1877

The Accountant General
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Up to 5th April 1897.

Stations	No. of bags	Stations	No. of bags
Tripathy	11050	Tadpatry	47370.
Rajampett	3190	Gooty	57325
Bellary	540000000.	Gondal	11200
Buddapah	880000000.		
Mudanoor	2800		
Gerragoontha	21160		
Adoni	47820		
Wontimitta	300		

+ Please give actual figures as received by you

From 5th to 30th April 1897

Stations	No. of Bags
Adoni	6000
Gooty	16500
Tadpatry	11550
Gerragoontha	11560

(Sd) L. C. Probyn
Accountant General

(True copy)

(Sd) F. J. Hicks
Grain Transport Agent.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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To the att. Secy to Govt. R. D. Secretary

No. 107
 Receipt of the
 Cash of Revenue
 Received by James 1899
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Submittling to Governor
my letter from the In-
ternational Agent, Wells
regarding his responsibility
for green elephants
from Madagascar
April 4. Stating that
the Board are to place
the same upon record
and estimate at \$500.00
larger responsibility for
improvement quantity.

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The Govt. await the reply of Messrs
Acton Kent & Co to the letter addressed
to them by Rega Hicks relative to the
tonnage of grain sent off by rail from
Padres by them.

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28 June 1877

And Capt. to the Board of Chas. Co., 27 Feb
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