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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

2nd July 1877, No. 2,179-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 23-A. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Chinna, Mandiem, 18th May 1877, Extra No. 1,154.

I HAVE the honor to reply to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 1,378-A, dated 9th April last.

2. With all deference to the views of the Board of Revenue upon the subject, I would respectfully beg to point out that the cusbahs of Jammalmadugu, Sidhout, and Proddatur are separated from the line of rail by the river Pennair, which is a wide and unbridged stream, and which, when in flood, comes down for sometimes ten or fifteen days, during which time it is impassable for carts. Again Pulivendla, though not 30 miles from the rail, is connected with it by an unfinished road running in many places through cotton soil which, with a fall of rain, will soon cut up into a quagmire of the most tenacious description.

3. In these taluqs I am strongly of opinion that there should be a depôt of grain sufficient for one month's consumption, as calculated hereafter.

4. In Cuddapah and Pullampett no stock is, I think, required. The former is close to the rail, and the latter can easily be supplied from Rajampett and Reddipalli.

5. I take as my basis of calculation that there will be, in the event of the famine continuing by the middle of June, about double the number of coolies upon the works that there were on the 16th March last (the date of the return nearest to that of my letter, Extra No. 350, dated 14th March, to the Board of Revenue). I allow each adult to consume $1\frac{1}{2}$ and each child $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound of rice per diem.

6. The Board of Revenue have, in concurrence with my views on the subject, proposed six weeks' stock in Budwail and Royachoty, and two months in Voilpaud, Kadiri, and Madanapalli. I think that there should be one month's supply in Jammalmadugu, Proddatur, and Sidhout.

7. I enclose a statement showing the quantity of rice which would, under these conditions, be required in each taluq at the middle of June, and the amount which we now have in stock. From this it will be seen that with a little management every taluq, excepting Pulivendla, can be provided without the import into the district of any more Government grain.

8. Cuddapah and Pullampett, as before observed, do not require a reserve.

9. The Pulivendla Taluq is, generally speaking, in very good condition. The worst parts are towards Kondapuram, which can be reached from the rail, and the Surubu Valley, which is connected with Royachoty, from which it is distant about 18 miles, by a good road. This part of the country is not, when the Papagni is in flood,

accessible for traffic by any other route than that named. Part of the excess stock at Royachoty could easily, as there are no important rivers in the way, be sent to Surubu. Budwail, which has more than it requires, could supply Sidhout. The Sagilair is the only river to be crossed, but that does not run in flood for any time. The road, the total length of which is 22½ miles, is for some 5 miles in very bad order. Sidhout is 8 miles from Wontimittah and 11 from Cuddapah Station. The Pennair intervenes. In Proddatur, Royachoty, and Kadiri the reserve is more than the calculated requirements. Part of the excess stock at Royachoty and Kadi[illegible] be utilized in filling up Madanapalli and Voi[illegible]d. The P[illegible]i might be[illegible] hinderance to moving rice from Kadiri, but it[illegible] stream as lower down. It will, if rain falls to a[illegible] from Proddatur, as it is surrounded by cotton soil and the roads are very bad.

10. The total quantity of Government grain now in the district exceeds by 20,325 bags, the quantity which I estimate would be required if by the 16th June it became imperative to use it. This need, I am inclined to think from the marked change that has taken place in the weather, will not arise.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the quantity of rice which the coolies employed in each taluq of the Cuddapah District would have consumed on the 16th March 1877, presuming that grain-wages at the rate of 1½ lbs. per adult and ¾ lb. child were paid; and showing the quantity which it is estimated should be in stock in each taluq on the 16th June 1877 in readiness to meet the contingency of having them to pay in grain.

Name of Taluq.	Number of Bags which Coolies would have consumed on the 16th March 1877.	Number of Bags which the number of Coolies estimated to be on Relief on 16th June would consume.	Number of Bags in which Stock should be on hand on 16th June 1877.	Number of Bags which should be in Stock on 16th June 1877.	Number of Bags in Stock on the 18th May 1877.	Deficiency or Excess.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Pulivendla ..	64	128	30	3,840	841	— 2,999	The stock entered under Column 7 is that which is taken from the last accounts sent by Tahsildar. None of this has been used, but a small quantity at Royachoty has been destroyed as unfit for use.
2. Budwail ..	39	78	45	3,510	4,526	+ 1,016	
3. Sidhout ..	21	42	30	1,260	..	— 1,260	
4. Jammalmadugu	14	28	30	840	1,187	+ 347	
5. Proddatur ..	29	58	30	1,740	3,496	+ 1,756	
6. Royachoty ..	22	44	45	1,980	7,667	+ 5,687	
7. Kadiri ..	43	86	60	5,160	25,582	+20,422	
8. Voilpaud ..	63	126	60	7,560	4,293	— 3,267	
9. Madanapalli ..	67	134	60	8,040	6,663	— 1,377	
Total ..	362	724	..	33,930	54,255	+20,325	

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.
Acting Collector.

THE report should have come through the Revenue Board, to whom it will be now transferred.

9th June 1877.

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

No. 23-AA. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1877.

Read endorsement of Government, dated 9th June 1877, on letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 18th May 1877, Extra No. 1,154, submitting a statement of the distribution of Government reserve grain to several depôts with other suggestions.

THE Board are of opinion that there is no necessity to incur any expense in moving the G[illegible] from one station to another in the Cuddapah District, and they believe that, in the event of necessity arising anywhere, private trade will carry any grain that is wanted better and cheaper than Government can do it. They would, however, authorize Mr. Price to use his discretion as to supplementing the stock at any of the stations named if he should think that necessity has arisen for such measures.

	16th March.	9th June.
Jammalmadugu	1,761	15,850
Pulivendla	7,569	15,685
Proddatur	3,323	3,892
Cuddapah	4,501	4,052
Budwail	4,931	13,227
Sidhout	2,481	1,315
Pullampett	9,798	11,198
Kadiri	4,695	4,651
Royachoty	2,557	10,321
Madanapalli	7,649	15,575
Voilpaud	7,011	12,394
Total ..	56,276	108,160

2. The total stock in the district is more than sufficient on the whole, but the calculated distribution is disturbed by the divergence of the present numbers from those estimated with reference to the numbers on 16th March as shown in the margin. There is no very large deficiency relatively to existing stock, except as regards Pulivendla, and Mr. Price states that the taluq is in a good state. In the Board's opinion the grain should be left where it is at present.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 23-B. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1877, No. 2,179-A.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council resolves to authorize the Collector to use his discretion as suggested by the Board in paragraph 1 of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Ezd. A. Grubert.

Extract No. 1154

Cuddapah Collector's Office.
Camp Chinna Mandiem
Ayacherty Taluq 18th May 1877

From J. F. Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah

To J. H. Garstin Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obd't Servant

Fredrick Rees
Ag't Collector

Encd KM.M.

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Rev: Dept.

No.

Proceedings of the Board
at Fort St. James 18th
& 20th June 1877.
Read & Approved of

Copy of G.T. June 177 on the subject
of the Transfer of Cuddafah
Grain Reserve to Kamloops &
of the Reserve Grain to be
sent Captn Smith & others

Acknowledged.

The Board met pursuant to
adjournment
Present Captn Smith
Captn Reserve Grain
Captn Parsons

Read Minutes of last
meeting which were
confirmed

Read Letter No 1154 dated
9th June 1877 from Secretary
to Government Fort St. James
transmitting Copy of Letter
from Secretary to Government
Fort Simpson dated 18th May
1877 No 3997 with Copy of
Letter from Collector of
Customs Victoria dated 4th
June 1877 No 2310 with
Copy of Letter from Collector
of Customs Victoria dated
4th June 1877 No 2311
Copy of Letter from Secretary
to Government Fort Simpson
dated 18th May 1877 No 3997
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numbers from those

	16th Nov	9 June
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Pulivendla	7569	15685
Proddatur	3323	3892
Cuddapa	4501	4052
Kudwail	4931	13227
Sidhout	2481	1315
Pullampet	9798	11198
Kadiri	4695	4651
Royachoty	2557	10321
Madanapalle	7649	15575
Vailpad	7011	12394
	56276	108160

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(True Extract)

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Secretary.

To The Board of Govt & Govt R. & with copy of Statt.

Ed A

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Pro: of Chiefs
of Rewa

Dated 20th June/77
Recd 21

Expressing opinion
on our Chiefs sug-
gestions made by
the Letter refer-
ring to the distribution
of Govt. Returns
Grain to the
several Districts
in the Districts

No 2179a

Ms Bonard/Rewa 7th Sept
30 7 Enclosures
Sept 4 Depatch — 13 July 1877

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