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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st September 1877, No. 2,628-C.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 18-D. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 28th August 1877, No. 1,663.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calcutta, 23rd August 1877.

THE message which His Grace the Governor of Madras addressed to this Chamber on Saturday, the 11th instant, was replied to by telegraph on the following Monday in these words:—

"Probable shipments Madras ports August and September one hundred and fifty thousand tons. Difficult to estimate stocks, but Chamber will inquire and communicate result."

In continuation of the above, I am desired to state that that estimated quantity of rice was based on the steamer tonnage engagements for the current month and September as far as they could be ascertained, but it is subject to correction, as the cargoes are not of rice exclusively, but include other food-grains—dhall, wheat, peas, &c.

From the 1st instant to date the exports of rice are about 40,000 tons and of other grain 16,000 tons, and, if the shipments continue on this scale, the estimate will turn out tolerably accurate.

Early in the month the activity in rice exports was less marked than it is at this date, the quantity entered at the Customs during the last two or three days having been very considerable.

On the best information the Chamber can command, it would appear that the supplies for October and November will not admit of large exports after requirements for local consumption have been satisfied, and a material falling off in exports as compared with August and September may be anticipated.

But it is most difficult to arrive at any absolutely trustworthy figures; there is great conflict of opinion on the spot as to what stocks are in reality; and, as the statements published officially and privately cannot unfortunately be reconciled, I regret I cannot convey more satisfactory intelligence on this important point.

THIS letter will be acknowledged with thanks, and transferred to the Revenue (Famine) Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

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Revenue Department, 1*st September* 1877. *No.* 2,628-*C.*

No. 18-E. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1877, No. 2,628-C.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board and the Madras Chamber of Commerce.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
" the Chamber of Commerce,
" the Financial Department.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

Bengal Chamber of Commerce.

Calcutta 23rd August 77.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Secretary

Transferred to the Revenue (Finance) Department.

Chief Secretary