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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 230. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1877, No. 210.

ADVERTING to G.O., No. 793, dated the 3rd instant, I have the honor to forward translation of an Arzi, No. 24, dated the 22nd ultimo, received from the Tahsildar of Hindupur through his divisional officer, and to request to be favored with orders of the Government whether the proposition of the Tahsildar can, under the circumstances therein set forth, be carried out.

2. A copy of the division officer's letter, No. 116, of the 13th instant, is also enclosed.

3. In another division I had already given orders that grain likely to be damaged might be used in relief-kitchens, the amount so used being periodically replaced, but the amount of grain now under consideration is so large that it could not be used up in relief-kitchens.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Pennacondah, 13th March 1877, No. 116.

The Tahsildar of Hindupur reports in his Arzi, No. 24 * of 1877, that there are in his depôt 199,592½ seers of cholam locally purchased by him, and that notwithstanding his efforts they are being eaten up by insects.

* Enclosed for perusal and return.

2. Under the existing orders we are forbidden to use the grain in the depôt for any purpose ; but as I am informed that cholam is a kind of grain which cannot be preserved long without being destroyed by insects, I have the honor to request to be permitted, as a special case, to make grain-payments to relief coolies at sanctioned rates till the present stock of cholam is used up not only in the taluq of Hindupur, but in the other two taluqs as well.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Arzi No. 24 of 22nd February 1877 from the Tahsildar of Hindupur, to the Head Assistant Collector of Bellary.

THERE are at present 199,592½ seers of cholam (jawaree) in the store in the taluq. It is being damaged by weevils. Steps have been taken by exposing it to the sun every day to prevent its destruction. There appears to be no way of preventing total destruction. The cholam is kept in bags. It is stated that it will anyhow suffer damage by insects even if it be heaped up or stored in pits. It is also ascertained that cholam stored up once in pits if stored a second time (in pits) is liable to be damaged. As the cholam in store consists of both the cholam once already put in and fresh too, the whole will be destroyed in case of its being stored in pits.

2. Your Circular No. 32 directs that the grain in store should not be used for relief-kitchens or for the payments of coolies. I request orders to use this grain for the Hindupur relief-house, and to make payment to coolies for a month according to the market-rates, by which means I shall expend 35,000 seers, and suggest that the remaining stock be sent to other taluqs.

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Besides cholum the undermentioned grains are available in the store :—

336,366½ seers of raggi.
47,161 do. of rice.
414½ do. of dholl.

Under these circumstances, I request you will be pleased to issue what orders you deem proper.

(Signed) VENKOTA ROW,
Tahsildar.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Head Assistant Collector of Bellary reports that the cholum belonging to Government stored in the Hindupur Taluq, of which there is a large quantity, is being injured by insects, and he requests permission to use it in payment of wages to relief coolies, not only in Hindupur but in other taluqs also. There are

	Tons.
* Cholum	182.9
Raggi	308.1
Rice	43.2
Dholl	4
	534.6

besides cholum large quantities of other grains also in store at Hindupur*. Similar reports as to deterioration of stores have been received from the western taluqs of the district, and Mr. Price has reported that some of the Government rice in the Cuddapah District is similarly affected.

3. The orders of Government are positive that grain-payments are not to be made so long as grain is to be had in the markets, and that Government grain is to be held strictly as reserve. It is not quite clear, however, whether the orders on the latter point refer only to the Government reserve of rice sent from Madras, or include also stocks of grain locally purchased; and the Board request that a distinct ruling may be issued on this subject, and also that it may be decided what is to be done with Government grain which is deteriorating.

4. The Board think that grain, which is ascertained to be in danger of spoiling, might safely be used for payment of wages at the sanctioned rates, and that no risk of derangement of trade would result. It might certainly be used for relief-houses whether a distinction should be drawn between locally purchased grain, such as is apparently the stock at Hindupur, and the Government reserve rice; and whether, if used, the stocks should be replenished by local purchases; are points for Government to decide. The Board would not advise any further purchases. If grain is purchased locally and indefinitely held, the only effect is to enhance prices for the time.

5. The Board would, at the same time, request the Collector to observe that reports of deterioration of stocks require to be carefully verified, as such reports are likely to be raised and exaggerated from interested motives. Large stocks of cholum are kept for long periods by merchants and ryots, and it is odd that Government cholum should deteriorate so rapidly.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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No. 231.

ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1877, No. 1,391.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are at a loss to understand how their orders can have been so misunderstood.

2. The instructions regarding strict abstention from using the reserve had reference solely to the sub-depôts in which the Government reserve of 30,000 tons is being distributed, and no authority has ever been given to the district officers to purchase grain for reserve or to refrain from expending in grain wages, &c., the grain which had been purchased for current purposes. The order substituting cash for grain-wages assumed that all grain in hand would be consumed before the change was introduced.

3. The Collector should at once proceed to utilise in payments for wages, &c., any remaining grain which was purchased for these purposes, and will take special care that no further purchases are made on any account other than the supplies which may be necessary for daily consumption in relief-camps or houses.

4. The Board of Revenue will call on all Collectors of distressed districts to report forthwith what stocks of grain, if any, they have on hand other than the Government reserve grain in the depôts.

5. The Government had no knowledge of the existence of these stocks.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Collector of Bellary.
.. the Financial Department.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 28th April 1877

Read the following n^o. 261

From W. G. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of North Arcot.
To W. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board
of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt
this day of the order of Government
n^o. 1391 dated 10th Instant forwarded
under cover of the Board's Proceedings
dated 17th Instant, I have the
honor to report that in this
District there are no stocks of
grain

Govt of (1877) Madras

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To, Ac, Ac

Dated April, 1877.

Recd

Encl

G.O. 1076 April 1877, No. 1391

APRIL

No. 230-231

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 935.

Deterioration of the Stock of Cichum at Hordas
per in the Bally District. - Passing remarks on
Board's Proceedings submitting report on the
order of the Collector at once to proceed to collect
in payments for wages, &c., any remaining grain
to which was purchased for these purposes and to
take special care that no further purchases are
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may be necessary for daily consumption in relief
camps or houses. Directing the Board of Revenue
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of speculation.

2. At Arcotum Relief House
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for by as small purchases

as possible.

I have &c

North Arcot
Collis Office
Camp Gudiatnam
22nd April 1877

(S) W. S. Whiteside
Collector

Submitted to Government with
reference to G. O. 10th April 1877
No. 1391.

(True Copy & Extract)

W. S. Whiteside
Secretary

To addl Secy to Govt R.D.

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To add Sec 3 to Govt R.O.

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Board of Revenue
dated 28th April 1879
Recd 30th —

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Submitting to Govt
with reference to
G.O. 15th April 1879 n^o 1391
letter from the Col^lo
of A. Aest reporting
that there are no
stocks of grain in this
district on account
of Government.
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10 May 1879 248

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