(1) Number of pages _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. / B.P. No:	2850	Press. / Mis.
Dated	19.5.1877	197 .

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Archives 1—10,006—19-4-79.

1880

Confidential

From J. C. Hughesdon Esqre - A/ Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St. George, dated 4th May 1877.

Your official Memo No. 276 dated 7th February (Confidential).

Among the several Officers I have consulted there is a singular consensus of opinion as to the assistance of Govt. not being required in the matter of seed grain - It is represented to me that the reservation of seed is the first demand upon the crop however small; that this reserve is never touched; that even should the poorest in the direst calamity be driven to consume it, the store of their better to do neighbours would be the fund from which their wants would be supplied at the next cultivation season.

Thus

This being so it seems to me that any Government intervention or even the suspicion of such, should be deprecated as likely to check that foresight which, by the consent of all, exists - Governments had better stand aloof; and if at the last moment it should be found that our calculations have been too hopeful and that the stocks of the poorest have been consumed and cannot be replaced except by Government purchases from those who have been in a position to be more provident let the necessary purchases by Government be made, but do not let Government weaken the prevailing habits of prudence by attempting any provision beforehand of which exaggerated rumours would very soon get abroad.

It is conceivable indeed that any

any one particular kind of seed grain might run short; but it is scarcely possible that this should be the case with all; and where one kind failed, the ryots might have to put down some other crop; but apparently there need be no fear that the evil will be greater than this.

Copy to the Revenue Department.

H. Elliott

Offg Chief Secretary.

To The Revenue Departt.

Confl. Rec. Cert.

Rec: 1877 Despatch

No 2566.

From

The Officiating
Secy to Govt

Dated —

Recd 18th May 1877

Answd 19-5-77 No 2850.

C 1177
17/571

Forwarding
copy of a letter from
the Actg Collector of
South Arcot on the
subject of seed grain

Writ to Govt

No 2850.

Commr & Collr Board of Rev

19th May 1877

(19-5-77)