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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th September 1877, No. 2,936.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 671. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1877,
No. 4,383.

Read the following letters:—

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector of Wynnad, to
W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Manantoddy, 7th
September 1877, No. 582:—

Owing to the heavy rains, we have been having, especially at Mysore, and the large sales which have commenced at the market owing, apparently, to some of the planters' stores having run short, there is a probability at no distant date of a total failure of the grain-supply. Constant complaints reach me of the excessively bad condition of the Periah road, in which there is probably some truth; but I believe the chief fault lies with the bandymen, who are now demanding Rs. 4 per bag from Tellicherry, and, in order to increase their profits, are greatly overloading their carts.

2. I have heard of as many as eleven bags being put in a cart when six or seven only would be the proper load.

3. If the weather clears there will be nothing to fear, for the merchants are anxious to obtain supplies.

4. If, however, rain continues, and there is every prospect of its continuance, for it continues to pour as I write, I believe the only chance will be for a reserve supply to be sent to Kutiady by boat, and the Tahsildar will arrange for its being brought up by bullocks.

5. Unfortunately native merchants are very obstinate, and because they are in the habit of purchasing their grain at Tellicherry, they do not like going elsewhere for it. I shall endeavor to persuade them to adopt the Kutiady route, but of course much will depend on the boat-hire as bullock carriage is expensive.

6. The present prices are—

	Seers.
Rice, first sort, per rupee ...	4
„ second „ „ ...	4½
„ third „ „ ...	5
Ragi, per rupee ...	6½

Revenue Department, 25th September 1877, No. 2,936.

I have considered it necessary to give you this warning, so that you may be prepared for the worst and be able to arrange for an immediate despatch of a supply by such route as you may consider best.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to A. M. MacGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector of Wynaad, dated Calicut, 11th September 1877, No. 1,371.

REPLYING to your letter, No. 582, of the 7th instant (which should have been marked as emergent), I have the honor to observe that, as in ordinary years in the monsoon the Manantoddy traders bring in the weekly market supplies over a road which is always in a worse state than is the Periah Ghaut Road at this moment, it is not likely that the state of that road has much to do with the rise in prices which has taken place.

2. I have seen a recent inspection report from the Cannanore Range Officer, and I have also ascertained from the District Engineer himself (who quite lately inspected a portion of it) that the road is passable throughout for carts.

3. One, and of course the chief, reason for the rise in prices is that in North Malabar and in Calicut, whence North and South Wynaad are drawing supplies, there has similarly this week been an increase following, too, on previous increases in former weeks.

4. I observe, however, that in all the southern taluqs of the district, where harvesting is more general than it is to the northwards, prices have fallen this week, and no doubt relief will also be experienced in the northern taluqs and in Wynaad as soon as harvesting becomes general there.

5. Another cause operating to raise prices is that there is on the coast an annual cart traffic in grain, and large numbers of carts which would ordinarily be available for transport in Wynaad are taken up for this traffic here.

6. This is, no doubt, a most serious matter for consideration; but I fancy that so long as traders can afford to pay the hire asked by cartmen, and so long as the ghauts are kept open for traffic, there will be a sufficient supply in the Wynaad markets, though, of course, prices will run high. As the season progresses and the coasting trade re-opens the strain on the carts will to some extent be removed.

7. After giving the matter my fullest consideration I am of opinion that it is as yet unnecessary to provide a reserve stock of grain for Wynaad. But I beg that you will at the same time institute the fullest inquiries through your subordinates and ascertain as far as possible—

- (i) the quantity of grain sold at each of the weekly markets;
- (ii) the quantity of grain actually in the hands of traders on each market day.

8. This information should be communicated direct to me by the Superintendents of Markets appointed by my order, dated 14th February 1877, and published in the District Gazette of 24th February 1877, page 538. The report should be submitted to me by the first post after the day on which the market is held, and a copy of it should at the same time be sent to you. A form is subjoined:—

"Price and Grain-supply Statement for the

Date

PRICES.			
First-sort rice	...	...	Seers per Rasee.
Second " "	...	...	
Third " "	...	...	
Ragi " "	...	...	

Market, Wynaad Taluq.

Revenue Department, 25th September 1877, No. 2,936.

SUPPLY.

	Rice.	Ragi.
	SEERS.	SEERS.
Quantity brought to market ...	...	...
Do. sold ...	...	...
Do. remaining ...	...	...

Certified that I have by personal inquiries done my best to ascertain the correctness of the above information.

(Signed)
Superintendent of Market."

A supply of these printed forms is herewith sent for distribution. I beg you will duly impress on your subordinates the necessity for punctuality in submitting them. With a supply of these printed forms in hand there will be no excuse for delay.

9. If hereafter it should seem to become necessary to provide a reserve stock of grain, the greatest attention must be paid to interfering as little as possible with the ordinary traffic of the country, even though by doing so it should cost more to convey the grain to its destination. In such an event I would propose to despatch the grain intended for North Wynaad via the Kutiady Ghaut in boats as far as Kutiady, and thence by cooly (three to a sack). The coolies could convey their load into Manantoddy and return for a fresh load in three days at most. The Sub-Collector would collect and organize the coolies at Kutiady.

10. As regards the Vythery and Mavvadi supplies, I would propose again to employ coolies, who would take provisions to go to and return from the furthest point (Mayyadi), but the Tambercherry Ghaut is, I am glad to say, in such good order that I fancy it is highly improbable that it will become necessary to lay in reserves at either of these places.

11. Perioot could probably be best supplied via Kutiady.

12. With a view to satisfy myself whether in consequence of the rise in prices it will be necessary to organize any other special form of relief, I propose to leave this for Luckadi on Thursday morning next (13th), and I beg you will meet me there.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information.

CALICUT,
11th September 1877.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board approve the Collector's instructions; the matter is receiving Mr. Logan's personal attention, and it may safely be left in his hands. Every effort should be made to keep the roads in the best possible condition.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

Revenue Department, 25th September 1877, No. 2,936.

No. 672.

ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1877, No. 2,936.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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No. 450
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 19th Sept 1877.
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 7 Sept 1877

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 D. A. M. Price
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N^o 1371

Calcutta 11th Sept 1877

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"Prices and grain Supply statement
for the _____ market, Wyandoluz."

Date

Prices 1st. 000 Rice _____ Sene per Ruffel
2d. do _____ do
3d. do _____ do

Raggy _____ do

Supply	In amt, brought to market	Rice Sene	Raggy Sene
do - sold	_____	_____	_____
do - remaining	_____	_____	_____

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Ag. Secretary

To the addl. Secy to Govt.
P. W. Dept.

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Received of Mr. J. M. Adams
Five Dollars
Jan 10 1847

Nov 17 77 Depts

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Dated 19 Sept 1877
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