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GOVERNMENT MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1877, No. 1750.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 162. *From Major F. J. HICKS, Grain Transport Agent, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 19th June 1877, No. 771.*

I have the honor to forward you a copy of a letter, No. 1795, received yesterday afternoon from the Collector of Bellary, and with reference to which I despatched you a telegram.

2. Late last night I received a telegram* directing me to see the Commissariat Officer and arrange with him for using camels, &c., for transport, and accordingly

I saw that officer this morning, and went with him to see the Collector, but unfortunately we could not find him. The Commissariat Officer informed me that he could supply twenty mules and sixty-six camels at once, and in about a week's time a total of sixty mules, 220 camels, three elephants, and six carts with bullocks. The load will be four bags of rice each elephant, two bags each camel, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bags each mule, and nine bags each cart, and calculating six trips a month to Hospett, and three trips to Hudgalli and Harpenhally, it would take over three months for the above to carry the quantity required by the Collector. The distance to Hospett is thirty-nine, to Hudgalli seventy-six, and to Harpenhally seventy four, miles.

3. I also saw my Contractor Sabapathy Moodelliar this morning; he asks most exorbitant rates for cart hire, viz., 50 Rupees per ton to Harpenhally and Hudgalli, and 30 Rupees to Hospett; this would amount to an average rate of about 11 Annas per ton per mile.

4. I am now again going to see the Collector, but thought it best to write to you this information first to go by this day's post. I have no accurate information as to the urgent necessity of sending rice to the above places. Government reserve rice has already been supplied 1,648 bags to Hospett, 2,724 to Hudgalli, and 1,183 to Harpenhally. In Kudligi Taluq also 6,172 bags have been stored at Kudligi, and 1,724 at Cottoor, and some of this supply could, if necessary, be sent on to Harpenhally.

5. As the quantity of rice required by the Collector is very small, I do not think it is worth while to continue the expense of keeping up my office and establishment to supervise the transport.

6. The total quantity of rice left in stock at the Railway depôt at Bellary is 18,253 bags, and for the distribution and transport of this quantity I think the Collector might easily make his own arrangements, and do the work at a cheaper rate than I could manage it, as it is not worth while for a large contractor to undertake so small a job except at exorbitant rates.

7. I shall recommend the Collector to use the Commissariat transport only as far as Hospett, where there is a good store, and from whence the Deputy Collector in charge of Harpenhally Division informed me that he could easily arrange to send on grain to Harpenhally and Hudgalli.

8. I had made every arrangement to close my office and proceed to Madras on Thursday, but under present circumstances I shall hold fast now until I receive further instructions.

JUNE 1877, No. 1750.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of
18th June 1877.

With reference to your letter, No. 6
Collector, Harpenhally Division, I have
ment reserve rice under certain special con-
of telegram enclosed.

2. The Deputy Collector states that, if he has to commence expending the reserve grain, it
will not last long.

3. I find that there are at present some sixty-nine tons of reserved rice at Harpenhally.

4. I request therefore you will be good enough to despatch to Harpenhally the amount
you said you could spare, viz., 2,800 bags, and the same number to Hudgalli and Hospett if
possible.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 24th May
1877.

If bad weather cuts off communication so as to render necessary recourse to Government
reserve, care must be taken not to discourage private enterprise; but if necessity arise, would be
justified in issuing at not below seven measures for the Rupee.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Telegram from the Private Secretary to His Grace the Governor, to Major Hicks, Bellary, dated
18th June 1877.

See Commissariat who have sufficient camels and spare bullocks and arrange with them for
transport required so as not to withdraw bullocks from private trade, and wire result.

No. 163.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1877, No. 1750.

The following telegrams will be despatched:—

"To Major Hicks, Transport Agent, Bellary.

"Yours 771, 19th. Give charge Collector rice in Bellary, returning to Police."

"To Commissariat Officer, Bellary.

"Week's delay placing cattle in depôt at disposal Collector inadmissible. Use
despatch."

"To Collector, Bellary.

"Commissariat stirred up con-
rice available relief paupers not pro-
private trade, use Commissariat and
to send transport. Hicks ordered n

briskly carriage. Remember Government
in expectation feeding population. Urge
or transport requiring villages in urgent need
our charge rice and withdraw."

Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

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Under Secy. to Govt.

To Major F. J. Hicks.
" the Collector of Bellary.
" the Revenue (Famine) Department.

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Commissioner of the State of New York
placing within the State of New York
the rice; and to the collector to be cautious in deliv-
ing out receipts for.

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