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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

23rd June 1877, No. 1778.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 204. *From Major F. J. HICKS, Grain Transport Agent, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 21st June 1877, No. 784.*

I have the honor to inform you that at the request of the Collector, and pending the receipt of instructions from you, I have consented to look after the preliminary arrangements for despatching grain to Hurpanhally by Commissariat cattle, and I will this day commence by sending off forty-five camel and twenty mule loads.

2. I learn from the Commissariat Officer that the camels will carry two bags of 164 lbs., and the mules two bags of 82 lbs. each, and I have accordingly been obliged to get bags made up to the latter weight. As the bags will also be daily loaded and unloaded, I have had them cased in double gunny bags. All this will, of course, cost money, and, as this means of transport will be very expensive, I think it better to enclose you a memorandum of the estimated cost and also of the small quantity of grain that can be forwarded monthly.

3. As the Collector wants 200 tons, or 2,800 bags, sent to Hurpanhally, and the same quantity to both Hospett and Hadgally, it will take many months before the work is completed.

4. If a cart contract is made, or famine coolies are employed to drag carts, the same quantity could be sent in about a month supposing that thirty carts are sent off daily, and the cost would be very much less. Messrs. Harvey and Sabapathy have offered to do the work for 50 Rupees a ton, but I consider their demand very heavy.

5. Merchants are now paying at the rate of 24 Rupees for nine bags dragged by six coolies to Hurpanhally, and this comes to only Rupees 37-5-3 per ton; and even this is over my former rate, which was Rupees 21-9-4 per ton.

6. Altogether I think the employment of Commissariat cattle will be very expensive. There will also be a difficulty in obtaining fodder on the road, and on the whole I think transport by carts would be a much better arrangement.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
STATEMENT showing the Monthly Cost of transporting Grain to the Western Taluqs on Mules and Camels.

Kind of Animal.	Number available.	Number of Days on the March in one Month.	Cost per Animal on the March.		Total Cost while on the March.		Number of Days spent at Bellary in one Month.	Cost per Animal at Bellary.		Total Cost while at Bellary.		Total Cost per Month.		Number of Trips in one Month.	Number of Bags carried by each Animal.	Total Number of Bags carried each Month.	Remarks.
			Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.				
Mules ..	60	28	0	9	8	1,015	0	0	0	7	0	52	8	0	1	120	Cost per bag, 8-6-0.
Camels ..	220	28	1	2	0	6,930	0	0	0	13	9	378	2	0	2	880	Do. per ton, 117-4-0.
Total ..	280	28	...	...	...	7,945	0	0	0	...	...	430	10	0	2	1,000	

The Commissariat Officer

The Commissariat Officer now states that elephants cannot be supplied, and it is also doubtful about the six carts.

BELLARY,
1st June 1877.

(Signed) F. J. HICKS,
Grain Transport Agent.

No. 205.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1877, No. 1778.

The following telegram will be sent to Major Hicks, viz.:—

"See my telegram 21st. Act accordingly. Transfer grain to Collector and resume Police duty. Collector will hand grain to Commissariat, leaving them to arrange transport. You need not meddle with details of bags. The Commissariat animals should work first to Hospett. Give copy this to Collector.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

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

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To
Major F. HICKS.
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Dated June, 23rd

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Private Relief.—Certain instructions issued by
telegram to Major Hicks with reference to his
letter regarding the transport of grain to the
Western Valley of the Pottery District.

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