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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

5th July 1877, No. 1851.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 49. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 5th June 1877, No. 251.*

Audit Department.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a statement of account with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. on account of purchase of grain and charges connected therewith; and also a statement showing the disposition of the grain, so far as it is at present complete. A copy of this last has been communicated to the Board of Revenue, with whom, as His Grace is aware, rests the duty of exercising check over the issue of the grain.

2. The payments made in the year 1876-77 have been finally adjusted in my books, the payments in 1877-78 will not be finally cleared until the differences which still exist between the amounts sent and the amounts acknowledged have been explained, or until they have been written off under the orders of His Grace in Council.

3. I regret that, notwithstanding every effort that has been made, I have been unable yet to settle these differences, and that I anticipate there will be considerable further delay. As, however, the transactions are so important, I have thought it best to make this incomplete report for the information of Government.

4. This Department never received any formal intimation of the contract entered into with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., but it is presumed that the rates of commission (which it is remarked have been charged not merely on the prime cost of the grain, but on the cost of carriage and even on the contract rates charged for cart-hire, loading, &c.,) admitted under the orders of Government, are charged as agreed upon.

5. I solicit orders as to whether the balance shown by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to be due to them should be at once paid, or whether this should wait till the differences are finally adjusted.

No. 1269.

Referred to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for any remarks they may wish to offer.

Fort St George,
16th June 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 50. *From Messrs. ARBUTHNOT and Co., to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 19th June 1877.*

We return, herewith, the Accountant-General's letter to Government, and its enclosures, which have been referred to us for any remarks we may wish to offer.

2. The accounts appear to be quite in order, and we only regret that the Accountant-General anticipates considerable further delay before they can be finally settled. We fear that Government will find it impossible to obtain reliable figures of actual weights received up-country, but judging from the universal experience of private traders there is sure to have been a considerable loss of weight. So far as our despatches are concerned we throughout filled up slack bags before sending them away.

In doing this we have expended between 5,000 and 6,000 bags, and as this (which represents the loss of weight from time of shipment at Calcutta to delivery from our godowns) amounts to barely 1 per cent, it is we think very moderate.

3. As regards payment of the small balance due to us, this is quite unnecessary, as we shall have ultimately to account to Government for over two lakhs on account of our sales of wheat and partially damaged rice. There is in fact over a lakh already realized which is at the disposal of Government, and we shall get in the balance shortly. The Accountant-General's statement shows a balance to be accounted for by us of 81,762 bags, but of this we have only now about 14,000 bags available for delivery. The remaining 68,000 are accounted for as follows:—

7,500	bags totally destroyed during Cyclone.
14,000	" partially damaged sold for about Rupees 62,000.
26,000	" wheat sold for about Rupees 1,40,000.
5,000	" sea damaged (slightly) sold for about Rupees 30,000.
500	" totally sea damaged.
5,500	" expended in refilling slack bags.
8,000	" issued to relief-camps.
67,500	"

No. 51.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1877, No. 1851.

The letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. will be communicated to the Accountant-General.

2. It appears from this letter that the Government will have to receive a considerable sum from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. in final adjustment of accounts.

3. The Government understand that the Government Grain Transport Agent at Bellary reports the loss in weight of the bags received by him from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. as being under 7 per cent. on an average. As this represents the loss from Calcutta to stations in the line of the North-West Railway, it is, in the opinion of Government, extremely small and much below the average of mercantile loss.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

H. L. Figg
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
" Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.
" the Revenue (Famine) Department.

Exd. J. Wright.



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