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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

28th August 1877 No. 2210.

Food-grain.

Read the following paper:—

No. 234. *From Messrs. ARBUTHNOT and CO., Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th August 1877.*

We have the honor to annex, for the information of Government, extract from a letter received by us from our Bellary Agent. We shall be glad to know whether Government will sanction the arrangement proposed by him for the better protection of their grain.

2. We take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that there is still a very considerable quantity of grain (over 30,000 bags) of which delivery has not been taken. This is at Bellary, Gooty, and Tadpat. It was never contemplated by us, nor we think by Government, that this grain could remain so many months in our charge, and although it is not in a pecuniary sense lying at our risk still there is a grave moral responsibility in having it in our care, and of this we are very anxious to be relieved. We should therefore be very glad if, without inconvenience to Government, arrangements could be made for its being handed over at once to such officers as may be deputed to receive it.

3. If, however, Government desire that the grain should remain for some time longer under our charge, though, of course, at their risk, we trust they will sanction our making a charge for godown rent and establishment from the 1st instant of one Anna per bag per month until the grain is delivered. This sum will barely cover the expenses which we are incurring and which we never expected to have to pay for so long a time.

EXTRACT.

I beg to inform you that I have returned from Gooty last night. I found large quantity of Government grain stored in the verandahs of Munro's Choultry, though they are guarded by the Police, yet I think it unsafe. Two choultry servants are now under trial for stealing a few pounds of Government rice in our charge. The Store-keeper suggests that the verandah must be tatted with bamboo mats which will be a great protection against cutting open the bags, and when the rice runs out of them travellers, choultry peons, and even the Police Constables help themselves as much as they can.

No. 235. *ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1877, No. 2210.*

Communicated to the Collector of Bellary, who will immediately take over the grain, and either provide storage, or arrange with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.'s Agent for payment of godown-rent.

2. The Collector will report whether Major Hicks included this grain in the list which he was required by G.O., dated 15th June 1877, No. 1715, to furnish to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

To the Collector of Bellary.
" Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Accountant-General, Madras.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

N 5238
Communicated to the Rev. B. S.
4-8-77
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Chief Secretary.

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