GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th November 1877, No. 1,662 W.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 155. From J. O'SHAUGHNES District Engineer, Nellore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Work ment, dated Nellore, 9th October 1877, No. 2,443.

As directed in your memorandum No. 2,199, dated 1st October 1877, I have the honor to forward a copy of the receipt granted to Messrs. Cheekalingam Pillay and Co. for the rice delivered at Ramapatam.

No. 155-A. From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 8th November 1877, No. 5,869.

With reference to your memorandum No. 3,243, dated 13th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Assistant Superintendent, Sea Customs, at Ramapatam, reports that the deficiency in the weight of rice handed over to the Public Works Department was owing to the bags having been kept for a long time in a thatched godown, and that some of the bags at the bottom were rotten, some damaged, and others eaten up by insects, &c.

2. A translation of the Assistant Superintendent's arzi No. 28, dated 27th ultimo, is herein enclosed.

3. The receipt received with the memorandum under reply is herewith returned.

From K. SOOBRAMANYAM, Assistant Superintendent, Sea Customs, Ramapatam, to the Treasury Deputy Collector, Nellore, dated 27th October 1877, No. 28.

In reply to takeed No. 1,727 of the 24th instant, directing me to account for the deficiency of 464 bags of rice found in delivering over 4,200 bags kept in godown No. II here to Department of Public Works, I beg to state as follows :—

This deficiency would not have occurred had the Depart nt of Public Works taken charge of the bags at the commencement only.

The bags were kept for a long time in a thatched godo No. II, built at this Port. Some of the bags at the bottom row were rotten some damaged an others spoiled by bandicoots, &c., and the rice being eaten by a sort of black insects or worms, e seed became less in weight and size; Hence, I think, is the cause of the above deficiency.

2. The Department of Public Works took e bags by weight, as shown below :—

	Number.	Weight in Maunds.
Bags (good)	3,572	6,363
„ (damaged)	628	1,109
..	4,200	7,472

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1877, No. 1,662 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council cannot consider the explanation proffered by the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs satisfactory.

2. That the Public Works Officers were remiss—if they were remiss—in taking over the rice from the Revenue Department does not affect the question.

3. The Government directed the Revenue Officials to take delivery of the grain as landed, and, so long as the bags were in their possession, they were bound to store it in some place where it would be safe from damp and vermin.

G.O., No. 3,485, dated 19th December 1876.

4. The Assistant Superintendent omitted to take this precaution and thereby failed in his duty.

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Colonel, [illegible],
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Nellore.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Dated November 15th.

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