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Famine Relief.

No. 807. Read the following endorsement of the Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, dated Calcutta, 12th February 1877 (Agriculture and Horticulture—Famine), No. 170 :—

Read the following despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, 5th January 1877, No. 3 :—

THE despatch of Your Excellency's Government, dated 24th November, No. 30 of 1876, relative to the scarcity in Western and Southern India, has been received and considered in Council.

2. Attention is especially drawn in this despatch—

1*st.*—To the intention of the Bombay Government to concentrate in the Public Works Department its Secretariat the whole of the correspondence relating to the scarcity.

2*nd.*—To the proposal of the Madras Government to purchase 20,000 tons of rice.

3. Your Excellency's Government has stated its objections to the course which the Government of Bombay wishes to follow, but, before expressing a final opinion on the subject, I will await the reply of that Government to your Secretary's letter of the 24th November, No. 4 of 1876. It may possibly happen that the views expressed by Your Lordship's Government may induce the Government of Bombay not to persevere with the proposed arrangement, but in unusual emergencies of so serious a character, I should be indisposed to interfere with the discretion of the local Government, which seems, by the manner in which it has addressed itself to its arduous and difficult work, to deserve all possible support and encouragement.

4. With respect to the action of the Government of Madras, I do not understand whether the 20,000 tons of rice which that Government proposes to purchase are in addition to or a part of the 30,000 tons which are alluded to in your despatch of the 17th November. But, under any circumstances, I am of opinion that Your Excellency's Government was right in suspending its sanction to the proposed measure in the absence of the complete information as to the state of the Presidency for which it had previously called.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By order.)

(Signed) T. C. HOPE,
Addl. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 808. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1877, No. 833.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Govt. of (1877) Madras

REVENUE.

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Read February 1877.

G.O. No. [illegible] Famine, dated [illegible]

FAMINE MISCELLANEOUS No. 597.

Scarcity in the Madras Presidency.—Recording endorsement of the Government of India forwarding, for information, copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State drawing attention to the complete review of the conditions which the Madras Government has been called to submit by the 18th January next, concerning that the Government be despatch and concurring with all purposes of Madras in the measures adopted with an apprehensive anxiety in regard to the famine.

No.

No. 3, dated India Office, London, 5th January 1877.

From—*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,*

To—*The Government of India.*

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2nd.—To the proposal of the Madras Government to purchase 20,000 tons of rice.

3. Your Excellency's Government has stated its objections to the course which the Government of Bombay wishes to follow, but, before expressing a final opinion on the subject, I will await the reply of that Government to your Secretary's letter of the 24th November, No. 435 of 1876. It may possibly happen that the views expressed by Your Lordship's Government may induce the Government of Bombay not to persevere with the proposed arrangement, but in unusual emergencies of so serious character, I should be indisposed to interfere with the discretion of the local Government, which seems, by the manner in which it has addressed itself to its arduous and difficult work to deserve all possible support and encouragement.

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No 170 (Agri & Revt Famine)

Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce

Calcutta, the 12th February 1877.

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By order

Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

Government Central Press.—No. 793, R., A., & C.—2-2-77.—20.

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From,

The Hon'ble J.C. Hope

Actg. Secy. to the

Govt. of India

Dated 12 } February 1877.
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No. 170 (Agri. Hort. Famine)

No. 4, dated India Office, London, 5th January 1877.

From—Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To—The Government of India.

The despatch of Your Excellency's Government, dated 1st December, No. 31 of 1876, relative to the famine in Western and Southern India, has been received and considered in Council.

2. I approve of the orders issued by Your Lordship's Government, and I desire that the complete reviews of the condition of affairs which the Governments of Madras and Bombay have been directed to submit by the 15th of January may be forwarded to me with all practicable despatch.

3. I have been kept informed of the progress of the scarcity by the Government of Bombay, but, until the present mail, I have received no despatch on the subject since July last from the Government of Madras. My only knowledge of the condition of affairs in connection with the famine in that presidency has been derived from the despatches of Your Lordship's Government. I have now, however, received a comprehensive despatch, with copies of a considerable correspondence with the Board of Revenue, from the Government of Madras, and I feel bound to record that the Governor in Council of that presidency seems alive to the gravity of the situation which is presented to his attention, and has addressed himself to the duty of dealing with it with vigour and promptitude. He also appears to have been well supported by the Board of Revenue and the local authorities. I have impressed upon the Governments both of Madras and Bombay the necessity of being guided by the instructions which they may receive from Your Lordship in Council as to the construction of such relief works as may involve a large expenditure.

4. I approve generally of the measures adopted in this emergency by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

No 68 (Agri & Hort / Famine)

Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce

Calcutta, the 12th February 1877

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

By order

W. H. Hoff

Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Government Central Press.—No. 792, R., A., & C.—2-2-77.—90.

Foreg. for information a copy of Despatch from the Secy. of State relative to scarcity in the Bombay & Madras Presidencies.

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No 833
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From

The Hon.ble J.C. Hope

Asst. Secy. to the

Govt. of India

Dated 12
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No 168 (Pol. & Hostile)
(Famine)

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the Secy. of State relative
to the famine in West
and Southern India

No. 834
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26 February 1877