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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th February 1877.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Govalcheruvu, 30th January 1877, No. 52:—

I HAVE the honor to report that I learn from the letter forwarded to the Acting Sub-Collector by the Tahsildar of Gudiatum, a copy of which I enclose, that the rice recently sent up by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for transmission to Madanapalli has been very defectively packed, and was in some instances short measure to a large extent. It is evident, if what the Tahsildar states is true, that there has been gross carelessness somewhere, either on the part of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. or of the Railway Company.

2. The former refer the Tahsildar to the Railway Company for compensation, and the latter decline to accept any responsibility for defectively packed grain. It would be, from the tone of the letters which have been forwarded for my perusal, useless for me to enter into any correspondence with either party. I am therefore under the necessity of referring the matter for the orders of the Board.

3. It appears to me that the responsibility of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. does not cease until they have handed the grain over to the Revenue officers at Gudiatum, and that they should make good any loss, recouping themselves, if they can, from the Railway Company. What their position is has, I believe, never been clearly stated, but I do not see why Government should bear the loss occasioned apparently by bad and careless packing.

4. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. in a letter to the Tahsildar of Gudiatum state that they have not received any other complaint, excepting one, regarding the state and quantity of the rice delivered by them. I do not know any thing about the rice which they have sent as Government Grain Brokers, but I know that when I purchased from them at Bellary as merchants in the open market I rejected a good deal as damaged, and they had, I recollect, in one consignment of 2,000 bags to make up thirty-three on account of short weight.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. VENKATASUBBIAH, Tahsildar of Gudiatum, to J. D. B. GIBBLE, Esq., Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, dated Gudiatum 10th January 1877, No. 7.

I am to forward herewith in original the letter, dated 5th instant, received from Arbuthnot and Co. in reply to my communication to that firm about the missing contents of the rice bags, and the condition of the gunnies used, &c. &c. I have taken over all the bags consigned to me up to date. As I have already informed your Honor and the consignee and also the Traffic Manager that the bags whose 1, 2 and 3 contents were missing were kept separate.

2. The first consignment consisted of 1,100 bags, weighing 2,191½ maunds; the second consignment consisted of 1,300 bags, weighing 2,900 maunds; the third consignment consisted of 1,100 bags, weighing 2,218 maunds; the fourth consignment consisted of 600 bags, weighing 1,314 maunds.

3. From these figures it will be apparent that, though in the first three consignments the number of bags is the same, still there appears to be an increase in weight in the succeeding consignments. It is clear that the average weight of a bag ought not to be less than two maunds.

4. I think of weighing the bags of short contents to-morrow to make out clearly how many mounds of rice it that amount is wanting for each bag, and what is the total deficiency, to enable your Honor to address the Railway Department and the Madras line to make good the deficiency.

5. This day I have asked Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to inform me how many measures they have put in each bag. I hope to get an answer that would enable me to say exactly how many measures are lost in the transit.

6. I may state that the Tahsildar, Gudiatnam, has informed the Traffic Department of the Madras Railway Company that the number of bags were found burst, and they peered as if through a sieve. I have looked at some of the waggons in which the rice bags were loaded. I found between the planks of the bottom cracks and splits in which my finger would easily pass through.

7. I am not therefore surprised that the contents of the corander seed (gunny) bags should have been so short as they are found. When the train abut and when buffers beat one against the other the rice would be blown in way out.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

The Collector is requested to explain further. It is observed that according to the Tahsildar's statement, and according to the order to contain two mounds (164 lbs), the outturn of only one mound was obtained to an extent which is more than covered by excess in the others. The weight of 2,000 bags, weighing 7,825 mounds.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signature)
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madras,
Office of the Additional Secretary, Government Revenue Department,
Madras.
With copy of enclosure.

For R. C. Lark

(Signature)

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Famine Relief.

No. 289A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th February 1877, No. 521:—

Read the following letter from J. E. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Govalcheruvu, 30th January 1877, No. 52.

I have the honor to report that I learn from the letter forwarded to the Acting Sub-Collector by the Tahsildar of Gudiatnam, a copy of which I enclose, that the rice recently sent up by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for transmission to Madanapalli has been very defectively packed, and was in some instances short measure to a large extent. It is evident, if what the Tahsildar states is true, that there has been gross carelessness somewhere, either on the part of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. or of the Railway Company.

2. The former refer the Tahsildar to the Railway Company for compensation, and the latter decline to accept any responsibility for defectively packed grain. It would be, from the tone of the letters which have been forwarded for my perusal, useless for me to enter into any correspondence with either party. I am therefore under the necessity of referring the matter for the orders of the Board.

3. It appears to me that the responsibility of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. does not cease until they have handed the grain over to the Revenue officers at Gudiatnam, and that they should make good any loss, recovering themselves, if they can, from the Railway Company. What their position is has, I believe, never been clearly stated, but I do not see why Government should bear the loss occasioned apparently by bad and careless packing.

4. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. in a letter to the Tahsildar of Gudiatnam state that they have not received any other complaint, excepting this, regarding the state and quantity of the rice delivered by them. I do not know any thing about the rice which they have sent as Government Grain Brokers, but I knew that when I purchased from them as Benary as merchants in the open market I received a good deal as damaged, and they had, I recollect, in one consignment of 2,000 bags to make up thirty-three on account of short weight.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. VENKATASUBRAM, Tahsildar of Gudiatnam, to J. E. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Gudiatnam, 10th January 1877, No. 12.

I am to forward herewith in original the letter dated 29th instant, received from Arbuthnot and Co. in reply to my communication to that date about the missing portions of the rice bags, and the condition of the gunnies used, &c. &c. I have taken over all the bags consigned to me up to date. As I have already informed your Honor and the collector and also the Traffic Manager of the bags whose 1, 2 and 3 contents were missing when sent up.

2. The first consignment consisted of 1,100 bags, weighing 2,190 mounds; the second consignment consisted of 1,100 bags, weighing 2,200 mounds; the third consignment consisted of 1,100 bags, weighing 2,218 mounds; the fourth consignment consisted of 600 bags, weighing 1,214 mounds.

3. From these figures it will be apparent that, though in the first three consignments the number of bags is the same, and there appears to be an increase in weight in the succeeding consignments, it is clear that the average weight of a bag should not be less than two mounds.

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4. I think of sending the bags of short contents to-morrow to make out clearly how many maunds of rice at 100 lbs. are wanting for each bag, and what is the total deficiency, to enable your honor to address the Railway Department and the Madras firm to make good the deficiency.

5. This bag of rice from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to inform me how many measures they have put in each bag, and get a proper answer that would enable me to say exactly how many measures are wanted.

6. I have sent the Station Master, Goddard, to inform the Traffic Department of the Madras Railway Company that the number of bags were found bare, and they poured out through a small hole several coats of the waggon in which the rice bags were loaded. I found several holes in the bottom cracks and spits in which my finger would easily pass through.

I am not sure but I am sure that the contents of the remainder seed (runner) bags should have been covered with a coat of paint. When the train starts and when buffers beat one against the other the bags are likely to be damaged and the rice to be lost.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

The Collector is requested to explain further. It is observed that according to the Traffic Department, each bag is supposed to contain two maunds (164 lbs.), the contents of only one being found in an extent which is more than covered by losses in the others. The loss is 2,900 bags, weighing 7,828 maunds.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 2308. Dated 8th March 1877, No. 992A.

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(True Extract)

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

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