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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 373 Press ~~Mis.~~

175-176

Dated 14 — 2 — 1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 175. Read the following letter from the Commissary General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 12th February 1867, No. 6,269:—

1. I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with Order of Government, No. 218 of the 22nd January 1867, I have placed myself in communication with the Inspector General of Jails regarding the transfer to his department of the rice now in our Stores.

2. The Inspector General holds out but little hope of the rice being required by his department, but has nevertheless referred the question to the Officer in charge of the District Jails.

3. In consequence of Colonel Wilson's temporary absence from the Presidency, I have not received an official reply from him, but I enclose a letter just received from the official in charge of his office, giving the rates at which rice is procurable at the stations where the District Jails are situated.

4. As this shews that the price at these stations has in every case fallen much below the cost of our supply (Annas 1¼ per lb., there can now be no doubt that Colonel Wilson's reply will be in the negative.

5. I have also received a tender from one Ram Doss Makegee, at 4½ Rupees per bag, a rate which I cannot recommend for acceptance.

6. With reference, moreover, to the serious accounts which are now being received of the state of the crops in Orissa, I submit, for the consideration of Government, whether it would not be advisable to send the rice to the Civil authority of the Ganjam District at an early date.

7. As it will take some little time to provide freight, an early reply is requested.

P. S.—The number of bags in Store here is 7,600 of 164 lbs. each.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1867, No. 373.

Miscellaneous.

1. A reference will be made direct from the Government Office to ascertain whether the rice cannot be used in the Jails on the line of rail and in the Penitentiary, and what amount of room is available for stowage at each Jail.

2. Orders will be issued on receipt of the replies.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Part Sent on the 11th Feb 67

Sir,

I beg to inform you that answers from the Officers to whom the subject about pice was referred have been received and the rates at which it is procured in their Districts are as follows.

Vellore Rice per the Rice 7
Salem - old Rice per do — " 11 53/65
do — new do per do — " 9 15/169

The papers have been this day despatched to Colonel Wilson for disposal.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obed. St.
W. Sherwill
Chief Clerk Office B.C.S.

Madras
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From
The Commissary General
Madras

To
The Secretary to Govt:
Revenue Dept.

Fort St George
No. 6269.

Dated 12th February 1867.
Recd 12th

Proposes to pay price now lying in the stores to Ganjam as it will probably be declined by the Inspector General of Jails.

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11th 2/18

Rec. and comm. agreeably

From
The Civil Auditor
Office
S. W. Fort St. Davis

Dated 11th February 1867
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Respecting the
Steps that should be taken by the Govt.
to ascertain whether
the Rice cannot be used in
the Jails in the Lieu of Paddy
for the Prisoners - &
the Maintenance of Persons
is available for storage
at each Jail &c - Orders will
be issued on receipt of
the Replies.

14th July 67.

3 Copies to the Commissary Genl
Dec 15th 14th

Lieut Colonel Col. C.
Civil Station - Salem - Collector
Cuddapah - & Major Kearn