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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 313. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th March 1867, No. 962:—

1. Referring to the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to inform you that the men noted hereunder have been engaged for service at Pooree, or the adjacent ports, for the space of six months under agreement, of which copy is appended:—

No. 539, 4th March 1867.

1	Boat-builder	at 35	Rupees	a month.
1	Maistry or Superintendent	„ 20	„	„
12	Tindals	„ 18	„	„
108	Boatmen	„ 15	„	„
12	Boys	„ 7½	„	„

2. I had not been instructed to engage the services of a Maistry, but considered it advisable to have some one in authority over the boatmen, who knew them and their habits well. It will be his duty to keep them together and to their work, and the Collector of Pooree has been advised to issue his orders through him.

3. Freight has likewise been engaged for 7,600 bags of rice to the same port at the undermentioned rates:—

Brig "Vencataswerloo" for 1,000 bags at 12 Annas per bag.
Ship "Scindian" 6,600 „ at 11 „ „ „

These vessels convey the men at 10 Rupees each, and stores at 10 Rupees per ton.

4. Twelve boats have been purchased, as well as materials, for putting them together, and for making repairs, which probably will be frequently required at a place like Pooree, where a heavy sea prevails during the southerly winds.

5. The brig left early on the morning of the 8th instant with the Boat-builder, the Maistry, and six boats' crews. She conveyed in addition six boats in pieces, with the materials for building and for repairs.

6. Bills of Lading and list of the Stores, with full particulars, were sent to the Collector of Pooree by the brig, under cover to the Superintendent of Sea Customs at the port.

7. The "Scindian" is now loading, and will be away in a few days. She will take up the remaining six boats and their crews, and each vessel will probably make the passage in four or five days.

8. It was agreed that the men should receive an advance of two-thirds of the first month's wages on embarking, and should be paid the remainder at its conclusion. During the second and following months they are to receive only a portion of their wages at Pooree, having left allotment tickets with their families. Full information has been sent to the Collector on this head.

9. On the departure of the "Scindian," an Account Current will be submitted of the sums actually disbursed.

No. 314.

Miscellaneous.

Order thereon, 19th March 1867, No. 657.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Bengal Government, with such of the previous correspondence on the subject as has not been already forwarded to them.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th March 1867.

2. The proceedings of the Superintendent of Marine are approved.

3. With reference to the despatch of the grain, it will be explained to the Bengal Government that on receipt of the telegram from their Secretary, dated 21st February 1867, it was resolved to forward the grain at once, leaving the question of the adjustment of its cost to be settled hereafter.

4. The rice in question was procured from Rangoon last year, and cost Rupees 57,857 as landed here.

5. It was secured at a time when it was apprehended that the Government might possibly be obliged to issue grain to the troops and followers at some stations in lieu of rice-money; but the necessity did not arise, and the rice remained on hand without any means of expending it for Government purposes, except in the Jails, where unless the scales of diet had been modified its consumption would have spread over a very protracted period, involving probably much loss and damage to the grain, while local facilities for storage were deficient. It was also ascertained that it could not be re-sold without a very heavy loss, and under these circumstances it was considered best to send it to Orissa, where the Bengal Government are importing grain.

6. If the Bengal Government object to being charged the cost price for the rice, the proportion of the price at the rate named by them can be debited to them, the balance remaining a charge in the accounts of this Government.

7. The rate named in the telegram from the Bengal Government is Rupees 3-8-0, or Rupees 3-12-0 per Maund of 80 Tolas to the Seer delivered at Pooree, equal to Rupees 7 or Rupees 7-8-0 per bag of two Indian Maunds.

8. The quantity of rice shipped hence to Pooree is 7,273 bags, and the above total original cost distributed over this quantity gives the rate of Rupees 7-15-3 per bag, exclusive of the freight hence, which will be about 11 Annas per bag, making the total cost at Pooree Rupees 8-10-3 per bag.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
„ the Accountant General.

Lnd. S. T. Augustin.

Agreement

We the undersigned agree to serve the Bengal Government in our respective capacities at Pooree or any adjacent port for the space of six months if so long required at the rates here below specified on the following conditions

1st — that we receive a free passage there and back.

2d — that our wages commence from the day of embarkation at Madras and cease on return to the same port.

3d — that we receive daily the following provisions

1 measure of rice
2 Ounces of Curry stuff } adults.
1 Ounce of ghee
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2 On our part we agree to be diligent and obedient in our callings and not to absent ourselves from our duty without good and sufficient causes.

Madras
14th March 1867

(True copy)

Asst to Supt of Marine

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Revenue Department.

No. 657.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th March 1863.

Read the following letter from the Supt of Marine.

Append copy of an agreement under which boats' crews were engaged for services at Ponnee and the particulars of the engagement of freight and passage for the said and the means and how they are sent

(Here enter 11th March 63 No 962)

Ordered to be communicated to the Bengal Govt with such of the previous correspondence on the subject as had not been already communicated to them.

The proceedings after Supt of Marine are approved.

With reference to the despatch of the Govt of India to the Bengal Govt dated

on receipt of the Telegram from their Secy dd 2nd Oct Feb 1867 it was resolved to forward the grain at once leaving the question of the reduction of Rice cess to be settled hereafter –

The piece in question was procured from Rangoon last year and cost Rs 57,854 – as landed here –

A Price current was forwarded and it was intended that the Govt might possibly be obliged to reduce grain to the Troops and following out same stations in lieu of Rice money but the necessity did not arise and the Rice remained in Store without any interest to Government as the Govt Steamers brought the grain from Rangoon free of freight to the field stores unless the dealers

dealers of that had been modified its consumption would have spread over a very protracted period involving probably much loss and damage to the grain – whilst local facilities for storage were deficient – It was also ascertained that it could not be resold without very heavy loss and it was considered best to land it to Queen's stores the Govt are supporting grain –

If the Bengal Govt object to have charged the cost price for the rice the freight of the rice at the rate named by the Commissariat can be debited to them the balance remaining

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From the Lieut Govr of Marine
dy 16th May 67 No 1172

Proceedings of Govt of Marine regarding the transmission of Boats, Crews and Rice to Coorge approved. Correspondence on the subject to be communicated to Bengal Government.

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