

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	823	Press Mis.
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Dated	19-6-	N 685.8

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd June 1858.

No. 48. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Sircy, 11th June 1858, No. 231.

SIR,

I have the honor to request Government will, as a special case, sanction my distributing as "Tucavy" among certain of the smaller, and more isolated villages, of the Soopah Talook, especially those, adjacent to the Goa frontier, a sum of money not exceeding Rupees 1,000.

2. The parties to whom these advances would be made are indigent Koomry cultivators and other petty land holders who took refuge with their families in the Goa country on the outbreak of the present disturbances and whose houses have been plundered during their absence of all the grain stored for household provision and seed.

3. These depredations were not, I regret to state, the acts of the insurgents only, but were, it would appear, frequently committed by our own Troops, and the local Police Corps employed on Field Service who took advantage of the confusion and alarm prevalent in the country to make secret expeditions to any deserted villages they might happen to be near and lay hands on whatever they could find in the shape of provisions, household utensils or other property left behind by the inhabitants in the hurry and consternation of their flight.

4. These fugitive householders have now returned to find their houses denuded of all that gave these an interest in their eye and having neither the means of present subsistence, nor a supply of seed to enable them to resume with hopeful industry, their agricultural pursuits, are left with little option between betaking themselves to some dishonest calling or seeking their fortunes across the border to the abandonment of much profitable land and a certain loss of revenue.

5. My attention was attracted to the necessity of some such measure as that now proposed on the occasion of my visit on the 5th Instant, to the Tinay neighbourhood, when I observed large tracts of waste untouched by the plough in the vicinity of villages which I knew to be fully reoccupied and near which were grazing herds of cattle which should have been engaged in preparing for the monsoon sowing the very spots on which they were feeding.

6. On further enquiry I found that the state of matters was as I have above described it, and I am therefore convinced that a small sum judiciously distributed at this time among the more suffering villages in the frontier and Potally neighbourhoods would have the happiest influence direct as well as indirect on the mass of the population.

7. These advances would of course be made with caution and discrimination, and their recovery secured on whatever terms Government might under the circumstances see fit to dictate.

8. Should Government approve of the present proposition, I beg I may be favored with their instructions by Telegram as the monsoon has already commenced and with it the usual ploughing season.

9. Many of the more suffering villages on the frontier have hitherto found temporary employment on the buildings erected for the accommodation of the Troops in that neighbourhood, but hutting operations being now complete this mode of livelihood is no longer open.

10. In conclusion, I beg leave once more earnestly to urge the early commencement of the Public Works advocated in my letter of the 16th Ultimo, which concern those very portions of the Talook for which I am now soliciting pecuniary aid, and which would thereby be enabled to secure by their own independent exertions a permanent subsistence for themselves and their families.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 823; dated 19th June 1858.

The Government authorize the issue of Tuccavi to the extent of Rupees (1,000) one thousand for the purpose indicated in the above letter. They leave it to the Collector to provide for its recovery on such terms as he may deem most suitable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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