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Sanctioning certain special famine appointments in the district of Vizagapatam

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

REVENUE.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett. Misc. No. 4539 dated 24th June 1897 requesting Govt. to appoint a special Assistant to the Collector of Vizagapatam and to strengthen the Subordinate establishment of the P.W. Dept. in that district; and also Proceedings of the same Misc. No. 4584 dated 25th June 1897 submitting to Govt. endorsement from the Collector of Vizagapatam forwarding copy of his letter to the Superintending Engineer I Circle, Waltair, regarding the deputation of an additional Sub-Divisional officer for Vizagapatam.

Order, No. 539 dated 7th July 1897.

The Government sanctions the following special famine appointments for the district of Vizagapatam:-

(1) A special Assistant to the Collector.

(2) A special Divisional officer to relieve the principal Asst. Collector of his ordinary duties.

(3) Two special Deputy Tahsildars to relieve the Bimlipatam and Vizianagaram Deputy Tahsildars.

2. Orders will issue in the P.W. Dept. for the creation of a second famine P.W. Sub-division in the district.

3. The Collector of Godavari will be requested by telegraph to depute from his district two Deputy Tahsildars exercising 2nd class magisterial powers to Vizagapatam.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

Famine Establishments.

To the Famine Commissioner.
P.W. Dept.
Financial Dept.
L. & M. Dept.
Public Dept.
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Famine Establishments.

Sanctioning certain——in Vizagapatam.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, No. 4539, Miscellaneous, dated 24th June 1897:—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 17th June 1897, Board and Government Register No. 140 of 1897:—

I have the honor to request that the Board will represent to Government the advisibility of appointing an officer to relieve me of my ordinary work at Head Quarters and to enable me to give my whole attention to Famine duties. The prices in this district have within the last week or two risen to such an abnormal height, due to the fact that the monsoon is not early and is perhaps weak, that distress is rapidly extending to places where it has not existed before. I am doing my best to develop gratuitous relief, in its various forms, have started weaver's relief, and have asked the Public Works Department to open more works and get more establishment, I cannot tell what may occur in the future, but the present outlook is critical. If the weather turns out very favourable, I may be able to do without the assistance now asked for and will, if so, telegraph the fact but as things are I think it my duty to ask for it. The officer appointed must of course be Agency Sessions Judge, as I have several large cases coming in, which I have no time to attend to.

Read—also the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 18th June 1897, C. No. 147 of 1897:—

I have the honor to represent that in consequence of the continued high prices, and the recent sudden rise in them, distress is rapidly spreading and developing in this District. I am extending relief by kitchens and am opening relief circles as fast as possible. I had thought that the need for works would disappear with the monsoon, but the monsoon has not burst noticeably and I now think that more works must be opened at once whether it bursts or not.

2. I have asked the Superintending Engineer to get by wire at least 8 more Overseers for the District and at least one more Famine Sub-Divisional Officer, and I request that the Board will press these measures on Government as the situation is urgent. I may also at any moment have to apply for 8 Taluk Relief Officers. Expedition is necessary to prevent distress developing, as, unless prices fall, it will do, faster than our measures can develop to meet it. As some small measure of self defence, I may represent that from the comparatively prosperous and favourable state of affairs at the end of last month it was not possible to anticipate what is now occurring.

Read—also the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 17th June 1897, Board and Government Register No. 122:—

I have the honor to request under Section 26, Famine Code, that the Government be moved to appoint at a very early date an officer to relieve the Principal Assistant Collector of this District of his ordinary work.

2. Distress is rapidly extending in his Division and he has little time to do his ordinary work. Gratuitous relief in villages is being commenced, weaver relief the same, and many kitchens opened, and I have requisitioned the Public Works Department for more works. Mr. Elwin has not asked me for relief, but I can see that it is perfectly necessary.

In the same way I request that two special 2nd Class Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildars may be sanctioned to relieve the Bimlipatam and Vizianagram Deputy Tahsildars. This is also necessary. It would be more convenient if men with 2nd class powers were sent from another district—Godaveri or Kistna—and ordered to join very sharp, as if I put in acting men they will only have 3rd class powers, and if used as relief officers they would lack the local knowledge and experience which the present incumbents have acquired.

Resolution, dated 24th June 1897, No. 4539, Miscellaneous.

Submitted for the order of Government.

2. The following statement shows the rainfall in Vizagapatam (Littoral) during the past 3 months and the course of prices during the same period:—

Week ending.	Rainfall inches.	Number of measures purchasable for a rupee.	
		Rice.	Ragi.
April 3rd	0·9	9·7	18·1
„ 10th	0·3	9·7	17·0
„ 17th	...	9·7	16·9
„ 24th	...	9·7	16·9
May 1st	0·2	9·7	16·3
„ 8th	0·8	9·6	15·8
„ 15th	0·3	9·5	15·0
„ 22nd	1·7	9·2	14·2
„ 29th	0·3	9·0	13·9
June 5th	0·7	8·8	13·1
„ 12th	0·2	8·4	11·9
„ 19th	1·3	8·0	11·6

The normal, warning and scarcity prices of Rice and Ragi are 15·0, 12·0, 9·0, and 28·0, 21·0, 14·0, respectively.

3. Everything depends upon the fate of the monsoon, and the Collector promises to telegraph, if the help he asks for is likely to be not required. The Collector's work has been much increased, of late, by the death of the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

4. Under the circumstances the Famine Commissioner supports the Collector's application for 2 special assistants to relieve himself, as Collector and Sessions Judge, and the Principal Assistant, of their ordinary duties, and for 2 special 2nd Class Magistrates to relieve similarly the Deputy Tahsildars of Bimlipatam and Vizianagram. For the latter appointments permanent men, who could be drafted in from the adjoining District of Godaveri with 2nd class powers are essential; acting men with only 3rd class powers give no adequate relief. It is also requested that the subordinate establishment of the Public Works Department may be strengthened as desired.

(True copy and extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Vizagapatam.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" Public Works Department.
" Financial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Public Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Accountant-General.