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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1581	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 28-6-	1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23th June 1866.

No. 586. Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpore, 11th June 1866, No. 1,207 :—

1. I duly received your telegram announcing a grant, by Government, of Rupees 10,000 in aid of the District Relief Fund, but did not reply pending the written instructions which probably left Madras at the same time. Another reason for delaying to address the Government at once was, that having now the prospect of obtaining really efficient assistance, I am endeavoring to organize some system which will meet the necessities of the case.

2. There are, as it seems to me, three objects to be aimed at :—

1*st*.—That which we originally undertook, the establishment of Relief Kitchens, where only the lower classes are fed ; these represent that portion of the population which subsists by hired labor or on charity, they were naturally the first to come under the pressure of actual want, and their numbers are constantly increasing. It has now become necessary to increase our expenditure on these establishments, and we must be prepared to extend them from time to time ; at present there are nine establishments, the total outlay at which is Rupees 3,000 monthly

2*nd*.—The next point is to seek out and assist the poorest families in the Ryotwary villages, where the loss of produce was greatest, persons who will starve in their houses sooner than join the crowd of paupers who are fed at the Relief Houses. The village officers are preparing lists of these families, and members of my establishment are now out visiting each and all of the villages which are known to have suffered most, in order to check the lists.

3. In these cases I propose a weekly dole of raw rice (on tickets to be previously furnished) which may be distributed at the nearest Sub-Magistrate's or Tahsildar's stations, or at Chetterpore, the quantity being proportioned to the number of the family and their ability to eke out a subsistence by other means.

4. The amount granted by Government will be absorbed by the Relief Houses, which are a growing source of expense, and I have therefore proposed in my telegram to Government to provide 1,500 bags of rice (72 seers each) from any quarter they think fit.

5. This quantity would afford daily, for three months, to a thousand poor families, a single meal for three persons, leaving them to supplement this supply as they can. To do this they must rely on their labor, and I request that Government will vest me with discretion to find employment on objects of general utility as well as I can for the poorer portion of the Ryot class.

6. I have already mentioned the rapidly increasing demand on the Relief Houses. The annexed Memorandum will shew how the funds at our disposal are laid out for the next five months. Private contributions come in very slowly now, and I can only calculate, with certainty, on the aid of Government, which once given must needs be given effectually. I therefore ask for the means of doubling the rate of outlay shewn in the accompanying Memorandum, and I calculate that Rupees 15,000 might accomplish this as some private assistance may still be expected.

P. S.—Your telegram about rice just received.

This as some private assistance may still be expected.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th June 1866.

MEMORANDUM.

Names of places where Relief Houses have been opened.	Number of persons daily fed.	Monthly cost.	Total cost for five months ending 31st October next.
		Rs.	Rs.
Rumbah	300	375	1,875
Ganjam	300	375	1,875
Paloor	120	150	750
Chetterpore	200	250	1,250
Berhampore	800	1,000	5,000
Aska	120	150	750
Soordah	40	50	250
Russelcondah	300	375	1,875
Poorshottapore	300	375	1,875
Total...	2,480	3,100	15,500

No. 587. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1866, No. 1,581.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government have already in their Telegram dated 19th instant, No. 32, authorized the Collector to spend Rupees 3,000 monthly for the next five months, in order to extend the relief afforded by the "Relief Houses." They have also sent him 1,500 bags of rice.

2. Pending the submission of some detailed scheme for the employment of the destitute population who are still able to do any work, the Government now authorize the Collector to expend, at his discretion, a sum not exceeding Rupees 15,000 on the employment of the class referred to in paragraph 5 of his present letter, the preference being given, when practicable, to the construction, repair or improvement of minor irrigation works.

3. The arrangements reported in the above letter are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Ganjam.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

will be absorbed by the relief houses, which are a growing source of expense and I have therefore proposed in my telegram to Government to provide 1500 bags of rice (72 seers each) from any quarter they think fit.

5. This quantity would afford daily to a thousand poor families a single meal for three persons, leaving them to supplement this supply as they can. To do this, they must rely on their labour and I request that Government will vest me with discretion to fund employment on objects of general utility as well as I can for the poorer portion of the ryot class.

6. I have already mentioned the rapidly increasing demand on the relief houses. The annexed memo will show how the funds at our disposal are laid out for the next five months. Private contributions come in very slowly now and I can only calculate with certainty on the aid of Government which therefore must needs be given effectually. I therefore ask for the means of doubling the rate of outlay shown in the accompanying memo and I calculate that Rupees 15000 might accomplish this as some private assistance may still be expected.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

C. O. Forbes

Collector

To
C. H. Johnson Esq
Actg Chief Secy
Madras

Memo

Names of places where relief houses have been opened.	Number of persons daily fed.	Monthly cost	Total cost for 5 months ending 31st Dec last
		Rs	
Rumbah	300	375	1875
Gangam	300	375	1875
Paloor	120	150	750
Chitterpore	200	250	1250
Berhampore	800	1000	5000
Aska	120	150	750
Soondah	40	50	250
Purlacondah	300	375	1875
Poorshottapore	300	375	1875
Total	2480	3100	15500

I would do as the Coicdhut Resident but I despair of any scheme. The people who are receiving aid are annually so much emaciated as to be unable to walk - crawl? - any distance. Their labor is a mere farce. They would not easily be kept

alive & a small quantity of food without any labor than & night. Cases of payment of the Chiefs the Rumbah coin.

I am not sanguine as to the plan mooted in para 3. Store places kept however in the hands of the village heads from whom it is hoped to obtain a ready honest discharge of duty in times such as Mr Forbes writes of. If people will starve in their houses rather than come for R. I cannot see how they can be benefitted. I see no help for them

VDK

Revenue Department

No 1783

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 28th June 1866.

Read the following Letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 11th June 1866, No 1207.

Reporting the arrangements for extending relief to the poor from the recent grant of Rs 10,000 and intimating that the grant will have to be supplemented in order to afford relief effectually.

(Sent Draft, 11th June 1866, No 1207.)

Ordered that the Collector be informed already in this Telegram dated 19th inst No 32 that a further grant of Rs 30,000 will be sanctioned to extend the relief for a further period of five months in order to extend the relief afforded by the Public Works, and that he should submit his Report and Estimate for the same.

Ordered also that the Collector be informed that the Government have observed with satisfaction the measures adopted by him for the relief of the distressed poor.

Ordered that a Copy of this Proceeding be forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore.

Ordered that a Copy of this Proceeding be forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Ordered that a Copy of this Proceeding be forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Department.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. Stokes
Secy to Govt

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Reported to England
P/ 7th July No 31 of 1866. Mus

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From The Collector of Tanjore.

No 1207.

To The Secretary to Govt Madras.

Dated 11th June 1866.

Rec'd 1st.

No 1207.

No Enclosures.

Reporting the plan arranged for extending relief to the poor from the recent grant of Rs 10000 and intimating that the grant will have to be supplemented in order to afford relief effectually.

(Signed) H. Stokes

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who are still able to do
any work - the Govt
now authorize the Coll^r
to expend at his discre-
tion a sum not exceed-
ing Rs 15,000, on the em-
ployment of the class
referred to in para 5 of
his present letter, the pre-
ference being given, as
when practicable, to the
construction, repair or
improvement of minor
irrigation works.

The arrangements
reported in the above
letter are approved -

[signature]

1° To the Collector of Panjam - Dec 29 June
14 " The Board of Revenue N
6 " Accountant General N

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Dy 28th June 1866

Sanction granted
to the Coll: to expend
15,0,00 Rs for employ-
ment of the poorer classes
in Guyana —

No 5864/587