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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegrams, dated 20th, 25th, and 30th June last, the first authorizing this Government, at their discretion, to spend Rupees 10,000 for the relief of the distress in Ganjam, the last informing them that Rupees 20,000 for purely charitable relief will be contributed from the surplus of the North-West Provinces Famine Fund.

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2. The accompanying papers will convey to the Supreme Government some idea of the extreme distress which the inhabitants of the northern portion of the District are suffering, and I am directed to report what this Government has already done towards its relief.

3. A contribution of Rs. 10,000 to the subscription funds at the disposal of the Collector was made by Government, and the Collector has also been authorized to expend Rs. 3,000 monthly for five months in supplementing the expenditure at the Relief Houses where food is distributed at private cost to the above amount.

4. Fifteen hundred bags of rice have been sent to the Collector from this port at a cost of Rupees 11,640, and 2,000 more have been secured at Cocanada, at a cost of Rupees 16,000 and will be despatched in the course of this week.

5. The Collector has also been authorized to expend a sum not exceeding Rupees 15,000 in wages, to such of the destitute poor as are still able to labor on public works, and directed to employ them on the repair of minor irrigation works pending the submission of a detailed scheme.

6. Thus the whole amount appropriated to the direct relief of the suffering population has thus been 67,640 Rupees, which will be increased to 87,640 Rupees by the grant of 20,000 Rupees allotted from the surplus of the North-West Provinces Famine Fund.

7. There is a considerable amount, some one and a half lacs of Rupees, sanctioned in the Imperial Budget for expenditure on Public Works in the District, and the Court of Wards have authorized the Collector to undertake works for the improvement of the Estates under their charge. The Local Road, &c., Fund is very small.

8. The Zemindars appear to have come forward very liberally to mitigate the distress by establishing Relief Houses on their Estates, and the suffering population have displayed wonderful patience; but notwithstanding all efforts, the Government feel very painfully that all that can be effected is the most trifling alleviation of overwhelming misery. Famine and disease, cholera and small-pox are ravaging the north of the District, and not only can no sensible relief be afforded until the harvest, some five months hence, but until that time the distress must increase and extend to wider limits.

9. The prospect is painful in the extreme, but this Government will do all in their power to mitigate the horrors of the situation to the unfortunate inhabitants.

10. Copy of this communication will be forwarded for the information of the Secretary of State.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ead. S. P. Augustine

Recd 6th July 1866

Revenue Department

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India Home Department

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To
The Government
of India
Home Dept.
dated 6th July 1866.

Declining the Mercers
Offer to Act as the
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