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2nd August 1866.*

No. 33. Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Revenue Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 27th July 1866, No. 57.

1. With reference to the Government Order, dated 13th July 1866, No. 1775, I have the honor to refer to my letter of the 23rd instant, addressed to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, in reference to the subsequent Season Report for the last fortnight of the present month.

2. At a meeting held by me of the principal Native inhabitants, including the rich merchants and grain dealers of Bellary, on the 25th of last month, the subject of a provision for the destitute was brought before them. A subscription list was proposed. Among the plans suggested, was a loan by the Native merchants to be employed in procuring grain, and retailing it at cost price, the subscribers debiting themselves with the loss of profit. This, however, on further consultation, was abandoned for a direct issue of grain, each person subscribing a certain quantity.

The amount which has been so issued is 9,000 Measures,* valued at Rupees 1,929, and the proposed monthly issue is 26,666 $\frac{2}{3}$ Measures, valued at Rupees 5,714. This measure, however, has its disadvantages, as it leads to a concourse of people from the neighbourhood, and among the thousands so relieved, it is difficult to discriminate the deserving objects of charity. Still, many are relieved by the Native Committee, whose proceedings should not be interfered with.

3. Should the Subscription list, now in circulation, be well responded to, I consider that some public useful work would be the best mode of employing the funds, and among these the excavation of a deep reservoir in the neighbourhood, and the removal of prickly-pear (which has been mentioned to me by the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals as a proper sanitary measure) appear desirable.

4. But while the distress obtaining in the neighbourhood of the town of Bellary may be alleviated by such means, and by the assistance of one-third by Government, which has been promised, this measure is insufficient for the wants of the District; I have, therefore, recommended a grant of Rupees 50,000 to be spent over the District in improving the communications, and opening wells on certain roads where water is not procurable.

5. The local Revenue Officers have been pressed to open Talook subscriptions, and to promote the employment of the people, by those in a position to do so.

6. The Resident in Hyderabad has been addressed with a view to the circulation of price lists which have been furnished him, so that there may be general information as to the rates ruling on this side of the Toombudra. At such a time, however, as the present, when the movement of grain is attended with much expense from the want of fodder, the market is commanded by the chief Native Mercantile Capitalists, among whom the prices are well known.

7. The reason why I have recommended an additional grant for Public Works, although some are at present going on, and there remains a large amount to be expended, is that these works have been apportioned according to the Budget grant without reference to the local distress; that they are done on contracts,

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which cannot be interfered with; that full value is exacted for the work done; that an expenditure in one Talook will not relieve distress in another; that a large amount in building Barracks in Bellary, will have no beneficial effect elsewhere; that communications urgently require improvement, and that without water on the road, traffic must be hindered. I have also addressed the Manager of the North-West Railway with a view, if possible, to an increased expenditure on the Line, which is in progress of formation in the Eastern Talooks, Tadpatri, Gooty, Adoni, and Bellary.

8. It seems to me that Government aid would be most beneficially directed to the furtherance of Public Works, which will facilitate the transport of supplies by those whose interest it is to buy in the cheapest, and sell in the dearest, market.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1866, No. 1,929.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve of Mr. Wedderburn's exertions to relieve the distress prevalent in the District of Bellary.

2. His application for a grant of 50,000 Rupees for Public Works was sanctioned, if found to be necessary, on the 31st ultimo, and the sanction communicated to him by telegraph.

3. Relief in grain and money should be carefully restricted to those who cannot work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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1st. The Collector of Bellary has been directed to communicate the sanction to the Board of Revenue.

Yours most obediently,
J. D. Sim.

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2nd Aug. 1866.

These are the names of the persons who are to be supplied with grain and money in the District of Bellary.

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The Collector of
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To The Revenue
Secretary to Govt
Madras

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