

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2818

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th October 1866.*

No. 413. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary Famine Relief Fund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th September 1866, No. 238 :—

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Proceedings of the Famine Relief Committee for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

No. 233.

Extract from the Proceedings of the General Famine Relief Committee held on the 24th September 1866.

V. "Read letters from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 11th and 20th September, giving a complete report upon the measures taken for the relief of distress in his District; requesting that a grant equivalent to the local subscriptions may be sanctioned by the Committee, and observing that if a Special Public Works Grant of one lac of Rupees, for which the Sanitary Commission is about to apply to Government, be made, sufficient employment for the able-bodied poor will be provided until the scarcity has passed over.

"The Committee are not disposed to make any further grant to the North Arcot District at present. It appears that Lunkerana funds to the amount of 24,000 Rupees are at the Collector's disposal, and that, in addition to the Committee's grant of Rupees 6,000, local subscriptions amounting to Rupees 8,000, have been raised in the District. The Collector has thus a sum of Rupees 38,000 to meet his estimated expenditure of Rupees 5,000 per mensem, in feeding the starving poor. The Collector is under a misapprehension in supposing that the grants from the Committee must necessarily be equivalent to the amounts locally raised by private subscription. The subscriptions of the public regulate the grants to the Committee by Government, but the distribution of these State donations is left to the discretion of the Committee.

"With advertence to the Collector's concluding remark recorded above, the Committee observe that the Proceedings of Government, under date 25th July, No. 1,861, apparently authorize the Collectors of the distressed Districts to incur any expenditure for the employment of the able-bodied poor which may be necessary, without any special grants of the nature referred to by Mr. Robinson, but, as much misunderstanding appears to exist on the subject, and as frequent references for special sanctions are calculated to cause great delay in affording relief to the distress, the Committee resolve to request Government to re-assure the Collectors of the Districts concerned that they will be supported in any expenditure on public works which they may find it necessary to incur *bona fide* for the purpose of giving employment to such distressed persons as are able to work."

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Honorary Secretary.

MADRAS,
25th September 1866.

No. 414.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1866, No. 2,818.
Recorded with reference to G. O. dated 10th October 1866, No. 2,737, on Mr. Ellis' Report.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Relief Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Pro. 25 July 1861 No. 503

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From the Rev.
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Relief Fund—

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