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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th October 1876.

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1876:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1876, No. 396.

LAST night I received a telegram, as per margin, from the Chief Secretary to Government.

“Relief works must be given on Sundays.” 2. I have the honor to observe, with regard to it that, as a rule, relief works have been carried on hitherto in this district in the taluqs on Sundays.

3. It is only at Bellary itself that this practice has not been observed.

4. Exactly three weeks ago work was commenced at headquarters, and the increase of laborers has been so rapid that

Tuesday, 3rd		Insignificant number.	
Wednesday, 4th			
Thursday, 5th			
Friday, 6th			450
Saturday, 7th			900
Monday, 9th			1,500
Tuesday, 10th			2,200
Wednesday, 11th			2,050
Thursday, 12th			3,050
Friday, 13th			4,150
Saturday, 14th			6,300
Monday, 16th			6,025
Tuesday, 17th			8,500
Wednesday, 18th			8,806
Thursday, 19th			10,154
Friday, 20th			10,260
Saturday, 21st			11,675
Monday, 23rd			15,721

yesterday they numbered some seventeen thousand persons. In the margin is given the numbers of each day.

5. Now the organisation, supervision, and payment of this enormous body of men has already taxed severely the strength of the whole of the taluq officials. The coolies begin to assemble at early dawn, while payment is not completed till after dark in the evening.

6. The time of the officials as well as of all extra supervising officers, of whom there are many, is thus taken up from morning to night, and their energies are on the strain the whole of that time.

7. If they do not get one day's rest in seven, they will break down, and if the coolies are to be kept at work on Sundays, the result will be that we shall be obliged to have a double set of establishments.

8. There has not been a complaint as yet from any laborer about not getting work on Sunday, but I quite agree that he should be fed on that day.

9. I would most earnestly beg the Board to recommend to the Government that, in the special case of the immense body of coolies employed here, we be allowed to give each man, woman, and child, a double allowance of grain on the Saturday (grain-payments having been ordered), and that they be allowed to rest on Sunday.

10. If the Government consent to this arrangement, I beg that a telegram to the effect may be despatched to me by Saturday next.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that in this as in all other matters of detail full discretion should be allowed to the Collector who, they think, may be trusted to exercise it wisely.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th October 1876.*

3. Attention is called to the Collector's request that orders may be issued by telegraph before Sunday next.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 262.

ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1876, No. 1,522.

Miscellaneous.

THE telegram sent to the Collector directed that relief *wages* not *work* should be given on Sundays. The proposal to distribute the two days' wage in grain on Saturday is unobjectionable, and the Collector will be informed accordingly by telegram.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Fxd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
 Dated 26 October 1876.
 Read the following:

No. 396.

From. The Collector of Bellary.
 To. The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras.
 Sir.

Last night I received a Telegram as per margin, from the Chief Secretary to Government.
 "Relief Works must be given on Sundays"

2. I have the honor to observe with regard to it that as a rule relief works have been carried on hitherto in this District in the shape of Sunday.

3. It is only at Bellary itself that this practice has not been observed.

4. Exactly three weeks ago work was commenced at head quarters, and the increase of laborers has been so rapid that yesterday they numbered some seventeen thousand persons. In the margin is given the numbers of each day.

Relief Works

Tues 3	300
Wed 4	400
Thurs 5	500
Fri 6	450
Sat 7	900
Sun 9	1500
Tues 10	2200
Wed 11	2050
Thurs 12	3050
Fri 13	4150
Sat 14	5300
Sun 16	6025
Tues 17	8500
Wed 18	8800
Thurs 19	10,154
Fri 20	10,250
Sat 21	11,675
Sun 23	15,721

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 27th.

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G.O., 27th October 1876, No. 1,322.

OCTOBER.
 Nos. 261-262.

Relief Works.—Observing that the telegram sent to the Collector directed that — not — should be given on Sundays; and ordering the Collector to be informed by telegram that the proposal to distribute the two days' wage in grain on Saturday is unobjectionable.

6. The time of the officials as well as of all Sattras supervising officers of whom there are many is thus taken up from morning to night, and their energies are on that time the whole of that time.

7. If they do not get one day's rest in seven they will break down, and if the coolies are to be kept at work on Sundays, the result will be that we shall be obliged to have a double set of establishments.

8. There has not been a complaint as yet from any laborer about not getting work on Sunday. but I quite agree that he should be let in on that day.

9. I would most earnestly beg the Board to recommend to ^{the} Government that in the special case of the immense body of coolies employed here, we be allowed to give each man, woman or child a daily allowance of grain on the Saturday (grain payments having been ordered) and that they be allowed to rest on Sunday.

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J. H. Macleod
Collector

2. The Board are of opinion that in this as in all other matters of detail, full discretion should be allowed to the Collector, who they think, may be trusted to exercise it wisely.

3. Attention is called to the Collector's request that orders may be issued by Telegraph before Sunday next.

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W. H. Stevens
Ag. Secretary

The Secretary's Government Co. Ag. Secretary.

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