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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st October 1876.

No. 313. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1876, No. 2,650-A :—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd October 1876, No. 269.

In continuation of my letter of the 13th instant, extra No. 500-C, I have the honor to forward two letters, dated respectively the 18th and 20th, from the Acting Sub-Collector, and to request the Board will give early sanction, placing Rupees 5,000 more at the Sub-Collector's disposal, to be spent in relief works and in opening out conjee-houses at the places mentioned by him. I have requested Mr. Wilkinson to make payments in *grain*, and to purchase a sufficient quantity of raggy and cumboo for the purpose in the local market; this will have the effect of preventing the grain going out of the taluqs, and will ensure that none but those in real want are coming to the relief works.

2. There is plenty of labor available for the strong and able-bodied, and those not in immediate distress, on Public Works Department and "Other Agency" road works. The coffee crop season is also now coming on, and there will be a large labor field open on the Shevaroys; still there is no doubt that a large number of persons, and especially the aged, are unable to go far from their homes to seek work, and it is for these that I urge work should be given near their villages in the clearance of prickly-pear, and payments made to them in grain.

3. It is encouraging to know that the distress is confined at present to the three taluqs of the sub-division. I have just come in from a short tour in Uttengherry, and there is nothing to fear there. Prices are high, but there is ample employment for labor in the Local Fund work going on in the taluq. Many destitute are flocking in from Darampoory to Salem, and I am proposing to distribute conjee daily at the poor-house to those really destitute and unable to work. The north-east monsoon still holds off. Prices still continue high, as the merchants are exporting largely to Mysore.

Enclosure No. 1.

From F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Kelamangalam, 18th October 1876, No. 609.

As I feared, the late rains were most partial, and no rain fell in and around Talli and Jowlagherry. Great distress is felt all round these parts, as the poorer classes can neither obtain labor nor raggy. Those who have raggy refuse to sell except for ready money, which the poorer ryots have not. One case of breaking open and robbing a raggy granary has already occurred; and, unless the ryots are provided with labor, many other cases must occur, as great indignation is felt both at the refusal to sell and at the export to Bangalore and other places. The price of raggy in Denkenicotta yesterday was Rupees 17 the kandagam, and none was procurable on retail sale.

2. I propose at once to put in hand a work which is not mentioned in my letter, No. 548, dated 20th September 1876, viz., the road from Talli to Gumalapuram, and request sanction for Rupees 600 for the purpose at once.

3. I think it would be far better to place Rupees 5,000 at my disposal for expenditure where I see fit in the Oossoor Taluq. I have nearly completed my tour, and am more and more convinced each day that something must be done to alleviate the sufferings of the poorer classes.

Bangalore

4. There is very little hope now of the raggy crop, even if we have rain, of which there are no indications.

5. Requesting early orders.

From the same officer, dated Oossoor, 20th October 1876, No. 611.

I HAVE the honor to report that within the last three days three persons have been brought into the Oossoor Dispensary in a starving state, and one has died of sheer starvation. Distress is increasing every day, and *immediate relief* is urgently required.

2. I request you will apply for funds to be placed at my disposal, in order that I may at once put certain works in hand and open conjee-houses in Oossoor, Kelamangalam, Denkenicotta, and wherever else I find it necessary.

3. The price of raggy yesterday at Kelamangalam was Rupees 22 per kandagam. Here 6 measures are at present obtainable for Rupee 1, but there is a very scanty supply in the market, and the poorer classes are quite unable to purchase.

4. I shall write more fully in a few days from Royacotta after inspecting the whole of the taluq, and will report what works I propose to put in hand; but I trust you will no longer delay in applying for funds. If Rupees 5,000 are placed at my disposal at once, I will begin works, and report when I require more.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

THE Board sanction the further sum of Rupees 5,000 applied for by the Sub-Collector for expenditure on relief works, but they do not approve of the establishment of conjee-houses except at the last extremity, which can scarcely have yet arrived in Salem.

2. There certainly can be no need to distribute food in such a town as Salem at present, and the Collector will report further before employing Government money for the purpose.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 314. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1876, No. 1,551.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated October, 31st.

Read.

G.O., 31st October 1876, No. 1,554.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 813-814.

Famine Relief Works in Sub-division of Salem District.—Recording Board's Proceedings sanctioning further sum of Rs. 5,000 for expenditure on &c.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 24th October 1876

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No. 609.

From The Asst. Sub Collector of Salem

To The Collector of Salem.

Sir.

As I feared, the late rains were most partial and no rain fell in and around Talli and Dowlatherry great distress is felt all round these parts as the poorer classes can neither obtain Rāgi labour nor ~~raggy~~ those who have Rāgi ~~raggy~~ refuse to sell except for ready money which the poorer ryots have not - One case of breaking open and robbing a Rāgi ~~raggy~~ granary has already occurred, and unless the ryots are provided with labour many other cases must occur as great indignation is felt both at the refusal to sell and at the export to

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3. I think it would be far better to place Rupees 5000 at my disposal for expenditure where I see fit in the Bossoor Taluq. I have nearly completed my tour and am more and more convinced each day that something must be done to alleviate the Sufferings of the poorer classes.

4. There is very little hope now of the Ragi-crop, even if we have rain of which there are no indications.

5. Requesting early orders.

I have &c

Salem Sub Coll^r's Office
Camp Nelamangalam
18th October 1876

(Signed) Frank Wilkinson
A^d Sub Collector

No. 611

From.
The A^d Sub Collector of Salem

To
The Collector of Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that within the last 3 days 3 persons have been brought into the Bossoor Dispensary in a Starving state, and one has died of sheer Starvation. Distress is increasing every day and immediate relief is urgently required.

2. I request you will apply for funds to be placed at my disposal in order that I may at once put certain works in hand and open Conjee houses in Bossoor.

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Salem Sub Coll^rs office
Cossoor 20 Oct^r 1876

I have &c
/signed/ Frank Wilkinson
A^g Sub Collector

/True Copies/

/signed/ C. T. Longley.
Collector.

/True Copy/

A^g Secretary

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 24th October 1876.

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From The Collector of Salem.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Dated 24th Oct. 1876.

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Copy of letter from
the A.S.L. Coll. of Salem
to the Coll. of Salem.
regarding famine
relief works.

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Salem Collr's office
23d October 1876

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/True Copy & Extract/
Signed H. E. Stokes
A.S. Secretary.

To The Collector of Salem.

/True Copy/
H. E. Stokes
A.S. Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government R.D. with copy of enclosure.

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Sanctioning a further sum of Rs
5,000 for expenditure on — and
requesting further report regarding
proposal to open Gunjey Quarries.

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