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No. 577. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th November 1876, No. 2,984 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 28th November 1876, No. 1,807, Revenue Department :—

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd November 1876, directing Collectors of distressed districts to submit statement showing the prices of certain grains every week.

THE Government approve the Board's instructions, but desire that, to secure uniformity, the returns should relate to the same periods. Those submitted for Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool relate to different periods, although they are weekly, and are not as useful as they should be for statistical purposes. The particulars of rainfall, with averages for five or six years, the amount expended on relief works during the week to which the return relates, and a list of works undertaken during the period, will, if furnished, be valuable. These details, and among others, such as area of cultivation, progress of collection, &c., should be obtained and submitted in some systematic form, and are much required for forming a correct idea of the state of the districts and reporting on the subject to the Home and Supreme Governments periodically.

(True Extract.)

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D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

WITH reference to the remarks of Government, Collectors of distressed districts to whom the Proceedings of the Board disposed of in the above Order was communicated will be instructed to cause the price lists to be despatched from each taluq cusba every Saturday.

2. The Board observe that in the form of price list adopted in the Cuddapah District, and approved by Government for Bellary and Kurnool, the grains specified were much more numerous than those suggested by the Board for other districts, and it appears needlessly so. Further, the entry of the prices of 1866 seems now superfluous, inasmuch as present prices are higher, and those of 1866 are no longer valuable as indicating the degree of distress now prevailing. The Board suggest therefore that the Collectors of Bellary, Cuddapah, and Kurnool as well as other Collectors be ordered to adopt the form herewith submitted. In this the Board have provided for the entry of the particulars as to rainfall which Government wish to have, and they have omitted the quotations of 1st sort rice and paddy, which seem unimportant for the present purpose. The prices should be given in local measures per rupee, the same as those used for ordinary price returns sent to the Board. Before submitting the returns to Government, the Board will reduce them all to a common standard, viz., seers of 80 tolals.

3. With regard to relief works, it appears to be the desire of Government that systematic and uniform reports as to their progress and as to the numbers of persons

employed upon them should be furnished. These works are in some districts extremely numerous, and many of them are mere village works on which but small sums will be spent. To require detailed weekly reports of all such works would defeat the object in view, and it would be quite impossible to collect the information in time, and it is advisable, the Board submit, not to make too great demands upon the district establishments at the present time. The reports as the Board understand are not intended to furnish materials for check, but merely to provide for general information as to the progress of affairs being laid regularly before Government. The Board suggest therefore that in the proposed progress reports all works on which it is expected that less than Rupees 1,000 will be expended should be lumped together as minor works. The Board propose that each Tahsildar be required to send every Saturday a report in the accompanying form No. 2, in which particulars as to probable cost of works, outlay up to date, number of persons employed on the last day of the week, should be given. In the remark column should be entered opposite to each taluq the total outlay on relief works (including works completed) and gratuitous relief from the beginning and the numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief on the last day of the week. All expenditure to be entered in whole rupees. In the case of large works, such for instance as the East Coast Canal, or the roads near Bellary on which many thousands are employed, the special officers in charge should each submit a weekly report in the same form to the Collector. These reports should be compiled by the Collectors into a single return, the totals entered for the district, and the return sent through the Board. It would then be easy to compile a general return for the Presidency which might, if Government

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	Up to the end of the month...		
Average of previous three faslis.	In the month...		5. If Government approve these suggestions, the Board will issue the necessary orders. Meanwhile a telegram will be sent to all Collectors who have to submit weekly price lists to send them in future for each Saturday, but to send on nevertheless returns already received for other dates from the taluqs.
	Up to the end of the month...		
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1875-76 ...	Permanently settled ...		
	Ryotwar... ..		
	Miscellaneous...		
	Total ...		
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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 578.

ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1876, No. 1,855.

Miscellaneous.

The Government approve the Board's suggestions and request that they may be given to them at once.

3. The Government desire to have the reports and returns now proposed sent to them every week on Wednesday after the necessary revision and general compilation in the Board's Office. The amounts sanctioned by the Board for relief works during the week and any noteworthy facts and details that may usefully find place in the week's report may also be furnished at the same time.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Report of relief for the week ending Saturday, the day of 187.

Day.	Name of works & cost 1000 Rs & upwards & number of minor works costing less.	Probable cost or sum paid estimated.	Outlay		Number of coolies employed in the last day of the week			Remarks.
			In the week	To the end of the week	Men	Women	Children	
	1 Road from above to to Bhatnagar	10000	1500	6500				Total outlay in the day since the commencement of distress.
								on relief works.
								gratuitous relief
	20. Fifteen minor works.	3000	350	2750				Number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief in the last day of the week.
	Total							Men Women Children
								Cost of gratuitous relief during the week.
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 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 dated 27 November 1876
 Read Government order, dated 25th
 November 1876, No 1897, No. approving Board's
 instructions to Collectors of distressed districts
 to submit statement showing the price of certain
 grains every week &c &c
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No. 1897, 25 Nov 76

dated 27 Nov 76

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Form of Statement.

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	Up to the end of the month.		
<u>Collections.</u>		In the month.	Up to the end of the month.
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/ True Extract /

H. H. H. H.

Secretary

To The Secretary to

Government P. D.

with 2 forms.

Nov: 1876: 24th
 No. 5222
 Proceedings of the
 Board of Revenue

Ms. No. 1

Dec: 27th 1876
 Dec: 28th 1876
 Dec: 29th 1876

with

Orders

Dec: 1876: 29th Dec: 1876
 Submitting for orders of
 Govt further suggestions with
 reference to the work, statement
 to be furnished by 1876 of
 certain District showing the
 price of food grains & the
 progress of famine relief
 works in the 1876

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