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Famine Relief.

No. 10. *Read the following letter from J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 26th November 1876, No. 148:—*

I have received many applications from the inferior *employes* of the Department in this District for an increase to their salaries, to enable them, in the present scarcity and extraordinary high price of food, to support themselves and their families, and I have the honor to recommend the claims that have been made upon me to the charity and liberality of Government.

2. Every member of the department is, in the present crisis, unusually hard-worked, and I must say that the extra strain that is now put upon their exertions is generally met with praiseworthy willingness.

3. The case of lascars is especially hard, they have to work with, and follow their immediate masters who have now to travel with unusual rapidity, and after leaving some provision for their families, they can afford no more than one poor meal a day for themselves. A man cannot work, he cannot travel sometimes as much as twenty-five miles a day and march night after night with tents and baggage, and their wages are often to be attributed to the personal liberality of those under whom they are employed.

4. Considering the present strain on the finances of the country, and the difficulties of Government in providing for the extraordinary demands that are made upon it, I do not know what to recommend, but I do know that an increase of 50 per cent. to persons drawing salaries of 6 or 7 Rupees per month would not be equivalent to their incomes six months ago, and it is no more than is necessary to place them above immediate want.

5. It has been suggested to me also to represent to His Grace the Governor and Council, in reference to supposed previous usage on similar occasions, the desirability of giving some extra allowance to all officers and subordinates employed on Famine Relief Works. I believe I need not give any assurance to Government that increased allowances cannot secure greater exertion or more devoted attention to their duties on this occasion from the officers of this department in this district, but their salary is comparatively very small, and the cost of keeping up the ordinary camp equipage is now so expensive that some find it difficult to maintain it, while an extra horse, a few extra servants, or an additional bandy, which they cannot afford to procure from their ordinary income, would enable them to do much more than they can otherwise possibly do.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th November 1876.

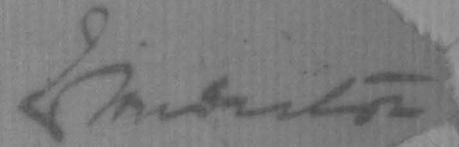
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-Genl., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th December 1876. No. 2177.*

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1876, No. 2177.

The extra batta sanctioned for the Police in the Nellore District is extended
Judl. Dept., 20th Nov. 1876, No. 2403. to the other Government Departments
Finl. „ 24th „ „ „ 2110. in that District.

(True Extract.)



Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Revenue Department. ✓
Revenue Board.
District Judge of Nellore.

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