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10th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 348. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1877, No. 948:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1877, No. 666-125 S. N.

In forwarding copy of a letter, dated the 19th February 1877, from my Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Wilkinson, I have the honor to request the Board's early sanction for carrying out at once in the Sub-division what I consider to be a very well-matured scheme of gratuitous relief, which has the advantage over the former villagewar scheme of better supervision, without the agency of the Village Munsif; there is no doubt that the *camp relief alone* does not provide for the *residuum* left in the villages and who will *not* accept the relief offered in a camp where residence is a *sine quâ non*. My attention during the last week has been directed to looking up the distressed "respectables," if I may so call them, in Salem, and it is found that a very large number of families (mostly weavers) have now arrived at that pinch that gratuitous relief must, and is being liberally dealt to them; or they would very soon perish, and little or no work can be expected from such sufferers. A house-to-house inspection is taking place, and I am quite sure that the same action is necessary in the most distressed taluqs of the district, or we shall be running great risks. I have nothing to add to Mr. Wilkinson's scheme, which seems complete in itself, and the supervision sufficient, and I propose to adopt the same plan of relief in other taluqs of the district as circumstances call for it. Three sketch-maps, showing the centres of relief in each taluq of the Sub-division and the form of relief ticket, are enclosed for the Board's information.

Enclosure No. 1.—Copy of Sub-Collector's letter.

Enclosures Nos. 2 to 4.—Maps.

Submitted to Government.

2. Mr. Wilkinson's scheme is carefully prepared, but the Board cannot approve it. No such system of widespread village relief is necessary in tracts where the distress is far more intense than in Salem, and the Board are unable to see why it should be required there. The proposal to distribute uncooked food supplemented by a dole of money is directly contrary to orders of Government and does not commend itself to the Board.

3. The dislike of the people to the Oossoor camp is perhaps explained by the Sub-Collector's remark that there is a conjee-house at Oossoor partly maintained by grants from Relief Funds. The subsidy to this conjee-house should cease.

4. The Board are of opinion that the camp system should be further tried, and if need be the number of camps increased; and they believe that if this is done, and the camps well looked after, they will suffice. The village visitation is good and should be made the means of impressing on the village officers their duties as regards prevention

of deaths from starvation, by sending in time persons in absolute destitution to the relief camps. The proposed system does not provide adequate test that the recipients of gratuitous relief will be such as ought to get it at the expense of the State.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 349. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1877, No. 1,023.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government do not approve of Mr. Wilkinson's plan of relief centres. It ignores the agency of the heads of villages without any real security against fraud. The Collector must conform to the instructions of Government regarding central camps, town camps, and camps on works, and leave the residuum population in villages to be dealt with as prescribed in G.O. of the 5th February, No. 515, by the heads of villages to whom advances should be made if necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c.

Dated March, 1877.
Read.

G.O., 10th *March* 1877, No. 1023.

MARCH.
Nos. 348-349.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 703

Gratuitous relief in the Sub-division of Salem District—Disapproving, with remark, Mr. Wilkinson's plan of relief centres, and directing the Collector to conform to the instructions of Government regarding central camps, town camps, and camps on works, and to leave the residuum population in villages to be dealt with as prescribed in G.O., 5th February 1877, No. 515, by the heads of villages, &c.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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No 948

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30th Nov 1917 S/N No 666/125

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The Collector of Salem

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras

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* policy we have been & pauperize at all times - death blow to Power looms will

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I have &c
Salem Collector's office / (Signed) / C. T. Longley
Salem 22nd Feb: 1877 Collector

Submitted to Government.

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In Coimbatore relief is at first unpopular; every where & naturally so & people all run away from it. Cattons are on conjee house system. Tried & closed & the

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Better reference to the Act or provides for this.

(True Copy and Extract)

A Lushington

Secretary.

To The Addl Secretary to Government R.C.
with 4 Original Enclosures to be returned.

E.H.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Rd Bell

Dated Ootacamund 1st 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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Dr Dosen - 24
Dr Kuskrayiri - 17
Dr Devanpani - 21
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The Bd does not think much village relief arrangements are necessary & advocate the increase in the number of camps if needed - The distribution by sending destitute people to the camps is only applicable on the grounds of distance of the motives of Govt.

Mr Wilkinson's remark at the close of Para 4 relative to certain notice - Govt Orders

Mr Wilkinson's scheme which he provides for 62 places

Mr Wilkinson's scheme

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 19th March 1877

Read G.O. dated 7th March 1877

Submitting to Govt with Board's Review letter from the Collector of Salem on Mr Collis's scheme for gratuitous Reliefs.

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