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10th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 358. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 6th March 1877, No. 38 :—

WITH reference to your telegram, dated 2nd March 1877, I have the honor to inform you that I have issued instructions to taluq and village authorities on the subject of village relief, and enjoined on the subordinate officers charged with the supervision of relief-works to inspect the villages and supply weekly report on the gratuitous relief afforded.

Copies of letters, No. 23, of 17th February, from Assistant Collector; No. 51, of 23rd February, from Sub-Collector ; and No. 48, of 24th February, from Mr. Cook.

2. As most of our works are so selected as to be near the homes of the destitute poor, not much relief of the sort above alluded to, nor the establishment of any relief-camps, will be necessary for the present. I enclose copies of letters from three of my Division and Relief Officers, as yet received on the subject, for the information of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. MARTINDALE, Esq., Assistant Collector, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 17th February 1877, No. 23.

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 94, of the 10th instant, on the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th February 1877, No. 103, I have the honor to report that the distress in my division is not so severe, or the number of people employed on relief-works so large, as to render the opening of relief-camps necessary in the neighborhood of principal towns to feed and shelter those who are actually destitute and unable to work.

2. The Government Order providing for the feeding of the incapable poor by the Village and Taluq Magistrates, and passing them off from their respective jurisdictions, will, I believe, suffice for the present.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From G. McWATTERS, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Erode, 23rd February 1877, No. 51.

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 390, of the 10th February 1877, on G.O., No. 515, of the 5th idem, I have the honor to inform you that I think that there is no necessity for opening relief-camps in the sub-division yet. The Village Monigars have been several times warned to prevent deaths from actual starvation in their villages and to report all cases of severe distress.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. H. COOK, Esq., Special Assistant in charge of Relief-works, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Oodoomulpettah, 24th February 1877, No. 40.

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 393, of 10th instant, on G.O., No. 515, of 5th February 1877, I have the honor to submit my report.

2. In this taluq, as you are aware, there are no very large works which necessitate the collection of a number of coolies and their being at a distance from their families.

3. The works are for the most part metalling and road-making; and as this is done by the villagers through which the roads pass, the people are enabled to work during the day and return at night.

4. I have visited the greater portion of the villages in the taluq, and I have neither seen any instance nor heard complaints from aged and infirm people regarding their being without food and likely to die. In nearly every instance, if there are such people, they are either supported by their own friends or are fed at some private conjee-house.

5. I have already mentioned that there are three* such relief-houses open in this taluq, at which I should say on an average about 2,000 are fed daily.

* Oodoomulpettah.
Somavarapatty.
Goorcovappanaikanoor.

6. Under the above circumstances, I am of opinion that there is no necessity of opening relief-houses in this taluq, at all events for the present.

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1877, No. 1,028.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Copy of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF COIMBATORE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1877.

Read.

G.O., 10th March 1877, No. 1,028.

MARCH.

Nos. 353-359.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 708.

Village Relief in Coimbatore District.—Recording letter from the Collector reporting that instructions have been issued on the subject of —, and that no relief camps are necessary for the present.

No. 38 / Coimbatore Collector's office.
6th March 1877.

From

A. Weddeburn Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore.

To

J. H. Garstin Esquire,
Addl. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department - Madras.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant,
A Wedderburn
Collector -

Coimbatore Special Assistants office Cudumulpettah 24th Feb 1877

Cro 40

From, J. H. Cook Esquire,
Special Asst in charge of R. Works

To, A. Wedderburn Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore -

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[x] Podur = Pettai. Somavaram = Pettai. - Goorooma = noor.

6. Under the above circumstances I am of opinion that there is no necessity of opening relief houses in this Taluq at all events for the present. -

I have &c.

(Signed) J. H. Cook
Special Assistant -

(True copy)

Attested
for Collector

Asst. Collector's office
ero 23 Coimbatore 17 February 1877

From,
The Assistant Collector of
Coimbatore. -

To,
A Sedderlewns Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore. -

Sir,

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them off from their respective jurisdictions, will, I believe, suffice for the present. –

I have &c.

(Signed) A. Martindale

Assistant Collector.

(True copy)

A. Martindale

For Collector.

Coimbatore Sub Collectors office
ero. 51 Erode 23rd February 1877. –

From, G. Mc Watters Esquire,
Ag Sub Collector of Coimbatore.

To, A. Wedderburn Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement ero 390 of the 10th February 1877, on Government order ero 516 of the 5th Idem, I have the honor to inform you that I think that there is no necessity for opening relief camps in the Sub Division yet – The villages honigars have been several times warned to prevent deaths from actual starvation in their villages and to report all cases of severe distress. –

I have &c.

(Signed) G. Mc Watters
Ag Sub Collector –

(True copy)

A. Martindale

For Collector –

Sub Collector's letter forwarding the following Report of Deputy Tahsildar & Sub Assistant Surgeon, Erode, to Government, Revenue Department, dated 23rd February 1877 no 58 –

Ro. 1
7/1240.

Copy of letter from the Sub Collector Coimbatore dated 23rd February 1877 no. 28 forwarding report of Deputy Tahsildar & Sub Assistant Surgeon, Erode.

Encl. 1 to Letter from the Collector of Customs to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 6 March 1877 No 58.

Encl 2
7/1240.

Copy of letter from the Sub Collector of Customs No 51 of 23 Feb 77 stating that no relation can be traced to the persons mentioned in the margin.

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In a letter from the Collector of Customs to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 6 March 1877 No 58.

Encl 1
7/1240

Copy of letter from the Asst Special Commissioner in charge of Relief works, No 48 of 24 February 1877.

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No. 1240.

From.

The Collector of Simla

Two,

To, The Additional Secretary
to Government
of the Department

Dated. 6th December 1877

Rec'd 7th Dec. 1877

Encl. 3.

No 3861

Stating that instructions have been issued on the subject of Village Relief and that no orders appear necessary for the present.

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2nd Copy to the Collector of Simla, Subdivn.
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