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12th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 367. Read the following letter from Major A. G. MURRAY, Special Relief Officer, Chingleput District, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 9th March 1877, No. 58:—

I HAVE the honor with reference to my report of yesterday, in reply to Proceedings of Government, No. 882, dated 1st March 1877, to state that I omitted to mention the exact present wage of our able-bodied laborers, which, as I said, rises and falls weekly with the price of rice, as intimated to us by the Deputy Collector in charge of the District Treasury at Saidapet.

2. The rate for the present week is 10 Pies for 1 lb. of rice (2nd sort). The wage of the laboring people is, therefore, as follows:—

Man	10 + 6 = 1—4.
Woman	10 + 3 = 1—1.
Child	5 + 3 = 0—8.

3. In the Proceedings of Government, it appears that the question as to any advisable change in diet for laborers is asked, and I hope I made it clear that, as laborers are paid a money wage only and not in food, we have nothing to do with their choice of diet, only to obtain for the amount of wage paid.

4. At the Poonamallee camp this morning, I ascertained that at Pallavaram, where many of my people at work at a distance buy their rice, rice is selling at the rate of 5 measures for the Rupee, and at Poonamallee at 3 Annas per Madras measure of 3 lbs., so that the laborer obtaining 10 Pies as the value of 1 lb. of rice, cannot there obtain that amount for the money.

5. Putting aside the question of the present rate of wage being quite too small, the system of payment, varying with the rise and fall in the price of rice at Madras or Saidapet, where it may vary every day, is, I think, a bad system and it bears hardly on the people. There ought, I think, to be a fixed rate.

6. Under present circumstances, where the wage is so small and the food to be bought for it so inadequate, I am decidedly of opinion that the physical condition of the people I inspected this morning at the Poonamallee camp works is falling off, and they complain bitterly.

No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1877, No. 1,033.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Chingleput who will at once visit the Poonamallee and Palaveram camps, and see to the wage rates in force.

2. Major Murray will forthwith introduce the payment of the value of 1 lb. of grain *plus* half an anna at the Poonamallee camp.

To The Additional Secretary
to Government
Revenue Deptt.
Madras

Sir

I have the honor with reference to my report of proceedings in Reg. Proceedings of Govt. No. 882 dated 14th March 1877, to state that I omitted to mention the exact present wage of ordinary labourers, which as I said rises & falls weekly with the price of rice as intimated to us by the Dist. Collector in charge of the District Treasury at Cuddapah -

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Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
Major
Madras Relief Officer

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From the Spl. Relief Officer Chingleput

No. 58

To Thos Thornhill

9 March 1877

Reports on present rate of wages and on the physical condition of relief work labourers in the District

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12/3/77

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12 March 1877

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REVENUE.

To

COLLECTOR OF CHINGLEPUT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 12th. *Rec'd.*

G.O., 12th March 1877, No. 1,033.

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Rate of Wage of the Poonamallee and Ve[illegible]

varam Camps, Chingleput District.—Communicating Major Murray's letter regarding the —— to be Collector: directing him at once to visit the camp and see to the wage rates in force: requesting Major Murray to introduce forthwith, the payment of the value of 1 lb. of grain per day to any of the former camp: and the Deputy Surgeon General of the Division to inspect the camps without delay and report on the condition of the inmates