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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 423. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1877 :—

Read the following letters :—

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1877, No. 113.

In forwarding for orders copy of a letter, No. 40, dated 20th instant, to-day received from Sub-Collector, I have the honor to state that I am under the impression that a [illegible] officers and me[illegible] Madras Army as Supervisors of relief-works [illegible] Government by [illegible] ctor.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., [illegible] Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Adoni, 24th February 1877, No. 44.

In continuation of my letter, No. 40, dated 20th instant, I have the honor to say that discoveries since made show that the need for sepoys as Superintendents of relief-works is almost, if not quite, as urgent in my other three taluqs as in Adoni. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the following strength of Native troops may be sent to me as soon as possible :—

	Approximate No on Relief-works.	No. of Sepoys wanted.
Gooty Taluq	25,000	50
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Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for their orders, in continuation of Mr. Glenny's letter submitted with this office letter, No. 113, dated 21st instant.

Bellary, 26th February 1877. (Signed) J. H. MASTER, Collector.

Submitted to Government.

2. There is no reason why the relief-works should not be satisfactorily carried on in Adoni as elsewhere without sepoys, and it is evident that the presence of sepoys would not render other supervision superfluous. The appointment of Brahmin maistries was an extraordinary mistake. A Head cooly or Maistry—a Musulman, if possible—should be appointed from the members of the gang and held responsible for the work ; and if he is illiterate Mootsadies, generally Karamams, on additional remuneration should be employed to keep the nominal rolls, which should be examined and checked as often as possible.

3. The number of coolies on relief-works in the Adoni Taluq is now 88,000, and there is only one superior European Officer, Captain Hamilton, in charge. The Board strongly recommend that at least one, if not two, more European superior officers be sent to the taluq. As regards such officers the Bellary District appears to the Board to be undermanned, and they think that a taluq should have one such officer for every 25,000 coolies.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES, Secretary.

No. 424. Order thereon, 13th March 1877, No. 1,062.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded with reference to G.O., dated 28th February 1877, No. 873.

2. The subject of supplying more Military Officers to Bellary is engaging the attention of Government.

are in corrupt understanding with the dishonest members of our own taluq establishments. They have no trained or innate sense of duty or obedience: nothing permanent to lose or gain from us. Naturally their own ease and the desire to make hay while the sun shines are all they think about.

7. I have not time to write at length upon the antithesis to the above-described state of things that would be brought about by placing a steady sepoy over every 500 coolies. Order, discipline, punctuality, and honesty would take the place of confusion, shirking, and cheating. Into the question of cost I have not time to enter, but it is perfectly certain that on mere point of pay of establishment we should save very considerably.

(True Co[illegible]

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Enclosure No [illegible]

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Adony, 20th February 1877, No. 40.

I have the honor to request most earnestly that 150 sepoys and two or more native officers be sent to Adoni Taluq to take the place of the present staff of Superintendents and Maistries; the proportion to be one sepoy to 500 coolies. I entreat that this may be done at least for Adony. Of course if it were done for all my taluqs so much the better.

2. In November last, before taking charge, I asked for sappers or sepoys and have repeated the request to Mr. Thornhill more than once since.

3. The request was not granted. Now, however, I trust that in view of the experience we have had and of the altered circumstances, the men will be sent to me at once.

4. Our two-fold supervising agency has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Our numbers have enormously increased. Instead of admitting all applicants indiscriminately we now use selection which involves minute and frequent inspections, which again are impossible without order and regularity.

5. Our two-fold supervising staff consists of (1) European and East Indian Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents on monthly salaries ranging from Rs. 30 to Rs. 150, and (2) Native Maistries on Rs. 8 to Rs. 15 per month.

6. Both branches of the agency have failed. I knew they would fail. The Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents consist of one set of men, who are of good antecedents and no qualifications, and another set whose previous history is doubtful or worse. One or two honest time-expired soldiers, a disabled Public Works Department Overseer, (whom I wish to retain) and a respectable Mechanical Engineer, thrown out of work, almost exhaust the first category; to the remaining half dozen men, the less flattering description applies. The respectable men do their best, I believe, but their best is not much. They know nothing of the language, and some of them cannot read or write. With these disadvantages, what can be expected of them? The other class of men for the most part shirk their work. Neither class have much control over the natives generally; and I may say that neither they nor any of us have any control over the "Maistries." These maistries are the weak link in our administrative chain. They are the utterly impracticable class whom I have always longed to abolish by a stroke of the pen. They are the authors and perpetrators of nearly all the dishonesty that goes on. Brahmins almost to a man they are made maistries simply because they can write. Of physical energy they have none; they hate all exertion and everything like regularity or order; they will not be induced by promises, threats, or punishment, to get up early in the morning, or to curtail their habitual three or four hours' retirements for their meals, their ceremonies and their siesta; they will insist on dining and sleeping in their own houses. It is a regular thing for the coolies to be kept waiting for hours for these maistries; and very common for the maistries to stay at home all day. They have been discovered cheating Government by falsifying lists. Out of eight maistries, whose gangs and books I examined last Saturday and yesterday, seven were Hindoos and one a Mussulman: and I am prosecuting all seven Hindoos. As Brahmins, for the most part, they

3. The Government, however, are not satisfied that the supervision of Mr. Glenny and others has been all that they had a right to expect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Departm[illegible]

Ext. T. O'Connor.

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Collector.

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To

BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated Feb. 1877.

Recd

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Nos. 426-434.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 725.

Suspension of Relief Works in the Bellary Division/ Bellary District.—Recording, with reference to G.O., 25th February 1877, No. 613, Board's proceedings on the suggestion to employ native officers and men of the Madras Army as Supervisors of Relief Works in Bellary in under consideration; as considering that the suggestion has already been made by Mr. Glass and others has not been allowed by Government a right to expect.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 3d March 1877.

Read the following letters:-

No 113.

From The Collector Bellary

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras

Board's Proc 3 Mar 1877

Sir

In forwarding for orders copy of a letter No 40 dated 20th ult from the Sub Collector, I have the honor to state that I am under the impression that a suggestion to employ native officers and men of the Madras Army as Supervisors of relief works has already been made to Government by Sir Richard Temple.

Bellary Collrs Office, 21st Feby 1877. I have &c (Sgd) J H Munro Collector.

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Camp Adony
20th February 1817

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Sub Collector.

(True copy)
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Sub Collectors office
Adoni
24 February 1877

Bond — C.A.N. 2136

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(Sgd) W. H Sleeny

Sub Collector.

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Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for their orders in continuation of Mr. Sleeny's letter submitted with

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(Sgd) W Master

Collector.

26-2-77
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/True copies & extracts/

W Elsmie
Secretary

To
The Addl Secretary

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Pro: Board of Rev:

Dated 3d March 1877

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No. 1062 of 10th June 1877

Remarks on Reference of No. 28 of 14th Feb 1873 [illegible]

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