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19th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 592A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1877, No. 1,125 :—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Melegaram, 28th February 1877, No. 138.

I HAVE the honor, in reply to Board's Proceedings, No. —, dated 17th instant, to state that the establishment I have entertained for watching the villages and keeping the Village Munsifs and people acquainted with the arrangement for relief-works, orders connected with them, &c., as well as the Tahsildar acquainted with the state of the villages and people, consists of Curnams and Munsifs of villages subsidized at the average rate of 3 Rupees per mensem. Three or four are allowed to each Inspector. There are Inspectors in the distressed taluqs; the total number of persons employed will probably not exceed sixty, and the monthly cost Rupees 180.

2. The state of this district is unquestionably critical, and there will be severe distress, if not famine, before long; we cannot tell when it will come, and I regard it as most important to put in the hands of the Tahsildar the best machinery possible for ascertaining what is going on as well as for the purposes referred to in paragraph 1. I therefore very strongly deprecate the abolition of this establishment, the cost of which is not large, and will not be increased unless under urgent circumstances.

3. I have a similar establishment in the Ettiapuram Zemindari paid for the present from Famine Funds. For this purpose Quantities Rupees [illegible] were at first employed, but this expense was thought unnecessary, and I have had recourse to subsidized village officers as in the Ayen taluqs. With reference to paragraph 2, I beg to report that the rate of wages for coolies on the ghaut has been raised; $3\frac{1}{2}$ Annas is the rate given for the greater part of the work.

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5. It has since been ascertained that the coolies referred to by me were mostly return coolies who emigrated a year or more ago from Madura and returned *viâ* Tuticorin to avail themselves of the railway.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 21st February 1877, No. 764-B.

2. The Board have in separate Proceedings recommended the discontinuance of relief operations in Tinnevelly, but the cost of the establishment now described by the Collector is very small, and its retention as a precautionary measure will be useful. The Board therefore authorize him to retain it pending orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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19th March 1877.

No. 592B. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,136A.

Miscellaneous.

THE present retention of the establishment alluded to by the Collector in paragraph 1 of his letter is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c.,

Dated March, 19th.

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Nos. 592A—592B.

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H Elwin
Secretary

To The Addl Secretary to Government. R. D.

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Submitting for information of Government letter from Tinnevelly deprecating the abolishing of the establishment entertained in connection with the Famine Relief works.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th March 1877 submitting for information of Government a letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly deprecating the abolishing of the establishment entertained in connection with the Famine Relief works.

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