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20th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 644. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1877:—

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 Melagaram, 26th February 1877, No. 134:—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 9th February 1877, No. 587, communicated in Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,106, dated 13th idem, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of the instructions issued to the Peshkars in Ettiapuram, the relief works of which are under my supervision and control. A copy of these instructions was sent to each of the Division Officers in charge of distressed taluqs for their information and guidance.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Circular Order to Division Peshkars.

1. You are strictly forbidden to give employment to coolies except those sent you with a yadast by the Tahsildar.

2. You will send order to the Village Munsifs and Curnams that they will be held responsible for the death by starvation of any one; that persons actually suffering from want of food may be sent to Ettiapuram to the Tahsildar for relief or for work according to circumstances, and if absolutely necessary food may be given them by the Munsif, cost to be recovered by bill sent to Tahsildar, but only for a day or two while sending them to Ettiapuram.

3. You will entertain four Curnams or Gumastahs on Rs. 7 each to assist you, and, giving each of them 10 villages or so, require them to visit each village at least twice a week and report to you on the state of the people, and to explain to the Village Officers and people that no work or relief will be given except to persons actually suffering from want of food, and then only on their going to Ettiapuram for it, and at the lowest possible rate of wages. The Gumastahs will see that the Village authorities understand their responsibilities as to prevention of death by starvation and the duty of sending in to Ettiapuram all persons in danger of death by starvation for relief or for work.

4. Your Gumastahs will send you reports twice a week, and you will send to the Tahsildar, Ettiapuram, an abstract of these reports as well as the reports themselves by a special messenger with your weekly returns of work to be sent in every Saturday.

5. * * * *

6. You will yourself spend four days out of the seven in each week in visiting villages at different points and checking the information supplied by your Gumastahs, and you will in your weekly report state your own observation as to the condition of the people, cattle, water supply, &c.; you will at the same time take measures for the collection of such part of the rents as you think can be paid this year, enforcing this by attachment and sale of lands to be bought in on behalf of Zemindar, if necessary. The other three days you will spend at head-quarters preparing your accounts and reports. When visiting the villages you will measure up and check the returns of work done or any of the works going on. If you find that less than 16 yards of ordinary earthwork is done for 1 Rupee you will arrange to stop the work at the end of the existing advances. If the work done is more than 16 cubic yards and less than 20 cubic yards per Rupee of expenditure up to date you will suspend the work for a week as a punishment for idleness and resume it at the end of the week.

In cases where the soil is hard or gravelly it is left to your discretion to alter the above rates of work to be required.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1877.

You will be especially careful that the returns and reports required are sent in to the Tahsildar on Saturday evening.

TINNEVELLY,
ETTIAPURAM, *26th January* 1877.

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Coll.

Board's Proceedings, 12th February 1877, Nos. 579 and 580.
G.O., 19th February 1877, No. 748-A.
Board's Procs., 20th February 1877, No. 725.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 9th February 1877, No. 587.

2. The system is the same as that described in the papers marginally noted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 645. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1877, No. 1,163.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government do not approve of that portion of paragraph 6 of Mr. Stuart's Circular Order relating to the method of enforcing tasks by stopping work. It must be revised. The works are either wanted to keep the people from starving or else not needed at all. In the former case they must be closely supervised and kept going, in the latter they should be stopped altogether.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Govt. of [1877] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated March, 20th.

Read.

C.O., 20th March 1877, No. 1,163.

MARCH.

Nos. 614-615.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 736.

Relief Works at Ettiapuram, in the Tinnevelly District.—Disapproving of that portion of the Collector's Circular Order contained in paragraph 6 of Mr. Stuart's Circular Order of the 15th February, relative to the method of enforcing tasks by stopping wages, and ordering it to be revised. Observing that if the works are either wanted to keep the people from starving or else not needed at all; if in the former case, they must be closely supervised and kept going, in the latter they should be stopped altogether.

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(Sd.) A. J. Stuart
Ag. Collector.

Tinnevelly
Ettiapuram
26th January 1877

(True Copy)

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Ag. Collector.

(True Copy)

N. Krishna
Secretary.

If the people cannot live without the works - they generally leave when they are stopped / but the people cannot live without it or not: if the former the works will not succeed at all if the latter they must be kept going -

we do not take sufficient to punish but to prevent starvation -

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 18th March 1877.

Read the following:-

No. 134.

From

A. J. Stuart Esquire

Ag. Collector. Tinnevelly

To

A. E. Stokes Esquire

Ag. Secretary to the Board of

Revenue, Madras.

Sir.

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was

Directions issued to Peshkars in Ettiapuram

Board of Revenue.

Dated 10th March 1877.

(By) T. Thodar Esq.

Ag. Collector.

Tinnevelly P.D.

G.O. 20 dated 17th March 1877

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I have &c.
Tuticorin Collr's Office
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Submitted to Government with reference
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(True Copy and Extract)

D'Arcy
Secretary

To
The Addl: Secretary to Government R. D.
with copy of Enclosure.

B/s Pro. 12th Feby.
1877 Nos 579 & 589.
G.O. 19th July 1877
No. 748 L.
B/s. Pro. 29th Feby.
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Dated 10th March 1877

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G.O. 20 March/77 No. 1163

Submitting Statement, with reference to G.O. 9th Feby: 1877 No. 587, of acting instructions called for, issued to the Peishkars in [illegible] in connection with Relief Works.

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