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

Famine Relief.

No. 656. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1877, No. 1,076:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1877, No. 114.

With reference to the Order of Government, Revenue Department, No. 560, dated the 8th instant, I have the honor to express my regret that a reply to the question has not yet been sent. It has been due to my absence from head-quarters with Sir Richard Temple, and press of business generally consequent thereon.

2. In my letter, No. 71, dated the 1st instant, I explained the reason of the action taken by Mr. Ross in getting rid of the Mysore laborers. The Government now ask on what grounds and under what orders these persons have been sent away. I have no orders to quote for or against.

3. As regards the grounds, I beg to say that it has been the aim of all the Divisional Officers, as far as possible, to afford relief to persons of a particular taluq in that taluq, and therefore when strangers have been discovered on any works, they have generally been told to go to their own taluq. But as regards the inhabitants of Mysore, when they crowded in upon the frontier taluq of Hindupur, causing disorganization in our own gangs of workmen, it was high time to take some strong measures with them.

4. Although at the commencement of the relief-works we let them come on the works, not being certain whether any arrangements had been made in their own territory; yet when we were assured by Government that works were in progress in Mysore, I felt myself justified in saying that the men might be told to go to their own taluqs; and I respectfully submit that this order, which was only anticipated by Mr. Ross, was right.

5. The number actually dismissed amounted to about 17,618 out of the 28,121 total decrease in number on relief-works.

Submitted to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

2. The Board think that in the circumstances of the case, and with the knowledge, or at least assurance that work was available in Mysore for those who required it, the orders issued by Messrs. Master and Ross were justifiable and proper. They are informed by Mr. Thornhill that so early as November last Mr. Winckler, an officer of the Mysore Public Works Department, came to Bellary to request Mr. Master not to open work too near the frontier, as it would have the effect of drawing men away from Mysore works.

3. In their Proceedings, 5th February 1877, No. 482, on which orders have not yet been passed, the Board expressed the opinion that Mysore coolies seeking work in British territory should be sent back to their homes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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

No. 657. ORDER THEREON, 20th Mar[illegible] 1877, No. 1,169.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government have been in correspondence with the Mysore authorities and trust that effective measures are being adopted there to remove any cause for emigration from their eastern and southern districts to the relief-works or houses in the Madras Districts. Under the assurance that work was available for them in Mysore the Collector was doubtless justified in requiring the able-bodied Mysore coolies to resort to those works, and the Government gather from the Collector's letter that only the able-bodied were so ousted, and that consequently in their case no risk of danger to life was incurred.

2. The expulsion of so large a number of persons from the works should have been explained at the time, and the Government trust it was effected with sufficient precaution to prevent disaster.

3. The Government have already forbidden the transfer of laborers from one taluq to another, and the fact of such emigration is an indication of inequality in relief administration which should be promptly investigated when detected.

4. The Mysore authorities having undertaken to arrange for the return of all their distressed subjects from the taluqs of Bellary, the Collector should arrange with those officers for the removal to their own country of all Mysore people in the district not having assured employment or means of subsistence.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. F. Goodal.

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Govt. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 20th.

Read.

G.O., 20th March 1877, *No.* 1,169.

MARCH.

Nos. 656-657.

FAMINE RELIEF No. 794.

Mysore laborers in the Bellary District.—Passing remarks on the Collector's letter explaining why — were refused work, and informing him that as the Mysore authorities have undertaken to arrange for the return of all their distressed subjects from the talugs of Bellary, he should arrange with those officers for the removal to their own country of all Mysore people in the district not having assured employment or means of subsistence.

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G.O 20th March 1877

The Govt. have been in correspondence with the Mysore authorities and trust they are authorities and trust they are taking effective measures are being adopted there to remove any cause for migration from their eastern ~~talugs~~ Districts to the relief works or homes in the Kadoor Dist. Under the assurance that workers would be forthcoming from Mysore the Collector was justified in his declining the able bodied persons applying for relief works & that persons should be sent back from the ~~for~~ relief works that only the aged & infirm.

2. The explosion of so large a number of persons from the works should have been explained at the time & the first time it was effected with original precaution to prevent disaster.

3. The Govt. have already forbidden the transfer of laborers from one Taluq to another & Govt. doubt any relaxation of equality in Relief administration should be promptly investigated when detected.

4. The Mysore authorities having undertaken to arrange for the return of their distressed subjects from the Talugs of Bellary the Collr. should arrange with those officers for the removal to their own country of all the people in the Dist. not having employment or means of subsistence

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

F. No. 1265

From Rev. Sec.

Dated March 7th 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Rev. Secy explains in
reply to the S.O. of the
ult. No. 5000 for Rs. 17000
for 200 Coolies from Gulf of
Kutch on Halaya Estate
to Rev. Secy Bombay
informed by Govt that
sanction cannot be granted
in the circumstances stated in the
letter submitted
justifiable

Rejected with
Hard Sterling charges

12/3/77

Govt. Secy as regards the correspce submitted by the Bd. that the Govt. have been in correspce with the Superintendent & that effective measures are being adopted to remove any cause for dissatisfaction & to secure a sufficient supply of labour & labourers. That under the assurances that work was available for them in Kutch, the Govt. have

Govt. Law.

The Govt. are not satisfied that sufficient care & discretion was used in this matter & direct a full & closing enquiry be made & reported to Govt. Bombay that no deserving persons may suffer hardship arising from the measures adopted

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 4th March 1877. No. 1076

Read the following

No 114

Board's G.O. No. 1072

From The Collector Bellary

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, With reference to the order of Government, Revenue Department, No 586, dated the 8th instant, I have the honor to express my regret that a reply to the question has not yet been sent. It has been due to my absence from Head Quarters with Sir Richard Temple

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I would add that the Government authorities have endeavoured to arrange for the return of all those destitute subjects for the taluqs of Bellary destitute Head Quarters to their own Country & all dependants for his duration not being sure employment Board of Revenue

simple, and free of business
generally consequent thereon.

2. In my letter No. 711
dated the 1st. Instant, I explain
=ed the reason of the action
taken by Mr. Ross, in getting
rid of the Ellyon labourers.
The Government now ask on
what grounds and under what
orders these persons have been
sent away. I have no orders
to quote for or against.

3. As regards the grounds
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I have &c
Bellary Collectorate Office } (sd) J. H. Munro
Dated 21st Feby 1877 } Collector

Submitted for Government with reference to the G.O.
quoted.

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They are informed by Mr. Thornhill
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from Mysore works.

Further Proceedings

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5th February 1877 No. 482 on which
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W Rustin
Secretary

To The Assistant Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department.

C Gupp Esq
Collector

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No 1268

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Sydney 21st March 1877.

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P. S. —

Submitting to
Govt. letter from Mr.
Bellarey, explaining
why Chinese labourers
were refused work
in the District
with certain remarks
C.O. 20 March/77 No 1169

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