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22nd March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 683. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1877, No. 1,228 :—

Read the following letter from P. SOOBBIER, Acting Deputy Collector on General Duties, to W. McCULLAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 6th March 1877, No. 143 :—

I HAVE the honor to report on the progress of relief works in the Madura Taluq of my division, those of the Tirumangalum Taluq having been transferred to the supervision of the Temporary Special Assistant Collector, Mr. Turner, during the month of February last.

2. In addition to the four works started in January, two new works were commenced in February, and I have shown hereunder the progress of relief works on the whole :—

		Rs	Rs.
Amount of estimate of the six works	...	3,890	—
Outlay { in January		544	
{ in February		1,426	1,970
Value of work executed at the rate provided for in the estimate			2,255

I observed that, instead of ordinary task by [illegible] cent.

3. Each work is placed in charge of an officer out of the establishment furnished from the Survey or Settlement Department. Taking task-work and making daily payments are maintained.

4. The number of coolies on hand on the last day of the month was 608, while it was 1,192 on the 27th January as shown in my last report. The reason of this falling off is that sowing of cholum for which lands had been prepared in previous months is now carried on extensively, this being the proper season for raising late crops, and numbers have left the relief works for the above purpose.

5. I beg, however, to point out that the number actually engaged in the relief work is not a criterion to form an opinion of the starving condition of the population; for cucumber fruits now abundant in the district protect the people from starvation to a great extent. In one of our relief works where the fruits are extensively produced, I see about 100 people able to work sit quiet and contented all the day in their garden, consuming one or two fruits occasionally and looking at the coolies engaged in work just within a few yards. But this state of things cannot last long, and I have no doubt that, before the close of March, we will have a very large number for relief.

6. The works are, as usual, being inspected by me or the Tahsildar, and I am confident that no fraud is practised.

7. A relief-house was opened at Madura on the 20th February under your personal instructions. The number admitted during the few days of the month was 144 ; of these 117 were sent away for work as soon as they were found fit for it, and two remained in the house on the last day of the month. The remaining twenty-five deserted.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd March 1877.

No. 140.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue.

2. Relief operations in Madura Taluq are carried on carefully, and there is very little demand as yet for the kind of relief to which Government operations are confined. My relief camp contained only one small boy when I last visited it. The town is full of beggars, but they will not submit to the discipline of a camp as long as they can manage to exist outside of it. I believe the Deputy Collector is quite correct in saying that a large proportion of the people live at present on cucumbers and very little else.

DINDIGUL,
8th March 1877.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The relief works appear to be well managed, and the return of work obtained is good as compared with ordinary rates. The Collector will remember that with tasks so high as those exacted it is open to him to pay wages on the higher scale.

3. With relief works and relief camps open, there cannot be much danger of suffering. When the people begin to need help, they will go to one or the other.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES

No. 684. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. ...

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 22nd.

Read.

G.O., 22nd March 1877, No. 1,1

MARCH.
Nos. 683-684.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 799.

Relief Works in the Madura Taluq.—Re
Board's Proceedings reporting on the pro
— during the month of February last.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 17th March 1877

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Board's R
No 2637

No. 1143.

From The Acting Deputy Collector
on General duties
Madura

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Amount of Estimate of the 6 works } 7890—0—0

Outlay { 1st January 544—0—0 / 1st February 1426—0—0 } 1970—0—0

Value of work executed at the rate provided for in the Estimate ..... } 2255—0—0

It will be observed that, instead of a decrease there has been an excess in the outlay of work executed above the ordinary task by 12 per cent.

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4. The number of Coolies on hand on the last day of the month was 808, while it was 1192 on the 27th January, as shown in my last report. The reason of this falling off is that sowing of the crops for which lands had been prepared in previous months is now carried on extensively, this being the proper season for raising late crops and numbers have left the relief works for the above purpose.

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(Sgd) P. Soobbier

Ag Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

No 140

Submitted to the Board of Revenue.

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Madura Collectors office
Camp Dindigul
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W Elliott
Secretary

To The Addl Secretary to
Government R.D.

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Dated 17 March 1877

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Submitting for the in-
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letter No 143 with letter & enclosures of the 8 March
1877 reporting on the progress
of Relief works in his
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