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

Famine Relief.

No. 740. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th March 1877, No. 1,184:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1877, No. 154.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 19th ultimo, No. 738-A, received by me this day, to report that when the Vellore Relief-camp was first opened, Captain Harris brought to my notice the destitute condition of some of the inmates who were almost naked, and he inquired whether he ought to provide with ordinary cloths such of them as were most in need of covering. I at once replied in the affirmative, but it was then found that many of the persons who came into the camp after a short trial of its comforts were of opinion that they could better their condition by wandering about as professional mendicants, and a considerable number of them watched their opportunity and deserted. It was therefore necessary to be very cautious lest the distribution of cloths should be abused by persons coming in almost in a state of nudity and absconding soon after receiving a cloth.

2. About this time I found in the course of my tours in the district that the weavers in many of the large towns are in an extremely depressed state owing to the total stagnation of trade in consequence of the famine, and I anxiously considered how some measures of relief could be devised that would assist them in a suitable manner. They have never been accustomed to work as coolies, and declined, except in a very few isolated instances, to go on to the relief-works.

3. It occurred to me that it would be a good plan to employ them in weaving a supply of the common coarse cloths used by the poorest classes, with a plain border of such a pattern that could be easily identified, and these cloths, which need be only of such size as to answer the purposes of decency, may be purchased from them and issued to the most destitute residents in the relief-camps.

4. I have therefore taken upon myself the responsibility of instructing the several Tahsildars, in anticipation of sanction of the Board of Revenue, to at once give employment of this kind to the most distressed weavers. In some instances they will be able themselves to provide the required materials; in others the Tahsildar will have to supply coarse yarn to the weavers who will, in such cases, only be paid their ordinary hire for weaving such small coarse cloths. In this way, we shall be able to provide suitable employment for this distressed class of artisans, and at the same time obtain supplies of cloths which will be easy of identification if made away with.

5. I shall report to the Board hereafter the expenditure that may be incurred. I have authorized the Treasury Deputy Collector to place the sum of Rupees 150 at the disposal of each of the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars named in the margin, and a careful account will of course be

1. Wallajah.
2. Arcot.

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kept of the outlay. I trust the Board of Revenue will approve of my action in this matter.

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

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. Proposals for giving employment in their own trades to skilled artisans have been disallowed by Government in the case of other districts.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 731.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. 1,193.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to G.O. of
the 15th March 1877, No. 1,091, sanction-
ing advances to weavers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 15th March 1877
No 1184:-
Read the following No 152.

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From W. J. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of
North Arcot.
To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sr.
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To
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REVENUE
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
Dated March, 22nd.
Read.
G.O., 22nd March 1877, No. 1,193.
MARCH.
Nos. 730-731.
FAMINE RELIEF, No. 808.
Skilled Artisans in the North Arcot Dis-
trict. — Recording, with reference to G.O. of the
15th March 1877, No. 1,091, Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue submitting for orders letters
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to their trade to certain —

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North Arcot
Collector's Office
Arcot 7th March 1877

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(S) W. S. Whiteside
Collector

Submitted for the orders of Government
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Districts. (True copy & extract)

W. S. Whiteside
Secretary

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and nothing for the others
I got the letter from the
collector of 40th Street pro-
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ment in their new build-
ing to skilled artisans and
stating that such pro-
pals have been disallowed
by Govt in the case of
other districts.

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Received with pleasure
\$20 of the 15th March/77 No 109.

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And also the
as of 24 March
the same day
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