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Famine Relief.

No. 893. Read the following Memorandum from Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 28th March 1877, No. 49:—

AGREEABLY to the instructions of the District Engineer, as per copy of his letter attached, and after communication with Captain Clark, R.E., through my Assistant Lieutenant Scott, paupers from the town camp at Salt Cotaurs, as per margin, were made over to that officer on Friday for work in the junction canal as a first instalment, Captain Clark reporting that he would be able to receive more during the present week.

72 men.
28 women.
9 children.

2. The greater portion of them having returned to town camps yesterday, I this morning visited the Adyar camp, in company with the officers marginally named, and have formed, in conjunction with them, the following conclusions:—

Colonel Farewell.
" Hearn.
Major Thompson, R.E.
Dr. Stanbrough.
Lieutenant Scott.

3. There is no prospect of these pauper relief coolies remaining at the Adyar camp and on work, until adequate arrangements are there made for their reception and detention. They have now to go to Sydapet, a distance of 2 miles, after their day's work, to buy rice, &c.; they are worked on Sunday or not paid. The weakly members of a family are said not to be paid if they do not work, and the one bread-winner has on his 2 Annas consequently to support perhaps a wife and children. I merely point out these facts given to me this morning by the Supervisor in order to show that so long as this is the case it is only natural for the people to return to the town camps and be fed gratis.

4. The present hutting accommodation is four huts to hold 80 or 320 in all. These must be increased if larger numbers are to be taken from my camps. This can be readily done with lean-to huts.

I shall be quite prepared to take over the Adyar camp and supervise it if Government wish it. I could then transfer to it all able-bodied persons in the town camps, and treat them and their families as is now being done at the Munnaby relief camp, from which they are working at the Powder Magazine Traverses. I would merely ask that the Public Works Department should supervise their labor and pay the work-people daily; this department seeing to all the interior arrangements, Commissariat or Sanitary. Until something of this kind be done, these men will not remain on the work. Colonel Farewell is quite of this opinion, and further thinks that the daily wages should also be disbursed by this department, the accounts alone being forwarded to the Executive Officer. I have no personal objection to this arrangement: it is solely one of organisation, and if it be decided that I am to pay them, an additional Conniçopoly, Writer or so, will alone be required.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

28th March 1877.

ENCLOSURE. No 1.

From Major R. M. THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 16th March 1877, No. 6,492.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be so good as to inform me, as soon as practicable, how many "fit laborers" you are now in a position to transfer from the relief camps in your charge to the junction canal work at the Adyar, and how soon you could [illegible] them.

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3. "The District Engineer should place himself at once in communication with the Commissioner of Police, and obtain the transfer of all fit laborers, who could be usefully employed, from the relief camps to the canal work, utilising the camp constructed for the canal purposes for sheltering them."

No. 894. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1877, No. 1,263.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council does not consider there is any necessity to take advantage of Colonel Drever's offer or to transfer laborers from the town camps to the Adyar camp, but directs that the Chepauk end of the canal be begun at once, and that as many able-bodied paupers as possible from the town camps be sent daily, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Police, to that work returning in the evening to their camps.

2. The Public Works Department will be requested to issue the necessary orders relative to the commencement of the work near Chepauk.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Police.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Ed. P. R. Bantleman.

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Madras Police
Commissioner's Office
28th March 1877

W. Shaw
Commissioner of Police.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

No 49

Memorandum

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Majr Thompson R.E.
Dr Staubrough
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"the Camp Constables
"for the Canal purposes for
"sheltering them
from the hostile Sioux,
&c, &c,
Signed N. M. Thompson Major 18th
Fort Stanley
16th March 1877.

Enclosure No 1

District Superintendent
Presidency

(True Copy)
W. Adams
Commissioner of Police

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No 6492.

From The District Engineer
Presidency

To The Commissioner of Police
Madras.

Sir,

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To the Commissioner of Police.
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" the Financial Department.

Ext. F. R. Bantleman.

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Home
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From

The Commissioner of Police
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

No. 2054

Dated 28th March 1877
Rec'd 28th

Informing that he shall be quite prepared to take over the Arpor Camp and Cooperage as arrangements are now being done at the Triplicane Relief Camp.

GA 28 March/77 No. 1263

Home Dept. Relief Camps
Arpor
Triplicane
Cooperage
Relief Camps