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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 947. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1877, No. 1,280:—

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 14th March 1877, No. 167.

THE doubling of the Railway between Arcunum and Madras having been undertaken by the Railway Department, a large number of distressed laborers from Arcunum and other places resort to this work, inasmuch as the full rate of 2 Annas per male is paid as daily wages to them by the officers of that department.

2. A new well is now being constructed from Famine Relief Funds at Arcunum in view to improve the water-supply of the town, which is now failing very seriously. Our relief coolies who are physically incapable of turning a satisfactory amount of work to entitle them to the full rate of wages according to the first scale sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,386, dated 17th ultimo, receive only the reduced rate of wages under the second scale, according to which the rate per male seldom exceeds $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas per diem. The coolies naturally prefer the more remunerative employment on the railroad in the immediate vicinity of Arcunum, and the progress of the work at the new well is much impeded by a sudden fall in the number of workmen engaged there. The necessity of a deviation from the sanctioned scale of wages being thus apparent, I have, in anticipation of sanction, and as a special case, authorized the Arcunum Town Sub-Magistrate to pay the laborers employed at the well at the rate of 2 Annas per man in view to facilitate the progress of the work. Unless this is permitted the digging of the well will have to be suspended until the work on the line is completed, and in that case very great inconvenience will be felt by the residents there. When lately camped at Arcunum, I inspected the wells carefully, and can assure the Board that the present state of things is very serious and likely to become worse if the new well is not pushed on quickly.

3. Soliciting early sanction, I have, &c.

THE Collector is authorized, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, to suspend the rule in the case of the Arcunum well on the understanding that labor of a special kind is required.

2. As to the Railway work, the Board observe that Government have ordered it to be carried out as a relief work on conditions similar to the Cheyaur embankment (G.O., No. 737, dated 3rd March 1877, Public Works Department). As to the latter work, the question whether it is to be exempted from the orders of the 31st January 1877, No. 329, has been laid before Government in Board's Proceedings, 12th March 1877, No. 1,142.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

2 *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1877.*

No. 948. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1877, No. 1,285-D.

Massello, J. J.

THE Collector is authorised to carry out the Arconum well-work at the rates proposed by him.

The Cheyvan embankment has been exempted from the conditions imposed by G.O. of January 31st, 1877, No. 329, F.D., in G.O. of the 22nd March 1877, No. 1,186, R.D.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

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Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenues

Dated 21st March 1877
Read the following No 167

MS. R. No 2756

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

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male

two acres per man in view
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Col. Office
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Collector

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A new well is now being constructed from Famine Relief Funds at Arcunum in view to improve the water supply of the town which is now failing very seriously. Our Relief Coolies who are physically incapable of turning a satisfactory amount of work to entitle them to the full rate of wages according to the first scale sanctioned in Board's Proceedings No. 2386 dated 17th Ultimo receive only the reduced rate of wages under the second scale, according to

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which the rate per male seldom exceeds $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas per diem. The coolies naturally prefer the more remunerative employment on the High Road in the immediate vicinity of Arcunum, and the progress of the work at the new well is much impeded by a sudden fall in the number of workmen engaged there. The necessity of a deviation from the sanctioned scale of wages being thus apparent, I have, in anticipation of sanction and as a special case, authorized the Arcunum Town sub-magistrate to pay the laborers employed at the well at the rate of

12th March 1877

(True Copy + Extract)

W. L. L. L.
Secretary

In the presence of the Hon. Secy. R.D.

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