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Famine Relief.

No. 38. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1877, No. 1,204:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Yerradi-kerra, 10th March 1877, No. 171.

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Order of Government, Financial, No. 329, dated 31st January last, requiring a weekly report upon the results of the introduction of the reduced scale of wages, I have the honor to express my regret at not having been able to make the report ere this.

2. Although orders on the subject were despatched from Bellary on the 6th February, the Government Order having reached me on circuit on the 5th, the new scale did not come into actual operation in many instances until between the 15th and 20th of the month. There has hardly yet been time therefore to observe the results of the change.

3. The process of wastage would be slow, for a man who received only a small amount less than his proper amount of nourishment would not become emaciated rapidly. As however the process if once commenced would, as Dr. Cornish has explained, be none the less injurious to the system which when reduced would be long in recovering its former condition, I earnestly beg that if I do receive reports, or see myself in any instance that the present rate of wage is not sufficient, I may be permitted to increase it by a quarter of an anna without first obtaining permission from Government.

4. Once wastage has commenced, I dread the possible eventual danger to life, if the remedy be not applied directly.

From the date a cooly is inspected by a Division officer to the date when the order of Government might be received to increase his wage, certainly not less than a fortnight, probably three weeks, would elapse.

The continuance of short rations for that time might possibly bring the man to a state from which recovery would be doubtful.

5. The Sub-Collector, Mr. Glenny, reports on the 24th February and again on the 3rd March that no change in the condition of the people since the reduction of the rates of relief wages has been observed. He does not say, however, whether he has received reports from his different Taluk Famine Officers. He could only have seen a few himself.

6. The Deputy Collector of the Bellary Division reports that there has been no change in the condition of the coolies in the Raidrug Taluk.

This I can answer for myself to some extent, for I am at present on circuit in that taluk. The only persons on the works who appear emaciated are those who have large families of young children and who have pinched themselves to provide food for them.

These persons had most likely begun to waste away before the introduction of the reduced scale of wages.

7. Under existing orders, each young child of a laborer on the works is allowed a quarter of an anna. This is a great boon, late as the order came, and it is to be

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd April 1877.*

hoped that the parents, now they get more food, may recover their strength. If they do not, they must be drafted to the relief camps or kitchens.

8. Mr. Howe, who has been in charge of the relief works round Bellary since the 27th February, states that he does not see any change in the condition of the laborers caused by the reduction of wages.

His Superintendents of roads, he says, with but one exception, support this statement.

The system of cash payments, however, was only re introduced on the 20th February, so there has hardly been time to judge.

9. But he proceeds to say that on the Sirgappa road which he had just inspected, and on which there were 7,000 laborers, he removed to a relief camp between 400 and 500 persons who were in "a starving condition," or "physically unfit."

He says that these persons should not have been on the relief works at all. It cannot now be ascertained whether they were emaciated when taken on, but supposing they were, it was unfortunate for them that they should have presented themselves at a time when only a bare subsistence allowance was granted.

Now, of course, they will only be drafted to the works again as they regain strength. The Board, I fear, must be prepared soon for a large increase in the number of persons gratuitously relieved.

10. No reports have been received yet from the Head Assistant Collector or Deputy Collector of the Harpanhalli Division, but I do not delay this in consequence.

SUBMITTED for orders of Government.

2. The Board think the discretionary power asked for in paragraph 3 should be given.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1877, No. 1,305.

Miscellaneous.

THE orders of Government as set out in G.O. of March 15th, No. 1,088, give Mr. Master all the power necessary to enable him to deal with persons on relief works suffering from an insufficiency of sustenance.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman and A. Grubert.

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 24th Feb.

Recd.

G.O. 8th April 1877, No. 1,365.

APRIL.

Nos. 33-39.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 837.

Persons in Relief Works suffering from the effects of the famine in the Bellary District. — Observing that the orders of Government as set out in G.O. 15th March 1877, No. 1,088, give Mr. Master all the power necessary to enable him to deal with —

Revenue Department.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 10 March 1877.

Read the following: —

No. 1204

No. 171.

From the Collector, Bellary

To the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, Madras.

With reference to para 6 of the Order of Govt. Financial No 329, of 31 Jan: last requiring a weekly report upon the results of the introduction of the reduced scale of wages. I have the honor to express my regret at not having been able to make the report on this.

2. Although orders on the subject were despatched from Bellary on the 6th Feb. the Govt. order having reached me in circuit on the 5th, the new scale did not come into actual operation in many instances until between the 15th & 20th of the month. There has hardly been time therefore to observe the results of the change.

3. The process of exchange would be slow for a man, who received only a small amount less than his proper amount of provisions would not become enacuated rapidly. As, however, the process, if well administered would, as I must have explained, be none the less injurious to the system which when reduced would be

be living in recovering its former condition I earnestly beg that if I do receive reports, or see myself in any instance that the present rate of wage is not sufficient, I may be permitted to increase it by a quarter of an anna without first obtaining permission from Government.

4. Once wastage has commenced, I dread the possible eventual danger to life, if the remedy be not applied directly.

From the date a coolie is inspected by a Divisional officer to the date when the order of Govt. might be received to increase his wage certainly not less than a fortnight, probably three weeks would elapse.

The continuance of short rations for that time might possibly bring the man to a state from which recovery would be doubtful.

5. The Subcollector, Mr. Henry reports on the 24 Feb. & again on the 3rd March that no change in the condition of the people since the reduction of the rates of relief wages has been observed. He does not say however, whether he has received reports from his different Taluk Tamime officers. He could only have seen a few himself.

6. The Dy. Collector of the Bellary District reports that there has been no change in the condition of the coolies in the Raiding Taluqs.

This I can answer for myself to some extent for I am at present on circuit, in that Taluk. The only persons on the works who appear emaciated are those who have large families of young children and who have pinched themselves to provide food for them.

These persons had most likely begun to waste away before the introduction of the reduced scale of wages.

7. Under existing orders each young child of a laborer on the works is allowed a quarter of an anna. This as a great boon, late as the order came, and it is to be hoped that the parents, now they get some food, may recover their strength. If they do not, they must be drafted to the relief camps or Kitchens.

8. Mr. Howe, who has been in charge of the Relief works round Bellary since the 2nd February, states that he does not see any change in the condition of the laborers caused by the reduction

power asked for in para 3 should
be given

, True copy and Submit,

W. H. H.
Secretary

To The Additional Secy to Govt
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dated 15 January 1779

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