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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 185. From C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Sholapur, 17th March 1877, No. 139.

In my letter, No. 62, dated 13th February, forwarding copy of Sir Richard Temple's Minute of the 13th February, I had the honor of asking that Sir Richard Temple might be favored with an intimation whether his statement regarding the Government grain purchases was correct. A subsequent Minute, dated 24th February, forwarded under cover of my letter, No. 86, of that date, referred to the same subject. But as yet no reply has been received from you on that particular point.

2. Recently, Sir Richard Temple has learned, from the contents of a letter from the Government of India to your address, that a few weeks ago Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. apparently supplied to the Madras Government grain to replace a certain quantity that had been issued from the reserve. If this be so, then possibly Sir Richard Temple's statement of the Government grain purchases may be incorrect; and he would be greatly obliged if he could be favored with a reply to my letter asking that the account of the Government purchases, contained in his Minute of the 13th February, should be tested, and, if necessary, corrected.

No. 186. From C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Sholapur, 17th March 1877, No. 147.

I AM directed to submit copy of a Minute recorded by Sir Richard Temple after his inspection of the Red Hills and Palaveram relief-camps.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Minute by Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, dated Madras, 14th March 1877.

HAVING inspected the relief-camps at the Red Hills, at Yerroocancherry, and at Palaveram, I desire to record the following observations.—

2. The improvement in the appearance and physical condition of the inmates of the Red Hills camp, since my first visit at the end of January, is very marked. On the day of my visit about 2,000 of these poor people were so far recovered as to be able to work, and were about to be drafted on the relief-works in the neighbourhood.

3. Among the new arrivals, I observe some from the north-east portion of the North Arcot District, especially the Zemindaris of Kalastri and the eastern part of Karvetnaggar, and from the Nellore District, especially the Zemindari of Venkatagiri. This circumstance affords additional proof of the necessity of the increased precaution for ensuring house-to-house visitation, village-to-village, which necessity was mentioned in my Minutes of the 5th March and the 6th March regarding those districts, and which is, I believe, now practically recognised and acted upon by the district authorities themselves.

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4. Though the same facilities for such visitation exist in the Zemindaris as in the regular ryotwaree tracts, yet my visit to those Zemindaris compels me to report to the Madras Government that the Zemindars are either not able or not prepared to do all that is needful, unless further pressure be put upon them. I have suggested that in such Zemindaris the Collector should depute some trustworthy and experienced official, European or native, to see that this visitation is so conducted, that all persons in distress are brought forward for relief. If this were done, then these wandering poor would be straying away from their homes and finding their weary way to the relief camps near Madras itself. So long as new arrivals at the Red Hills camp are people of the Chingleput District, in which the camp is situate, there is no occasion for remark. But when they hail from North Arcot or from Nellore then occasion arises for inquiring as to how and why they left their homes, and why they were picked up near their own villages for care for in their own districts. The occurrence of such cases is calculated to throw doubt on the arrangements for charitable relief in those districts. I trust, however, that it will be found that recently these arrangements have been so far perfected in both these districts, that no more people will come from there—at least no appreciable numbers—to the relief-camps near Madras.

5. At the Yerroocancherry camp, I observed a system of housing and lodging different from that in the other relief-camps. In those camps the people are accommodated in long barrack-like rows of huts. In this camp, however, there are separate huts for each group of two or three families. And there was an air of cheerfulness about the inmates, several hundreds of whom were paraded for my inspection, very different from the air which is generally to be perceived in those camps. Evidently, this sort of camp is much more popular with the poorest classes than the other camps. And the cause appears to lie in the plan of having separate family huts. Inasmuch as the rendering the relief-camp less distasteful than they now are to the poorest classes and to the destitute wanderers, who still have some pride of caste remaining, is one of the problems in this organisation of charitable relief, I would commend the practice of the Yerroocancherry camp to the consideration of the Government of Madras.

6. The Palaveram camp appeared to me to be in very fair order, and the separation of those who are pariahs and below caste was more complete than in some of the camps which have been visited, though even here the arrangements might in this respect be improved.

RICHARD TEMPLE.

(True Copy.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th April 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 1,367.

No. 186-A.

To

C. E. BERNARD, Esq.,
Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters, Nos. 139 and 147, and in reply to the former, to inform you that the statement contained in Sir Richard Temple's Minute of the 13th February (forwarded with your No. 62 of the same date), regarding the Government grain purchases, was not quite correct as representing the reserve, which has never been in excess of 30,000 tons. Sir Richard Temple seems to have at first confused purchases for the reserve with purchases for current expenditure, but his latest Minute on the economic employment of the reserve shows that he now more correctly apprehends the position.

2. With reference to Sir Richard Temple's report in his Minute, forwarded with the latter of the two letters under reply, to the effect that the Zemindars in Nellore and North Arcot are either not able or not prepared to do all that is needful unless further pressure is put upon them, I am directed to enclose, for Sir Richard Temple's information, copies of the two Proceedings of this Government noted in the margin.

G.O. 20th March 1877, No. 1,168.
" 2nd April " " 1,286.

3. Regarding Sir Richard Temple's suggestion that the Yerrakancheri camp huts should be adopted in preference to the barrack-like buildings at the Red Hills camp, for general use as relief-camps, I am to state that the arrangements in question were sanctioned tentatively by this Government, who will be guided in their extended application by the result of further trials.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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From

C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to Sir Richard Temple,

To

J. H. GARSTIN, Esq.,
Additional Secretary to the
Government of Madras,

Dated SHOLAPUR, 17th March, 1877.

SIR,

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recorded by Sir Richard Temple after his in-
spection of the Red Hills and Palaveram relief
camps.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedient Servant,

C. BERNARD,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

Govt. of 1877
REVENUE.

C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I.

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

17th April, 1877.

To

And

APPROVED
No. 1367

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 300

Superseded by Minute on Sir Richard Temple's
Memorandum, regarding Government grain, for
and the Red Hills and Palaveram relief camps.

Minute by Sir Richard Temple, dated Madras,
14th March, 1877.

Having inspected the relief camps at the Red Hills, at Yerroocancherry and at Palaveram, I desire to record the following observations:—

2. The improvement in the appearance and physical condition of the inmates of the Red Hills camp, since my first visit at the end of January, is very marked. On the day of my visit about 2,000 of these poor people were so far recovered as to be able to work, and were about to be drafted on the relief works in the neighbourhood.

3. Among the new arrivals I observe some from the north-east portion of the North Arcot district, especially the Zemindaries of Kalastree and the eastern part of Karvetnuggar, and from the Nellore district, especially the Zemindarie of Venkatagiri. This circumstance affords additional proof of the necessity of the increased precaution for ensuring house-to-house visitation, village-to-village, which necessity was mentioned in my Minutes of the 5th March and the 6th March regarding those districts, and which is, I believe, now practically recognized and acted upon by the district authorities themselves.

3. Though the same facilities for such visitation exist in the Zemindaries as in the regular ryotwaree tracts, yet my visit to those Zemindaries compels me to report to the Madras Government that the Zemindars are either not able or not prepared to do all that is needful, unless further pressure be put upon them. I have suggested that in such Zemindaries the Collector should depute some trustworthy and experienced official, European or Native, to see that this visitation is so conducted, that all persons in distress are really brought forward for relief. If this were done, then these wandering poor would not be straying away from their homes and finding their weary way to the relief camps near Madras itself. So long as new arrivals at the Red Hills camp are people of the Chingleput district, in which the camp is situate, there is no

has collector reported anything?

Special G.O. required

H. Arcot. when anything was wanted!

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why it was used by Govt. itself

5. The Palaveram camp appeared to me to be in very fair order, and the separation of those who are pariahs and below caste, was more complete than in some of the camps which have been visited, though even here the arrangements might in this respect be improved.

RICHARD TEMPLE.

That the Govt. has now taken of the Revenue collected

F. No. 1619.

Revenue {1877} Department.

From

C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

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Dated 17th }
Recd. 19th } March, 1877.

No. 147.

Submitting copy of a Minute by Sir Richard Temple after inspection of the Red Hills and Palaveram relief camps.

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In Secy on 11 April

No 1567 27 7 April 1877

To E. E. Bernard Esq.
C.S.I.

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Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 139 & 147 & in reply to the former to inform you that the statement contained in Sir Richard Temple's Minute of the 13th Feb^r (forwarded with you No 2 of the same date) regarding the Government grain purchases has inaccurately as representing the Reserve, which has never been in excess of 30000 tons.

I do say that Sir R. T. has compared purchases for Reserve & purchases for current expenditure & that the Reserve should by Govt. has now decided

that the purchases have been made over & above that quantity have been made either to replace a portion of the Reserve issued

In R. Temple's Minute to have a fair comparison of purchases for the Reserve with purchases for current expenditure, while his latest Minute on the subject is a plain statement of the fact that the Reserve has been decided by the Government.

Might be not have been of course, as the Govt. has been made a mistake in respect to the purchases of grain.

for current expenditure
or by District Officers
for the payment of
grain wages on the
supply of relief camps
& horses.

2. With reference to
Sir Richard Dampier's
~~report~~ ^{report} [in his Ministry
forwarded with the
letter of the two letters
and ~~in~~ ^{regarding} to the effect
that the ~~Indians~~
in Malabar & N. India
are either not able
or not prepared to
do all that is required
[unless further assistance
is put upon them] I
am directed to answer
for Sir Richard
Dampier in formation
copies of 2 Procs of
his Govt. noted in
the margin [which it
is thought will produce
the required effect.]

* G.O. 20th March 1860.
G.O. 2nd April 1860.

James Duns. observing
at the same time
that Sir R.T.'s latest
Ministry in its various
employment. I should that
he now more correctly
apprehends the position
L.H.

arrangements ~~in connection~~
were sanctioned tentatively
of this Govt. who will be guided
in their application by the
result of further trials
L.H.P.

I am not at all sure
they have all the stated
advantages for the purpose
of relief camps. I do
not think they ought to be
recklessly extended
B.H.

So permit nothing
more expensive or sub-
stantiated the Govt.
Structs M.

3. Regarding Sir R.
Dampier's suggestion that
the Yerakancheri Camp
be adopted in
preference to the tent-like
buildings at the other hills
Camps, for general use
at Relief Camps, I
am to state that the
[Govt.] for the Govt. that
local officers are directed
applying the model on
a wide scale
L.H.P.

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No 139 & 147

From *H. Bernard*

Dated *March 11th* 1877

FOR ORDERS.

Copies of the enclosed letters have been circulated to the members of Govt.

The letter No 62, dated 13th Feb^r, was circulated in original, in receipt, but has not been received back into the office.

In the minute which accompanied that letter Sir R. Temple asked to be informed whether his statement as to the purchases of grain by Govt were correct or not. No answer, it is believed, was sent him - some at least by the undersigned. Orders are now requested whether and if so, what answer is to be

* also to No. 139 was circulated.

Shd be replied to that statement was inaccurate as representing the sum which was not in excess of 30,000 tons the other section refers to grain in the minute being given what had been proposed for current expenses by local D. Officers. I believe that is correct.

Circ.
for approval

DWH

sent him now that he
reports his request for
an answer.

Attention is requested
to Sir R. Temple's
report contained in
Para 2 of his Minute
of the 14th March now
circulated regarding
the inability or
unwillingness of the
Tamil and of Nellore
& N. Strick to inaugurate
house to house visitation
unless further pressure
is put on them.

Orders are requested
whether any notice
is to be taken of the
report or if not
action - L.H.

20/3/77

Also regarding the
recommendation that
the General Assembly
system of camping
is to be generally
adopted - L.H.

Note that Collector has not reported
such difficulty - and
call attention of Collector to
the former order in regard
to report - how far they are concerned
in the Tamil districts - and by
what agency - L.H.

A Special G.O. order as
was suggested yesterday
drafted & signed
L.H.

I do not see any such recommendation

I had reply with reference to his
remark that the plan which he
recommends the recommendation of to
the Govt. had been directed by
the Govt. tentatively - but the Govt.
are not yet in a position to decide

on its merits & demerits under
longer trial - L.H.

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I am sure that the Govt. believe
that local officers are already
applying the model on a wide
scale - 24/2 L.H.

FOR ORDERS.

Feb 19