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Famine Relief.

No. 187. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

24th March 1877, No. 1,331:—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 10th March 1877, No. 495:—

In continuation of my letter, No. 363, dated 26th February 1877, I have the honor to report that I have advanced another 200 Rupees for furniture and other appliances required at the temporary hospital at Guntoor. The shed is being proceeded with.

2. Mr. Horsbrugh reports the influx into the town of a daily increasing number of famishing wanderers, apparently from the Nellore and Kurnool Districts. The people have neither food to eat nor a place to rest in. They are not so bad as to require to be sent to the temporary hospital, though there are children amongst them requiring immediate attention and protection.

3. I enclose the Zillah Surgeon's report on the condition of these poor wanderers. I do not see that I can leave them that the strong may continue to wander further on, or that, if I do, they have much chance of life, while the weak must be taken care of now.

4. Their number is so great that it is necessary a camp should be established, and I have, subject to approval, advanced to the Sub-Collector Rupees 400 with instructions to run up at some convenient spot outside the town four sheds to accommodate twenty-five persons each as a beginning.

5. The Town Sub-Magistrate will conduct the camp work under the immediate eye of the Sub-Collector or the Zillah Surgeon. A Police Constable, or if one is not available, a Revenue Peon from the taluq office will be the camp maistry to keep order there. A cook and the necessary scavengers will be the only paid servants that will be employed. For all other work necessary at the camp, arrangements will be made to have it done, as far as possible, by the recipients of relief.

6. Only the really deserving will be fed in the sheds.

7. I shall perhaps be not far from the mark if I estimate the monthly expenditure at Rupees 500.

8. I request instructions what is to be done with persons capable of work who refuse to do it. Many of these people have been begging for the last two or three months, and absolutely refuse work—are they to be refused food?

9. It is presumed that those sent to work at the Government relief works can be sent under Police escort.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon S. M. TYRRELL, Zillah Surgeon of Guntoor, to B. HORSBRUGH, Esq., Sub-Collector of the Kistna District, dated Guntoor, 24th February 1877, No. 331.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the time has come for us to provide shelter and accommodation for the people who are daily flocking into the town for food.

2. These people arrive here in a more or less debilitated condition with emaciated bodies and attenuated limbs.

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3. Yesterday there were several people at the dispensary who, after being prescribed for, ~~orders~~ ^{orders} ~~to be sent~~ ^{to be sent} to the Sub-Magistrate and Munsif. The former with the money, as they are not able to cook.
4. A man died on the night of the 22nd instant just outside of the Municipal limits. He with his wife and two children came to this town from some village beyond Bellary.
5. On the way they received but little food; in some villages they got none, in others but a handful of boiled rice which was mixed with a potful of water and divided among them.
6. He got some stale congee a few days before his death which, after being mixed with water, he drank, giving some to his children. Diarrhoea set in and he died quite exhausted.
7. His wife informed the Municipal Conservancy Overseer that they had been starving for ten days.
8. One of the children suffering from starvation and fever died last night, and the other died in hospital from diarrhoea. He was in a dying condition when received.
9. This morning the Assistant Conservancy Overseer found a man lying under a culvert on the road to Budampad. I ordered the Overseer to take him some warm congee from the hospital. He is now reported to be well, the Town Magistrate having attended to him.
10. The town is full of half-starved persons, who are found in the verandahs of godowns and chuttrums and under trees, &c.
11. All these I have seen are not, from their physical weakness, fit to work. They require feeding, and if this be not afforded them they must sooner or later die.
12. Food and accommodation are what they require.
13. The Famine Relief Committee have, I think, ordered that, as a temporary measure, strangers receive half seer of rice, but this they will not be able to grant for long, because they have to feed the poor of the town.
14. The people who are flocking into the town from famine-stricken parts, especially from the south, were under the impression when they left their own homes and villages that their wants would be relieved here, but that such is not the case several have learnt to their cost.
15. I should not have troubled you with this letter were it not for the importance of the subject—the saving of life.
16. As the health and sanitary officer of this district, I beg to bring these matters to your notice, so that measures may be speedily taken by which the sick, the dying, and the starving may all be attended to; the former at the shed now under construction in the hospital compound, and the latter at the sheds I now propose should be constructed.
17. The influx of starving and destitute strangers is daily rapidly increasing, and it behoves us to have them located in a relief camp some little distance outside the town. Many of them came from and through cholera-infected districts.
18. The health of this town is just now satisfactory, and we must use every sanitary precaution to keep it so.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. PRUSHOTHAMAYA,
Deputy Collector.

The Collector's action in opening a relief camp at Guntoor is fully approved. A grant of Rupees 5,000 is placed at his disposal for expenditure on gratuitous relief.

2. The painful fact that deaths have already occurred amongst persons wandering to Guntoor in search of maintenance shows that work is not freely obtainable, and that the orders issued to village officers in view to the prevention of such deaths have not been observed.

3. It seems to be necessary to intercept these wanderers at some points nearer the frontiers than Guntoor and to establish relief camps for their reception at Vir-

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kondah under the Deputy Collector for those coming from Kurnool and Bellary, and at Inkole or some place on the southern frontier. The Collector should also cause special precautions to be adopted on the main roads, especially those leading to secure that cases of distressed travellers may not escape notice. Further and stringent orders on the subject should be issued to all revenue and village officers, and the assistance of the Beat Head Constables should also be obtained. The condition of the local people seems fair, and special visitation of villages need not perhaps yet be organized, but it is evident that further measures must be taken to watch the chief roads.

4. It is stated that one family in which deaths took place at Guntoor had come from a village beyond Bellary. The Collector should take steps to ascertain whence all persons relieved have come, why they have not obtained relief in their own districts, and whether any cases of persons, who have been turned off the works owing to the recent reductions in the Ceded Districts, have come to light.

5. Persons in relief camps should not be kept in absolute idleness; light work suitable to their condition should be provided in the camps, or near them, for those who are able to work at all; and those who are fit for labor on regular relief works should be sent thither. If able-bodied persons refuse to work, they should not be admitted to relief.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 188.

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1877, No. 1,368.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's instructions to the Collector are approved. The Government much regret to learn that in one or two instances destitute wanderers at Guntoor have sunk from exhaustion, the result of disease produced by want of food, before assistance could reach them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ all Collectors.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 24th March 1877.
 No. 1337:-
 Read the following:-

Recd
 G.O. No. 24/95

No. 495

From
 The Collector of
 Krishna District.
 To The Secretary to the
 Board of Revenue
 Madras.

Sir, In continuation of
 my letter No. 263. February
 26th 1877 I have the honor to
 report that I have advanced
 another Rs. 200 for furniture
 and other appliances required
 at the temporary Hospital at
 Guntur. The shed is being
 proceeded with.

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Cost of (1877) Mysore.
 REVENUE.
 The BOARD OF REVENUE.
 Dated April 7th.
 Recd.
 G.O. 7th April 1877, No. 1368.
 End.
 APRIL.
 Nos. 187-188.
 FAMINE RELIEF, No. 913.

*Letter of destitute persons from other districts
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 instructions to the Collector regarding the — and
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Mr. Worabough reports the influx, into the Town, of a daily increasing number of famishing wanderers. Apparently from the Kellie and Kinnaird Districts. The people have neither food to eat nor a place to rest in. They are not so bad as to require to be sent to the temporary Hospital; though there are children amongst them requiring immediate attention and protection.

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I enclose the Billah Surgeon's Report on the condition of these poor

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4.

Their number is so great that it is necessary a camp should be established, and I have, subject to approval, advanced to the Sub Collector Rs. 400, with instructions to run up, at some convenient spot outside the Town, four sheds to accommodate 25 persons each as

a beginning -

5. The Town Sub. Magistrate will conduct the camp work under the immediate eye of the Sub Collector or the Billaah Surgeon. A police constable or, if one is not available, a Revenue Peon from the Taluk office will be the camp master, to keep order there. A cook and the necessary scavengers will be the only paid servants that will be employed. For all other work necessary at the camp, arrangements will be made to have ~~the~~ it done, as far

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Krishna D. S. Shetty
Collector's office / 100/ J. D. Suman
Dandipatam Collector
10 March 1877

Enclosure
Ch. 33/

To the Sub Collector and
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food. I could only refer
them to the sub-magistrate
and Munsiff. The former
gives, under order I believe,
1 1/2 annas to each applicant,
but what can these weakly
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as they are not able to
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Kuntar 24th / 100 / S. M. Syred, Surgeon
February 1877 / 3 / Zillah Surgeon of Kuntar

(True copy)
/ 100 / B. Horabugh
Sub-collector

(True copy)
/ 100 / D. Purnottamaya
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(True copy & Extract)

W. B. Stokes
Secretary

To the Collector of the Madras
(True Copy)

Respectfully

Secretary

To the Additional Secretary
to Govt. R.O.

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