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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1384-A  
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Dated 10-4-1877

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**Famine Relief.**

No. 219-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1877, No. 1,441 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 24th March 1877, No. 209.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the Board's information and orders of Government, copy of a letter, dated the 12th instant, No. 63, from the special relief officer attached to this district, proposing some alterations in the scale of diet now in force in the Palaveram and Poonamallee relief camps; and to observe that if the Government approve of the same, the Madras scale of diet should also be modified accordingly to preserve uniformity.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major A. G. MURRAY, Special Relief Officer, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 12th March 1877, No. 63.

I THINK it is only right that I should bring to your immediate notice that the Madras scale of diet for relief camp idlers, 1½ lbs. of raw rice cooked for an adult, is more than a necessary amount of daily food for the preservation of good health and condition in a non-working man.

2. On the other hand, however, the amount of condiment allowed is too small, and the allowance of this portion of the pauper's diet ought, I am convinced for their health's sake, to be granted at the rates at first ordered by Government.

In this I am strongly supported by the opinion of the Superintendents and Hospital Assistants of my camps.

3. The mixture made from the amount of condiment allowed under the Madras diet scale is merely a sort of tasteless discolored water without either comfort or body.

4. With, however, a fairly strong pepper-water, which would cost a mere nothing more than what is allowed, I do think most certainly and after considerable experience that 1 lb. of raw rice cooked is amply sufficient to keep up the bodily health and condition of our camp adult paupers; these (adults) are mostly old and infirm persons who do not require as much food as a healthy middle-aged adult would.

5. My camp idlers before this Madras scale of diet came out were getting only in the day ½ lb. of raw rice cooked, and they were doing wonderfully well on that allowance.

6. I need not draw your attention to the great saving to Government that such a diminution in the daily ration all over the country would make if it be thought that this ration is sufficient, and I am convinced that this is sufficient.

7. I was called upon by Government a few days ago to give my opinion as to how the present scale of diet and of reduction of wage was affecting our camp inmates and laborers, in reply, I drew the attention of the Government to the facts as they stand.

If 1½ lb. of raw rice with condiment is not too much for the camp pauper, certainly the wage paid a working man (i.e., the value of 1 lb. of raw rice, now pice 10 + 6 = annas 1-4.) must be quite insufficient.

8. I would venture to suggest that if a further expenditure is not now thought advisable on wages for work done that at least the working man may be the recipient of the value of the extra 1½ lb. of rice, not the non-working pauper who in no way stands in the same need of it.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department*  
10th April 1877.

SUBMITTEL for the orders of Government. The Madras scale is, the Board believe, approved by the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary.

No. 219-B.

ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1877, No. 1,384-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector will be referred to  
G.O., 20th March 1877, No. 1,159.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Financial Department.  
„ the Collector of Chingleput.

Enl. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1877. No. 1461

Read the following:-

N<sup>o</sup> 209.

From

R. W. Barlow Esq<sup>r</sup>

Collector of the Chingleput District.

Board's M<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 3221.

To

H. E. Stokes Esq<sup>r</sup>

Secretary to the Board of Revenue,  
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the Board's information and orders of Government copy of a letter dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant N<sup>o</sup> 63 from the Special Relief Officer attached to this District proposing some alterations in the scale of diet now in force in the Pallamaram and Ponnai = mallee relief Camps and to observe that if the Government approve of the same, the Madras scale of diet should also be modified accordingly to preserve uniformity.

Chingleput District,  
Collector's Office  
Sydapat, 24<sup>th</sup> March 1877

I have H<sup>o</sup> <sup>re</sup>  
(Signed) R. W. Barlow,  
Collector

(Enclosure)

Cost. of (1877) 300000.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April 10th.

cc, Secy, do

G.O. 101 April 1877, No. 1,884-A.

APRIL

No. 213-A-219-B.

PAID BY BANK, No. 9337.

Rule of Diet now in force in Relief Camps at  
Pallamaram and Ponnai = mallee in the Chingleput District.  
— Referring the Collector to G.O. 201  
March 1877, No. 1,152, 7th reference to the pro-  
posed for making some alterations in the —

(Enclosure)

No 63.

From

The Special Relief Officer

Chingleput District

To

The Collector of Chingleput District

Saidapet.

Sir,

I think it is only right that I should bring to your immediate notice that the Madras scale of diet for Relief Camp idlers,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of raw rice cooked for an adult, is more than a necessary amount of daily food for the preservation of good health and condition in a non-working man.

(2) On the other hand, however, the amount of condiment allowed is too small and the allowance of this portion of the pauper's diet, ought, I am convinced for their health's sake, to be granted at the rates at first ordered by Govt.

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(5) My Camp idlers before this Madras scale of diet came out, were getting only in the day  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb of raw rice cooked and they were doing wonderfully well on that allowance.

(6) I need not draw your attention to the great saving to Government that such a diminution in the daily ration all over the country would make if it be thought that this ration is sufficient and I am convinced that this is sufficient.

(7) I was called upon by Government a few days ago to give my opinion as to how the present scale of diet and of reduction of wage was affecting our Camp inmates and Labourers, in reply, I drew the attention of the Government to the facts as they stand.

If  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb of raw rice with condiment is not too much for the Camp pauper, certainly the wage paid to working man (i.e., the value of 1 lb of raw rice, now  $\frac{11-10+6}{1-4}$ ) must be quite insufficient.

8. I would venture to suggest that if a further expenditure is not now thought advisable on wages for work done that at least the working man may be the recipient of the value of the extra  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb of rice, not the non-working pauper who in any way stands in the same need of it.

Saint Thomas Mount  
12 March 1877

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Signed, A. G. Murray, Major  
Special Relief Officer

Submitted for the orders  
of Government. The Madras scale  
is

is, the Board believe, approved by the  
Sanitary Commissioner.

(True copy & Extract)

Respectfully  
Secretary.

To The Additional Secretary to  
Government  
Revenue Department.

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