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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 221A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877, No. 1,466:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd March 1877, No. 284.

I HAVE the honor to furnish the information called for in paragraph 6, Board's Proceedings, dated 19th February 1877, No. 700.

2. The number of coolies reported for the week ending 3rd February, viz., 76,049; or 62 per cent. of the recorded population, was correct according to the returns sent.

3. The enormous increase referred to was not the result of the daily numbers having been added up for some works as supposed by the Board.

4. I attribute the increase to the following causes, viz.:—

1st.—To the pernicious system which was in vogue of paying the village headmen a daily capitation allowance for every gang of a hundred persons they brought on to the works. The Reddies took full advantage of this and brought swarms of people on to the works unnecessarily.

2nd.—To the high rate of wages given for some time.

3rd.—To the laxity with which task-work was exacted.

5. I put a peremptory stop to the Reddies being directly interested in keeping up the numbers as soon as I was made aware of the fact, and this circumstance, combined with the measures adopted for the enforcement of task-labor and the improved supervision made available, has resulted in the gradual diminution of numbers, which, for the week ending 3rd March, amounted to under 42,000.

6. Coolies from the Venkatagiry Zemindari in the Nellore District did resort to Cumbum, but with the opening out relief-works in that district, and with the enforcement of task-work in the Cumbum Division, they have mostly left.

7. In a letter which I received on the 9th instant from Mr. Farmer, he mentioned that money-wages were being gradually substituted for grain-payments throughout his division.

RECORDED.

2. The Head Assistant's explanation regarding the extraordinary practice referred to in paragraph 4, clause 1, should be submitted to the Board, and they wish to know for how long it was in force.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 221B.

ORDER THEREON 10th April 1877, No. 1,385A.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the explanation called for.

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

2. Grain-payments must be again resorted to by Mr. Farmer until he has disposed of the stock of grain he has on hand, other than the reserve at depôts.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Revenue Department
 Proceeding of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 2nd April 1877.

Read the following:-

Ch. 284

From
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 Ch. 3008

Cost. of (1877) Mysore.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 1877.

Recd.

G.O. 10th April 1877. No. 1883A.

APRIL.

No. 221A-221B.

FAVINE RELIEF, No. 928A.

Revenue Relief in the Kurnool District.
 Awaiting the explanation called for by the Board
 regarding the practice of paying a contribution
 allowance to village headmen in connection with
 the relief of famine, it is requested that the same
 be reported to by Mr. Kurnool. It is also requested
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 the reserve at depots.

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(True Copy & Extract)
1st H. C. Stokes
Secretary

To the Collector of Mysore
(True Copy)

H. Stokes

Secretary

To the Secy to Govt.
R.A.

By 8th Dec

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James H. Thompson

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Dear Sir
I have the pleasure
of acknowledging the
receipt of your letter
of the 10th inst. in re-
gard to the increase in
the number of
the West India
Company.

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