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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th February 1877, No. 712.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 427. *Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 1st February 1877.*

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated 18th January 1877, No. 33.

With reference to paragraph 11 of the Proceedings of the Court of Wards noted in the margin on the Ramnad Devastanam Jammabundy Report for fasli 1284,

24th August 1876, No. 2177.

I have the honor to forward herewith Mr. Lee-Warner's letter, No. 6, dated the 5th January 1877, submitting an application, under the Land Improvement Act, for an advance of Rupees 25,102 to be expended upon the irrigation works in certain devastanam villages attached to the Ramnad Estate. Mr. Lee-Warner proposes to mortgage the villages themselves in which he wishes to execute the repairs as security for repayment of the advance, which he promises to make in eight instalments with interest at 6¼ per cent. per annum. The particulars as to the works on which the outlay is proposed and the value of the villages pledged as security, &c., are contained in the accompanying statement (A). I recommend the payment of the advance as requested by the Special Assistant Collector. The execution of the works will not only be beneficial to the estate, but will provide employment where it is much wanted at present. The enclosures to the Special Assistant Collector's letter are herewith submitted.

The Court fear that, in the present state of the finances, it would be useless to submit the application, the Government of India having ruled that no such loans shall be made for the present except for purposes which admit of no postponement, nor does there appear to be any prospect of raising a loan locally (G.O., 13th November 1876, No. 2030). Looking to the advisability of providing employment for labor in the Ramnad Estate during the present distress and the great utility of the works on which it is proposed to expend the money, the Court resolve to lay the papers before Government with the suggestion that the sum required, viz., Rupees 25,102, should be advanced from Relief Funds, to be repaid as proposed in Statement B; the security is ample and repayment certain, whilst the outlay will provide employment for those who would otherwise be thrown on the State Relief Works, besides being of lasting benefit to the Devastanam villages.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

Fort St. George, 6th February 1877. (Signed) J. H. GARSTIN, *Addl. Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.*

No. 128. Order thereon, 24th February 1877, No. 712.

The Government sanction the proposed arrangement.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with papers.
" Revenue Department (Famine).
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

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