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Famine Relief

No. 284. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1877 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1877, No. 201.

REFERRING to paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 329, dated the 31st January, I have the honor to forward copies of reports received from the Sub-Collector, from the Officer in charge of relief-works, Bellary, and from the Deputy Collector, Anantapur.

2. Mr. Glenn certainly states that he does not think the physical condition of the people on relief has deteriorated in consequence of the reduction of wages; but he goes on to say that the gangs present a far poorer appearance than they did a month ago. I do not myself see why he should only put this down to the elimination of persons of good physique.

I should very much fear that it must be partly ascribed to the bare subsistence allowance.

3. The Deputy Collector of Anantapur, Narasinga Row, does not see any deterioration; but he also goes on to say that the subsistence allowance is not sufficient.

4. In my tour through the Raidrug Taluq I have not myself noticed any deterioration, but it may be going on all the same. The scale had not been long enough in force to allow of the information being easily obtained.

5. I do not delay this report for others. They do not come in as regularly as they ought, although divisional officers were told to send them every Saturday; they are, of course, dependent on the reports of subordinates.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From K. NARASINGA ROW, Temporary Deputy Collector of Anantapur Division, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 8th March 1877, No. 57.

With reference to your foot-note of the 5th ultimo on Proceedings of Government, dated 31st January last, No. 329, I beg to submit my following report for the week ending with 3rd instant.

2. It appears from the Tahsildar's reports that no change of any kind has yet taken place in the physical condition of the coolies, but the Tahsildar of Dharmavaram suggests that the wages should be for a man 2 annas, and 1 anna for a boy or girl, as the present rate is not sufficient to procure condiments.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Official Memorandum from the Sub-Collector of Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Ghooty, 10th March 1877, No. 65.

Has the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 329, of 31st January 1877, paragraph 6, to say that according to his own observation and that of the officers assisting him, he does not think the physical condition of the people on relief has deteriorated in consequence of the reduction

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12th April 1877.

of wages. The gangs now, it is true, present a far poorer appearance than they did a month ago. But he conceives that this is owing to the elimination of persons conspicuously well nourished physique.

(Signed) W. H. GLENNY,
Sub-Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From W. A. HOWE, Esq., Sub-Divisional Officer, Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 13th March 1877, No. 665.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 329, dated 31st January last, paragraph 6, to report that there has been no noticeable change in the condition of the laborers on our works since my last weekly report sent to you on the 5th instant.

2. I have visited several of these works during the week, and have constantly received reports from all. The people continue in good condition, and the relief camps which are being formed under G.O., No. 515, dated 5th ultimo, are attracting the weak and emaciated who are quite unfit for labor from the works.

3. The Tahsildar, who has just returned from an inspection tour, reports that the condition of the people in general is good, and that the system of village relief is working well.

4. I would solicit sanction to send this report once a fortnight instead of once a week. It is very difficult in so short a time as a week to notice any change in the condition of the people, and I think sounder conclusions could be drawn after a longer observation.

5. Should there, however, be any urgent matter to report, it will be brought to notice at once.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board call attention to Mr. Howe's remark that the weak and emaciated are, from time to time, removed from the gangs. If this be so, the absence of apparent falling off is accounted for.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 285.

ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1877, No. 1,406.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Howe reports that the relief camps "are attracting the weak and emaciated, who are quite unfit for labor, from the works;" but the Government presume that the fact of whether they are unfit for work or not is decided for them, and that they are, in fact, sent from the works to the camps as assumed by the Board. The Government do not understand how persons quite unfit to labor are on the works under Mr. Howe's charge if they have not lost condition while on them, and desire to be informed regarding those removed as weak and emaciated, how long they had been on the works, and whether they had been performing ordinary tasks thereon.

2. Mr. Glenny's report seems to amount to this, that his gangs are now composed of persons whose physical condition is poor, but not worse than it was a month ago.

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3. The papers will be communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner for early report, and the Collector should act according to the discretion he has if apprehensive.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Collector of Bellary.
.. the Sanitary Commissioner.
.. the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 28 March 1877

Read the following

No 201

From

The Meeter Bellary

To

The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.
REVENUE.
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
Date, April 1st 1877.
G.O. 124 April 1877 No 1406.
APRIL.
Nos. 234-235.
FAMINE RELIEF, No 947.
Papers from the people in consequence of
relief of the people in the Bellary District. — Passing
on the —; during certain information regarding
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under Mr. Hony's charge, communicating the
papers to the Secretary Commissioner for early
report and ordering the Collector to not according
the direction he has, if appropriate.

that he does not think the physical condition of the people on Relief has deteriorated in consequence of the reduction of wages, but he goes on to say that the gangs present a far poorer appearance than they did a month ago. I do not myself see why he should only put this down to ^{the} elimination of persons of good physique.

I should very much fear that it must be partly ascribed to the bare subsistence allowance.

3. The Deputy Collector of Anantapur & Parangula Row does

does not see any deterioration, but he also goes on to say ^{10/6} that the subsistence allowance is not sufficient.

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Bellary Collecting Office } I have the
19 March 1877 }
Camp Khandamuram Taluk }
S^d J. M. Master
Collector

No 57

From

The Temporary Deputy Collector

To The District Division

The Collector of Bellary.

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Camp Kalliaudra } S^d M. Narasimha Rao
8 March 1877 } J. Dy. Collector & District
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The Sub Collector Bellary

To
The Collector of Bellary

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Gosty
Dated 10 March 1897

1st N. H. Glening
Sub Collector

No 665

From
N. A. Howe Esquire

To
Sub Divisional Officer Bellary

J. N. Master Esquire

Collector of Bellary
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S^d W. A. Howe
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S^d J. H. Master
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Submitted for the information
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True copy and Extract,
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Proctor
Secretary

To
The Adml Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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the subject of

No 1405
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12th June 1877

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