

(1) Number of pages 16
(2) Date of repair _____
(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1454	Press
~~B.P. No.~~		~~Mis.~~
Dated	17 - 4 - 1877	197.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

114

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 380-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877, No. 1,477:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kundurpee, 22nd March 1877, No. 218:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. —, dated the 7th, and No. —, dated the 9th instant, on the subject of the excessive number of laborers in the Adoni Taluq, I have the honor to forward copy of a report, No. 80, dated the 17th instant, from the Sub-Collector.

2. As the Board are aware Mr. W. B. Oldham, of the Bengal Service, is now in charge of the taluq. He has two officers under him, Captain Hamilton and Mr. Alexander.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 17th March 1877, No. 80.

With reference to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, of 8th instant, Revenue Department, paragraph 2, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.

2. In the first place the Board observe that the excessive numbers in the Adoni and Alur Taluqs were still not satisfactorily explained.

3. As to the causes of peculiarly wide-spread real distress in Adoni I have already written at length. As to the increase of numbers subsequent to the middle of January, I beg to state that on about the 20th January (as my file of orders is just now with Mr. Oldham I cannot give the precise date) I issued a Circular to Taluq Relief Officers, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, Superintendents, and Assistant Superintendents ordering immediate large reductions by weeding and despoiling the process. Nor did I content myself with written orders. I repeatedly lectured the Tahsildar on the subject. I had to leave Adoni on 2nd February.

4. On the 7th February at Gooty I received information which led to my despatching on that day the following telegram to Captain Hamilton:—

“Tahsildar reports 86,000 coolies, that is increase of 11,000 since reduction ordered. Enforce immediate large reductions. Prohibit Maistries and Revenue Inspectors from admitting coolies.”

5. Yet after this, though duly communicated to the Tahsildar, the numbers ran up within a few days to 88,000.

6. Secondly, the Board remark that it was evident that there had been much fraud.

7. To show that I had done what I could to awaken the Tahsildar, the Superintendents, and Assistant Superintendents to the risk of fraud and to make them take the right way to check it, I submit the following extracts from Circulars dated only a few day before (on the 17th February) I began my own extensive raids in person upon the Maistries. Be it noted that here again I had not confined myself to written orders, but had scores of times lectured the Tahsildar, the Superintendents, &c., on the necessity for frequent scrutiny of gangs and books.

I.—Extract from Circular to Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. Copies to Taluq Relief Officers and Tahsildars, dated 26th January 1877.

“Paragraph 2. You must make a point of occasionally mustering a gang and seeing that all are present If you detect a Maistry in any tricks suspend him and enter the circumstances in your diary. Any dishonesty on the part of the paying establishment must be the subject of an immediate brief report to the Tahsildar. Notice the circumstance in your diary.”

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1877.*

II.—Extract from Circular to Taluq Relief Officers, dated 30th January 1877.

"The Sub-Collector requests the special attention of the Taluq Relief Officers to the necessity of taking strong measures simultaneously every where with the Maistries. Of all classes that we have had to deal with, the Maistries have been found the worst. They have generally been drawn from the classes Most prone to trickery of all sorts There is no doubt that they have in many cases been guilty of corruption."

8. I humbly trust that it is clear that I am not fully responsible for the two successive increases in numbers. I passed a clear and emphatic order. The reverse of what I ordered was done. I remonstrated by telegraph and repeated my order. A second time the reverse of what I ordered was done.

9. As to the fraud on the part of the Maistries, my warning was emphatic, and recent, and was a repetition of very many previous warnings. The efficacy of the check I prescribed and the fact that it had never been applied were sufficiently proved by the circumstance that when I myself applied the check to eight Maistries' gangs (about 2,000 people) in order, on a work taken at random, I detected seven Maistries in two kinds of fraud, for one of which they are now committed to the Court of Session.

10. I respectfully submit that strengthening a staff composed of men like the Adoni Tahsildar Pampapathy Row, and Pensioner Dore on whose road I detected the frauds above mentioned, is a multiplication of broken reeds to lean upon. A very able Bengal Officer is now in charge of Adoni Taluq. Previously Sir Richard Temple's two visits had galvanized even Pampapathy Row into exertions which led to reductions of numbers. Moreover, Captain Hamilton, Mr. Oldham, Public Works Department, and I had made our raids upon the Maistries, so that when I gave over charge of Adoni Taluq a good deal of the rough work had been done. I trust I shall be excused for taking this last opportunity of attempting to show that it was not for want of exertions on my part or because I was over-trustful that in my time at Adoni numbers rose excessively and fraud was rampant.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for information of Government, with reference to G.O., dated 20th March 1877, No. 1,161.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 380-B.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1877, No. 1,453-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government do not consider Mr. Glenny's explanation satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Financial Department.

Ed. T. D. Ryan.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 2^d April 1877 No. 1277

Read the following

Board's G.O.
No. 3283

No. 218

From,

The Collector,
Bellary

To, The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir,
With reference to the Proceedings
of the Board No. —, dated the 7th and
No. — dated the 9th Instant, on the subject
of the excessive number of labourers in
the Adoni Taluk, I have the honor
to forward copy of a report No. 80, dated
the 17th Instant from the Sub-Collector.

2. As the Board are aware, Mr.
M. B. Oldham of the Bengal Service
is now in charge of the Taluk. He
has

Cost. of (1877) 300000.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

REVENUE.

REVENUE.

G.O. 17th April 1877, No. 1450-A.

A.P.R.L.

No. 320-A-366-B.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Expense of Excessive Labourers in Adoni Taluk.
Resolving Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
in regard to the — and observing that Mr. Oldham's
explanation in connection with it is not satisfactory.

He has two Officers under him - Captain
Hamilton and Mr Alexander.

Bellary Collector's Office,
22 March 1877 -
Camp, Hundurpee
Dharmavaram Salug -

I have &c

(Signed) J. H. Master
Collector.

Read also the following

To, J. H. Master Esq.,
Collector of Bellary

Sir,
With reference to Proceedings, Board
of Revenue, of 8th Instant, Revenue Depart-
ment, Para 2, I have the honor to submit
the following remarks.

2. In the first place the Board observed
that the excessive numbers in the
Adoni and Alur Taluqs were still
not satisfactorily explained.

As

3. As to the causes of peculiarly
wide spread real distress in Adoni
I have already written at length.
As to the increase of numbers subsequent
to the middle of January, I beg to state
that on about the 20th January (as my
file of orders is just now with Mr
Aldham. I cannot give the precise date)
I issued a Circular to Talug Relief
Officers, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars,
Superintendents and Assistant Super-
intendents. Ordering immediate large
reductions by weeding and describing the
process. Nor did I content myself
with written orders. I repeatedly
lectured the Tahsildar on the subject.
I had to leave Adoni on 2nd February.

On

4. On the 7th February at Gooty
I received information which led to
my despatching on that day the following
telegram to Captain Hamilton.

"Tahsildar reports 86000 Coolies -
that is, increase of 11000 since reduction
ordered. Enforce immediate large &
reductions. Prohibit Ministries and
Revenue Inspectors from admitting Coolies."

5. Yet after this, though duly com-
-municated to the Tahsildar, the numbers
ran up within a few days to 88,000.

6. Secondly, the Board remark
that it was evident that there had
been much fraud.

7. To shew that I had done what I

155/6
I could to awaken the Tahsildar,
the Superintendents & Assistant Super-
-intendents, to the risk of fraud, and to
make them take the right way to check
it, I submit the following extracts from
Circulars, dated only a few days before
(on the 17th February) I began my
own extensive rounds in person upon
the Ministries. Be it noted that here
again I had not confined myself
to written orders, but had scores of
times lectured the Tahsildar, the
Superintendents & on the necessity
for frequent scrutiny of gangs and
books.

I

Extract from Circular to Superintendents
and Assistant Superintendents. Copies to Taluk
Police Officers and Tahsildars. 26 January 1877
"Para 2. You must make a point of occasionally

Mustering a gang and seeing that all
are present x x x x If you
detect a Maistry in any tricks, suspend
him, and enter the circumstances
in your diary. Any dishonesty on
the part of the paying establishment
must be the subject of an immediate
brief report to the Tahsildar. Notice
the circumstances in your Diary?

II

Extract from Circular to Salug
relief Officers— Dated 30th January 1877.

"The Sub-Collector requests the
special attention of the Salug relief
Officers to the necessity of taking strong
measures simultaneously everywhere
with the Maistries. Of all classes
that we have had to deal with, the
Maistries

Maistries have been found the worst.
They have generally been drawn from
the Classes x x x most prone to
trickery of all sorts x x x. It is
no doubt that they have in many
cases been guilty of corruption."

8. I humbly trust that it is clear
that I am not fully responsible for
the two successive increases in number.
I issued a clear and emphatic
order. The reverse of what I ordered
was done. I remonstrated by telegram
and repeated my order. A second time
the reverse of what I ordered was
done.

9. As to the fraud on the part of
the Maistries my warning was emphatic
and recent, and was a repetition of very
many

many previous warnings. The efficacy of the check I prescribed and the fact that it had never been applied, were sufficiently proved by the circumstance that when I myself applied the check to eight Maistries' gangs (about 2000 people) in order, on a work taken at random, I detected seven Maistries in two kinds of fraud; for one of which they are now committed to the Court of Session.

10. I respectfully submit that strengthening a staff composed of men like the Adoni Tahsildar Pampapathy Rao, and Penseenar Dore on whose road I detected the frauds above mentioned is a multiplication of broken reeds to lean upon. A very able Bengal Officer is now in charge of Adoni Salug. Previously, Sir Richard Temple's two visits had galvanized even Pampapathy Rao into exertions

exertions, which led to reductions of numbers. However, Captain Hamilton, Mr. Oldham & P. M. and I, had made our raids upon the Maistries; so that when I gave over charge of Adoni Salug a good deal of the rough work had been done. I trust I shall be excused for taking this last opportunity of attempting to show that it was not for want of exertions on my part, or because I was over trustful that in my time at Adoni numbers were excessively and fraud was rampant.

Gooty
17th March
1877-

I have &c
(Signed) Mr. E. Glenny
Sub-Collector.

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. E. Master
Collector.

Submitted

Submitted for information of Government
with reference to Government Order 20th
March 1877 N^o 1161.

(True Copies & Extract)

Prun
Secretary

To, The Additional Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Ex.
C. S. M.

Rev: 1877 2045
7-18 9/30

Proceedings of the
Board of Directors.

Oct 22
Sept 2
1877

With Love

Richard D. D.

Submittung per Information

of Government, letter from

Collector of Bellary forwarding

Organization of the School -

clear in regard to the

increased of Dr Amine Laboratory,

uc of Dave Salinger
CPR 1704441 on 11/14/53.88

17th March 1952

9

Mr. C. H. D. Jones of the 2000 Street
5th Floor, New York City, N.Y.