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*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

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**Famine Relief.**

No. 391A. Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Sidhout, 9th April 1877, Extra No. 652 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, a copy of a letter, and its original enclosures, received from the Acting Sub-Collector.

2. Mr. Gribble is the only officer in the district who finds it necessary to appoint highly-paid men without seeking previous sanction.

3. All that I know of this matter is that the Acting Sub-Collector mentioned in a demi-official note that he had allowed Mr. Fricks to go to Bangalore for men, and in another that thirteen had come.

4. I beg that Government will be pleased to distinctly forbid Mr. Gribble's engaging European or Eurasian Superintendents without previous reference. I have told him not to take on any one without this, but he pays no attention to what I say.

ENCLOSURE

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated March 1877, No. 645.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I found great difficulty to get men for the posts of Superintendents, and that everywhere works were falling into arrears of pay in consequence of this want, that I gave Mr. Fricks leave to go to Bangalore in order to pick up some good men. He has returned with sixteen men, of whom two are maistris. These men I have appointed to the different taluqs as per accompanying List A, and I beg that you will be good enough to sanction their appointments from the dates of arrival.

2. One of the men, Mr. Britain, has already resigned in disgust, but the amount advanced to him, as well as his railway fare, has been recovered.

3. In order to provide the necessary funds I advanced Mr. Fricks Rs. 300 out of my own pocket, for which he has furnished an account of expenditure as per List B. In this list the first item is on account of pay due to Mr. Rhenius, who lately died of cholera. This money was given to his mother, who wanted funds to return to Bangalore. Herewith I submit the pay bill of Mr. Rhenius under my signature, and request that the amount may be made payable to me, and I will send to his mother the balance. The second item is for the rail charge of the Superintendents and their horses, each man having brought a horse or pony. "C" shows the details of this charge. The third item is on account of Mr. Fricks' own expenditure. He certainly had hard work in Bangalore to get the men together, and it would, I think, be unfair to make him bear the cost of the journey and hotel expenses, as he was on duty and had to keep up an establishment here during his absence. The tracing cloth was purchased at my request for use on relief-works. The last item I will recover from the men concerned. Deducting Rs. 56-10-0 and Rs. 1-14-0 from this account, I request that you will be good enough to sanction the balance, viz., Rs. 187-4-0, and order a cheque for that amount to be sent to me on the Madanapalli Treasury.

4. List A shows also the amount of advance given to each man. This I allowed to be given in anticipation of your sanction, as it was necessary to send the men to their respective posts as soon as possible. The amount was drawn from the treasury and debited to Relief Funds. I beg that you will be good enough to accord your sanction to this.

5. Mr. Blackwell joined two days ago, and as he had to go thirty miles more to Peelair he requested a further advance to meet his expenses and also to purchase a pony. The latter I managed by an arrangement with Mr. Britain, who handed over his pony to Mr. Blackwell in pay-

ment of the advance he had received and cost of journey (Rs. 48-8-1). I also allowed advance to be made from the treasury to Mr. Blackwell of Rs. 25. This makes the total advance he has received amount to Rs. 123-8-0 (including Rs. 50 given in Madras). He seems a steady respectable man, and I recommend that he be allowed to repay the advances in four or five instalments.

6. The others will repay the advances made in two monthly instalments.

7. Receipts have been taken from all the men who have received advances.

8. I take this opportunity of representing the extreme inconvenience I am often under having to make advances from my own private funds to the numerous officers who come here generally quite unprovided. I have sometimes to lend between 300 and 400 Rupees in a month in order to enable different persons to join their posts. I wish that you would kindly authorise me to make advances when required, reporting the same for your sanction.

No. 391B. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1877, No. 1,458A.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. GRIBBLE appears to have acted without due authority, and will be called on to explain his reasons for sending Mr. Fricks to Bangalore on the mission on which he employed him; and why he did not apply by letter or telegram direct, or through the Collector, Government, for permission to act as he did. Pending the receipt of his explanation, the Government decline to assume any responsibility in the matter, but as a temporary measure, and to admit of those actually on duty getting their posts, they sanction the entertainment of the employees appointed by Mr. Gribble, who will be strictly prohibited from similar action in future.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Cuddapah.  
„ the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Financial Department.  
„ the Accountant-General.

Cuddapah Collector's Office  
Camp Reddipalli, District  
Tulu, 9<sup>th</sup> April 1877  
Despatch 11 — 20

Extra No 152

From  
J. F. Price Esquire  
Ag. Collector of  
Cuddapah

To  
J. H. Garstin Esquire  
Additional Secretary to Govt.  
Fort Saint George

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REVENUE.

THE COLLECTOR OF CUDDAPAH.

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RECEIVED, No. 978.

Order supplied by Mr. Gribble to Cuddapah  
District. Calling on Mr. Gribble to explain why  
he did not get permission before entertaining  
these men, and declining to assume any responsibility  
in the matter pending the receipt of his  
explanation.

4. No 5808. reg. to return the  
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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Fredrick Rice  
Ag. Collector

Exd

KMRH

No.

From

Collector of Maddur

Dated

April - 9<sup>th</sup>

1874.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Gribble being in want of European Superintendents, sent Mr. Fredericks to Bangalore to get some. Mr. Fredericks seems to have succeeded in procuring 16 whom he brought to Maddurpalli. To meet the expenses of the business Mr. Gribble advanced 300 Rs out of his own pocket and Mr. Fredericks' bill came to Rs 245-12-0. The balance Rs 54-4-0 he paid back to Mr. Gribble who then had to make advances to the men to enable them to join their posts. The advances made according to List A amount to Rs 472-8-0, and were advanced out of Famine Funds.

But it seems there was another Superintendent, who joined subsequently, and who got an advance of 50 Rs in

Recd 1877. Rs 2452  
Revenue Department

From Mr. H. Collector  
of Maddur  
to the Additional  
Secretary to Govt  
of Madras

Dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 1877  
Backd 11<sup>th</sup> Review

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Enclosed copy of Mr. Gribble's letter to the Secy to Govt dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1877. It is to be noted that it is only Mr. Gribble that has been mentioned in the report. It is to be noted that it is only Mr. Gribble that has been mentioned in the report. It is to be noted that it is only Mr. Gribble that has been mentioned in the report.

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in Madras when first appointed and to him was transferred in the shape of a pony, the debt due by a Mr Britain (one of the 16) for advance (Rs 40) and travelling expenses (R. 8.1) = 48-8-1, so that Mr. Blackwell seems to owe Government altogether 123-8-1 or as Mr. Gribble pays 123-8-0. One of Mr. Gribble's Superintendents, a Mr. Rheinins, appears to have been employed so far back as the beginning of February and to have died in March. The salary due to him at his death seems to have been 104-6-9 and to admit of his on getting back to Bangalore Mr. Gribble advanced her 56-10-0 out of his own money (shown in Mr. Ericke's Bill) taking a receipt from her in which she authorizes him to deduct that amount from the salary due to her son.

Mr. Gribble therefore asks the collector to send him a Treasury Order for Rs 107-4-0 as

Expended by Mr. Ericke 245-12-0  
Due to Mr. Rheinins' estate - 104-6-9  
350-2-9

Deduct.

Advanced to Mr. Rheinins 56-10-0  
For transport of luggage } 1-14-0  
of Superintendent } 58-8-0  
291-10-9

127-12-0

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This discloses that Gribble has been engaging without authority certain officers of high rank which he feels it necessary to report on 29<sup>th</sup> March to the Collector - altho. one of the men appears to have been engaged before the 6<sup>th</sup> February - He inquires in

as shown in the margin - besides sanctioning his drawing the money due to Mr. Rheinins promising to send to Mrs. Rheinins the diff. between what he had already advanced her and the total sum due to her son. He also requests a general sanction for what he has done and permission to make advances in future.

Mr. Price begs that Mr. Gribble may be prohibited from engaging highly paid officers without reference.

Orders are requested.

It is suggested the advances and appointments made be paid - and Mr. Gribble be held responsible for their recovery and forbidden to engage highly paid officers in future without the Collector's sanction.

J. H. P.

The Friend whom antecedently  
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