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19th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 473. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 11th April 1877, No. 831:—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, Fort St. George, dated 10th April 1877, No. 53.

REFERRING to my reports of last week of the mortality at the Red Hills, I have the honor to solicit attention to the fact that 15 persons were found dead in the vicinity of the camp during the week, and that I am satisfied, from personal experience, that the distress is on the increase, and is not being met in a northerly direction from Polal along the main Trunk Road. On Sunday I inspected the

From Chingleput District	...	...	257
North Arcot	...	...	67
Nellore	...	...	116

fresh arrivals during the week, amounting to 440, as particularized in the statement which accompanied my returns; many of these were in the last stages of

starvation and little better than living skeletons. I append copies of recent correspondence between myself and the Collector of Chingleput on the subject of increased and effective patrol of this road. I am further of opinion that immediate measures should be adopted for a flying relief-camp being formed beyond Polal in such position as may be decided upon by those acquainted with the localities afflicted.

2. I have also to solicit sanction to employ some of the able-bodied paupers at the Red Hills on gravel digging, to enable them to earn their own living and cook for themselves; the numbers are now becoming so great that we can scarcely cook for all within a reasonable time. The gravel can be sold afterwards to municipal contractors.

3. There does not appear to be any prospect of employment being found for these people on the Railway works, Mr. Boulton intimating that he is now reducing his numbers and will complete the doubling of the line in about three weeks.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated Sydapet, 7th April 1877, No. 145.

REFERRING to G.O., dated the 28th ultimo, No. 1,259, communicated with the Board's Miscellaneous No. 4,845 of the 2nd instant, a copy of which I presume has been sent to you direct, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you will depute the necessary Police force to divert the destitute stragglers on the North Trunk Road to the Relief Camp at the Red Hills, or whether you wish me to arrange it.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, Madras, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated 9th April 1877, No. 23.

IN reply to your letter, No. 145, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I think it would be most advisable to have roads beyond my jurisdiction held by the Police of your district with the object of diverting the people seeking relief to the Red Hills Camp. I shall

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supplement these officers with Town Specials as far as requisite. I have the honor to append a statement showing the fresh admissions into the Red Hills Camp for the week ending Saturday the 7th April. Judging from the terribly emaciated appearance of many of these, I am of opinion that distress northwards of Polal is on the increase, and I think it will be essential to have the roads very closely patrolled by the Police, coolies with stretchers being employed to have the roads purpose of carrying the utterly exhausted or dying paupers to the nearest hospital in the immediate vicinity of Polal having again risen to 15.

2. A copy of the last weekly report from Red Hills Medical Officer is enclosed for your information.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department for disposal.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 474.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 1,488.

Miscellaneous.

G.O. of the 10th April 1877, No. 1,386,
disposes of Colonel Drever's suggestion
regarding a flying camp beyond the Red
Hills.

2. The Government sanction his employing such able-bodied paupers at the Red Hills Camp as he cannot dispose of by transfer to works in the Chingleput District in digging gravel, which can be disposed of as suggested.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
,, the Collector of Chingleput.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Madras, 9th April 1877.

No. 23

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MADRAS.

TO

R. W. Barlow Esq.

SIR,

Collector
Chingleput District.

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letter No. 145 dated 7th Instant
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Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,

MADRAS.

To, Sir, &c.

Dated April 1877.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 19th April 1877, No. 1488.

APRIL

NO. 473-474.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 985.

By the Camp beyond the Red Hills. - Initiating
the Collected. Devere's suggestion regarding a
has been disposed of, and mentioning the employ-
ment of such able-bodied persons at the Red Hills
Camp as cannot be disposed of by transfer to work
in the Chingleput District in digging gravel.

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report from Red Hills
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for your information -
I have &c.

(Signed) W. S. Drew
Commissioner of Police

(True Copy)

W. S. Drew
Commissioner of Police

No 145.

7 June

From P. W. Barlow Esquire,
Collector of the Chingapat Dist.
to
The Commissioners of Police Madras.

Sir, Referring to G. O. dated the 28th ultimo
No 1259, Communicated with the
Board's Miscellaneous No 4845
of the 2^d Instant, a copy of which
I presume has been sent to you direct,
I have the honor to request that you
will be good enough to inform me
whether you will depute the necessary
Police force to divert the destitute
stragglers on the Northern Creek
Road to the Relief Camp at the
Red Hills or whether you wish me
to arrange it. I have the honor

it. Have the honor
to
(Signed) A. Thompson
Act Collector
for Collector.

(True Copy)

W. C. Brown
Commissioner of Police.

Commissioner's Office,
MADRAS POLICE,

10^d April 1877

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obed^t Serv^t
W. D. Drury
Commissioner of Police

Transferred to the Revenue (Hans)
Department - for disposal -

11. April 1777

To the Rev. (Hamp) Department

Warrick
Off. Chief Secretary

April 1877

No. 53

ENCLOSURES, 2

No 1488

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort Saint George

From

Madras,

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beyond the Red Hills.

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19th April 1877

To S. C. P. to the Commissioner of Police

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