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question is one falling
within the scope of section
26 of the Local Fund Act
(III of 1871) and asks me to
replace the sum from the
Local Funds in anticipation
of the sanction of the Local
Fund Board. I do not at
all agree with him as con-
sidering that the charge
in question is a legitimate
one on Local Funds. It is the
business of Government
to see that none of its
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and consequently the
charge

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charge that may be incurred
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be defrayed from Imperial
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2 At no time should be
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prevent deaths from starvation
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all the Heads of Villages
to be careful to prevent
such deaths by feeding people
who are actually in want
of food in consequence of
the present distress and
to send Bills of Expenditure
as incurred to the Tahsildars
whom I have authorized to
pay

pay the same from their
Permanent Advance Funds

B Copy of the Circular is en-
closed for the Board's
perusal

3 As to Mr Malby's pro-
ceedings in drawing money
from the Treasury are un-
authorized and as I do
not like the system of
advancing money for this
purpose, I have directed
that the money be repaid
into the Treasury

Govt Treasury District
Collector's Office
December 27 Decbr 76

I have &c
(Sgd) James Hope
Ag Collector

Enclosure No 1.

No 179

Godavary district
Local Fund Board's office
Ellore Circle
Ellore, 21st December 1876,

From

T. J. Maltby Esqr
Vice President

To

James Pope Esqr
President Local Fund
Board, Godavary district, &c &c.

Sir

In forwarding herewith
copy of the letter received
from the Head Assistant
Collector, number and date
as per margin, I have the
honor to request that you
will be good enough to
replace the sum of Rs 300,
advanced

No 109 of
21st Dec 1876

advanced by the Head Assistant
Collector, in anticipation
of the sanction of the
Board, as a precautionary
measure for supplying food
to the distressed poor on
the production of the
respective Tahsildars of Chintala
- pudy and Polavaram
2 The matter will be duly
considered at the meeting of
the Board to be held on
the 25th January 1877 at Ellore

I have &c
(Sd) T J Maltby
Vice President

True copy,

4 (Sd) James Pope
Pres Collector

(1)

Enclosure No. 2.

No. 1090.

Godavary District
Head Assistant Collector's
Office, Ellore
21st December 1876.

From

The Acting Head Asst. Collector
Godavary District,

To

The Vice President,
Local Funds Board's Office,
Ellore Circle, Dated

Sir

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Local Fund Board Ellore Circle, that the Deputy Tahsildar of the Chintalapudi division has reported to me that there is likely to be distress in that part

of

of the Ellore Taluq and suggested that some provision should be made for establishing a Choultry for the supply of food to the destitute poor at Chintalapudi

2 to a precautionary measure to prevent people from actually starving. I have ordered that a sum of Rs 200 from the Taluq Treasury at Ellore be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Tahsildar Chintalapudi and a further sum of Rs 100 at that of the Deputy Tahsildar of

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of Potavaram for supplying rice to distressed people during the Christmas holidays

3. The deputy Tahsildars of Chintalapudi and Potavaram have been instructed that these sums are placed at their disposal as a precautionary measure to be used if really required and although I have no information of any cases of starvation there is every reason to apprehend that the upland portions of the Ellore & Yernagudem Taluqs will be severe sufferers later on

on, owing to the complete failure of the harvest in those parts. I may mention that I have already applied to Government for a sum of Rs 15,000 to be spent upon relief works if necessary.

4 I have therefore the honor to request that you will be good enough to replace the sum of Rs 300 from the Local Fund as the charge is one falling within the scope of Act III of 1871 section 26

I have &c
(Signed) T. J. Smalley
Ag Asst. Collr

True copy
(Sd) T. J. Smalley
Ag Asst Collr

6 True extr J. Hope
Sy Collector

Circular

Owing to the unfavourableness of the season it is not unlikely that danger may exist of some people dying of starvation in the Kaplands talugs of the Dishnet Heads of villages are therefore hereby warned to be careful to see that no such deaths occur and they will be held responsible for the lives of the people within their villages Expenses that may be incurred on account of supplying food in such cases of emergency will

will be repaid by the Talukdars who are hereby directed to make such necessary payments promptly from their Permanent Advance Funds

Received 27th Dec 76 } Sd/- Pope
Sd/- Collector

Mr Maltby was not prepared by the information before him in placing funds at the disposal of the Talukdar for gratuitous relief and his reading of the Local Fund act of course cannot be supported

Before

Before taking action Mr. Maltby should have satisfied himself by personal inspection whether distress really exists as he has applied for leave to England the Collector will arrange to have the portion of the district inspected by one of the covenanted officers. The Board's Circular order is approved

(True copy & Extract)

(Sgd) H. E. Stokes
Ag Secretary

To
The Collector of the Godavery District

(True copy)

H. Stokes
Ag Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

No 331 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th January 1877 —

Read the following letter from J HOPE, Esq, Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to H E STOKES, Esq, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 27th December 1876, No 382

I HAVE the honor to enclose copies of a letter* and of its enclosure received from the Vice President of the Ellore Local Fund Circle, stating that he has drawn a sum of Rupees 300 from the Taluq Treasury of Ellore and placed it at the disposal of the Deputy Tahsildars of Chintalapudi and Potavaram for supplying food to the distressed poor He states that though no cases of actual starvation have occurred, yet, as a precautionary measure to prevent people dying from starvation, he has taken the above step, as he has reason to apprehend distress in the upland parts of his division Mr Maltby considers that the charge in question is one falling within the scope of Section 26 of the Local Fund Act (IV of 1871), and asks me to replace the sum from the Local Funds in anticipation of the sanction of the Local Fund Board I do not at all agree with him in considering that the charge in question is a legitimate one on Local Funds It is the business of Government to see that none of its subjects die from starvation, and consequently the charge that may be incurred towards this end should be defrayed from Imperial Funds

* No 179, dated 21st December 1876

2 As no time should be lost in taking steps to prevent deaths from starvation, I have issued a Circular to all the Heads of Villages to be careful to prevent such deaths, by feeding people who are actually in want of food in consequence of the present distress, and to send bills of expenditure so incurred to the Tahsildars, whom I have authorized to pay the same from their Permanent Advance Funds Copy (No B) of the Circular is enclosed for the Board's perusal

3 As Mr. Maltby's proceedings in drawing money from the Treasury are unauthorized, and as I do not like the system of advancing money for this purpose, I have directed that the money be repaid into the Treasury

ENCLOSURE No 1

From T J MALTBY, Esq, Vice President of the Local Fund Board, Ellore Circle, to J HOPE, Esq, President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, dated Ellore, 21st December 1876, No 179

IN forwarding, herewith, copy of the letter received from the Head Assistant Collector, number and date as per margin, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to

No 109 of 21st December 1876

replace the sum of Rupees 300 advanced by the Head Assistant Collector in anticipation of the sanction of this Board as a precautionary measure for supplying food to the distressed poor in the jurisdiction of the Deputy Tahsildars of Chintalapudi and Potavaram

2 The matter will be duly considered at the meeting of this Board to be held on the 20th January 1877 at Ellore

ENCLOSURE No 2

From—J MALTBY, Esq, Acting Head Assistant Collector, Godavery District, to the Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Ellore Circle, dated 21st December 1876, No 109

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of the Local Fund Board, Ellore Circle, that the Deputy Tahsildar of the Chintalapudi Division has reported to me that there is likely to be distress in that part of the Ellore Taluq, and suggests that some provision should be made for establishing a choultry for the supply of food to the distressed poor at Chintalapudi

2 As a precautionary measure, to prevent people from actually starving, I have ordered that a sum of Rupees 200 from the Taluq Treasury at Ellore be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Tahsildar, Chintalapudi, and a further sum of Rupees 100 at that of the Deputy Tahsildar of Potavaram for supplying rice to distressed people during the Christmas holidays

3 The Deputy Tahsildars of Chintalapudi and Potavaram have been instructed that these sums are placed at their disposal as a precautionary measure to be used if really required, and, although I have no information of any cases of starvation, there is every reason to apprehend that the upland portions of the Ellore and Yernagudem Taluqs will be severe sufferers later on owing to the comparative failure of the harvest in those parts I may mention that I have already applied to Government for a sum of Rupees 15,000 to be spent upon relief works if necessity arises.

4 I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will be good enough to replace the sum of Rupees 300 from the Local Funds, as the charge is one falling within the scope of Act IV of 1871, Section 26.

ENCLOSURE No 3

REVENUE CIRCULAR

Owing to the unfavorableness of the season it is not unlikely that danger may exist of some people dying of starvation in the upland taluqs of the district Heads of villages are, therefore, hereby warned to be careful to see that no such deaths occur, and they will be held responsible for the lives of the people within their villages Expenses that may be incurred on account of supplying food in such cases of emergency will be repaid by the Tahsildars, who are hereby directed to make such necessary payments promptly from their Permanent Advance Funds

COCANADA,
27*th December* 1876

(Signed) J HOPE,
Acting Collector

MR MALTBY was not justified by the information before him in placing funds at the disposal of the Tahsildar for gratuitous relief, and his reading of the Local Fund Act of course cannot be supported Before taking action Mr. Maltby should have satisfied himself by personal inspection whether distress really existed As he has applied for leave to England, the Collector will arrange to have this portion of the district inspected by one of his Covenanted Officers Mr Hope's Circular order is approved.

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Acting Secretary

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1877

No 332 ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1877, No 151

Miscellaneous

THE Government concur with the Board in their estimation of Mr. Maltby's action

(True Extract)

(Signed) J H GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue
" the Financial Department
" the Accountant General
" the Public Works Department

Exd T D Ryan

Govt. of [illegible] 1877 [illegible]

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE

&c &c &c

Dated January 15th

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G.O. 15th January 1877 No 151

JANUARY.

Nos. 331-332.

Famine Relief in Ordinary Districts—Concurring with the Board of Revenue in their opinion on Mr. Bushby's scheme for raising funds for the disposal of Vakeelahs and feeding distressed people