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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th February 1877*

Famine Relief

No 581 A Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877, No 1,476 —

Read the following letter from J GROSE Esq, Collector of Nellore, to H E STOKES, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd March 1877, No 1,321 —

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a letter* from the Deputy Collector in charge of Gudur and Polur, which contains his views as to the establishment necessary for carrying out, in his division, the orders conveyed in G O, dated 5th February 1877, No 515

2 I am aware that under ordinary circumstances it would be desirable to wait until I could submit a general scheme for the whole district, but I shall be glad if in this special case the Board will allow a departure from the ordinary rule, because, first, I believe Gudur and Polur to be more immediately in want of an efficient system of village inspection than any other part of the district except perhaps Venkatagiri, and, second, because I believe the Deputy Collector's proposals admirably calculated to meet the object in view

3 Sudarshana Row originally proposed that Gudur should be divided into fourteen ranges with fifteen villages in each, and Polur into eighteen ranges with seven villages in each, that every range should have one Inspector, five Revenue Inspectors, and two Deputy Overseers, and

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2 Overseers at 40	80	was Rupees 740 a month for salaries and
2 Deputy Overseers at 20	40	Rupee 16,850 as a permanent advance
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		the Rajah is doing absolutely nothing for
Total	16850	his people) the headmen are unfit to be
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4 It seemed to me that the project of having a relief house in every village was inadmissible, because no amount of supervision which we can obtain would preserve it from great abuse and because the object might be otherwise obtained

5 I put the Deputy Collector in possession of my views and he now proposes that Polur alone (where we have no Revenue Inspectors) should be provided with Inspectors, and that the Revenue Inspectors of Gudur should have a horse allowance with reference to this new duty of village inspection which will require rapid travelling. He thinks that Polur should be divided into five village ranges at twenty five villages per range, that each Inspector should be paid Rupees 15, and that there should be an Overseer of Inspection on Rupees 30 holding a permanent advance of Rupees 50. He suggests Rupees 6 as the monthly horse allowance for each of the four Revenue Inspectors in Gudur

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6 The only alteration in this scheme which I consider necessary is that the number of Inspectors in Polur should be increased from five to ten and that of the Overseers from one to two. The area of Polur is 184½ square miles, the population 50,686, and the number of villages 126. I think that if the work is to be well done we must have ten Inspectors and two Overseers.

* 118 096 Acres	
10 Inspectors for Polur at Rs 15	150
2 Overseers at 30	70
Horse allowance for 4 Revenue Inspectors, Gudur at Rs 6	24
Total	244

7 The cost of the proposals is Rupees 244 for monthly salaries and Rupees 100 as a permanent advance.

ENCLOSURE No 1

From A SUDARSANA ROW, Acting Deputy Collector on General Duties Naidupet Division to J GROSE Esq. Collector of Nellore dated Naidupet 17th March 1877 No 142

ADVERTISING to your letter No 1055 of the 12th instant I beg to represent as follows

2 (Paragraph 5) I venture respectfully to state that my personal experience forces me to think that mere warnings to village officers however repeatedly they may be and making them often and often, that they must prevent any case of starvation from occurring within the village and that they must feed the patients and then send them willing or forced and carrying if they have to be carried to the nearest medical station. The village officers in the latter are generally poor and are holding their offices with much reluctance from want of emoluments. There is striking illustration to be mentioned here just at this time.

3 On the 14th of this month when I had visited the villages round (1) Perayovattu (2) Ramapuram and (3) Pommigaud which are on the borders of the Chingleput District at a distance of about thirty miles from my head quarters I saw several of the distressed poor seated under the trees of the villages along the road. In Ramapuram I observed that a skeleton woman was suffering from something under a tree by the trunk road as she stood and laid down herself often and often and ultimately prostrated herself by covering a cloth over her, and went to her taking with me the Munsif of the village and others and inquired her what was the matter with her. She in reply told me after great difficulty that she was on her way from Madras and that she feels much hunger. Immediately sufficient quantity of food was purchased and given to her. After taking the food she appeared to be all right.

4 Then I asked the Munsif of Ramapuram why did he not attend the orders on the subject. He pleaded that he was unable to discover the woman and stated ultimately that he himself is dying from want of food, and that he is unable to supply with food such starving persons.

The Munsifs of Perayovattu and Pommigaud told me that they are unable to take care of such starving persons as their own circumstances have been much reduced in consequence of famine. I advanced at once to each of these Munsifs at 5 Rupees from Famine Fund with directions to feed all starving persons who may be found within the limits of their villages from the money with economy and forward accounts for the same daily to the Sub Magistrate at Sullurpett. There should therefore be some one engaged always in travelling throughout the villages in the Polur Division with sufficient money in his possession to defray such expenses.

5 (Paragraph 6) I would beg to propose that the Polur Division may be divided into five village relief ranges at twenty five villages for each range and that an Inspector be

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6 In Gudur Taluq it may be arranged to carry on the work with the present staff of the establishment but I would respectfully suggest that an horse allowance of Rupees 6 per mensem may be paid to each of the four Revenue Inspectors in the taluq to enable them to inspect the villages as often as possible.

7 If these my suggestions meet with your approbation the monthly cost of the Establishment would amount to Rupees 134—

For Polur Division		Rs
Five Inspectors at Rs 15 per mensem		75
One Overseer at 30		30
Horse allowance for four Inspectors in Gudur Taluq at 6 Rupees per mensem		24
Total		134

(True Copy)

(Signed) J GROSE
Collector

THE Board sanction under G O, dated 3rd March 1877, No 917 the following: It is necessary that the organization in the Polur Division should be exceptionally strong, as all the poor of the district making for Madras probably pass through it.

(1 true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Secretary

No 584 B

OPDTT THERLON, 24th April 1877, No 1,044 A

Miscellaneous

APPROVED

(True Extract)

(Signed) J H GARSIN,
Additional Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant General,
the Financial Department

Exd J W Fischer

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Revenue Department

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To A. E. Stokes Esq
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Dated 7th 43
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