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Famine Relief.

No. 638-A. Read the following letter from C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Salem, 10th April 1877, No. 184.

I HAVE the honor, by direction of Sir Richard Temple, to forward copy of a Minute recorded by him on the administration of relief-works by the Public Works Department officers in the Salem District, and in which he recommends that the system may be extended to the Bellary and Kurnool Districts.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Minute by Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, dated Salem, 10th April 1877.

IN my Minute, dated the 29th March, I invited the consideration of the Madras Government to the desirability of employing in the Bellary and Kurnool Districts a certain proportion of the relief laborers on works supervised and directed by Public Works Department officers, who could exact from the laborers adequate tasks. And I indicated certain works on which this plan might at once be tried.

2. On revisiting the Salem District, I find that the procedure, which I recommended for Bellary and Kurnool had already been adopted in Salem. Out of the 47,000 relief laborers in the district of Salem, about 25,000 are employed on 398 large and small works under the Public Works Department. Most of these works are irrigation tanks, which must be repaired sooner or later, and on which much excellent work will have been done this year. The laborers are employed on piece-work, at a rate of 2 annas per cubic yard, as compared with 1¾ anna which is paid in ordinary years. Mr. Norfor, Range Officer, finds that on some of his works the people earned at these rates :—

	In Month of February.			In Month of March.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
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For each child	0	0	9	0	0	8

3. The engineer officers do not seem to have succeeded in opening so many works in the more distressed taluq of Dharampooree as elsewhere. All laborers are admitted to the Public Works Department undertakings, who are willing to work at the present rates ; and no inquiry is made as to the applicants being in absolute need. Relief laborers, moreover, are not, save in the case of about six thousand laborers on works in December last, handed over by the civil officers to the engineering officers, as I recommended should be done in Bellary and Kurnool. But there is apparently no reason to fear that relief is being given unnecessarily on the engineer's works, for the officers in charge report that the condition of the laborers is generally poor when they come on the works. And there is no risk of the Civil and Engineering officers competing with each other for labor, as no civil relief-works are opened in the neighbourhoods served by the works under engineering supervision.

4. I lay this account of Salem relief-works before the Madras Government, because the system which works well in Salem would succeed in Bellary and Kurnool, where professionally [illegible] works are most urgently required.

RICHARD TEMPLE.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th April 1877.

No. 638-B. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1877, No. 1,558-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe, with reference to Sir Richard Temple's remarks in paragraph 2 of his Minute, that no [illegible] was made in the Salem District, as regards the execution of relief-works, subsequent to his first visit to the district.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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From W. Bernard

Dated April 10th 187

FOR ORDERS.

Regarding the reply to the last
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which the order or report is

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REVENUE.

To

Dated April, 25th.

Read.

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G.O., 25th April 1877, No. 1,558-A.

APRIL.

Nos. 638-A—638-B.

EXAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,037-A.

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Calcutta 10th April 1877
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