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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. 101.

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 1½ 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.
For each adult man ...	0	2	2	0	1	10
For each woman ...	0	1	4	0	1	2
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 Dharampoore 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
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 work 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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No. 104 & 105

From H. Bernard

Dated April 10th

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FOR ORDERS.

Regarding the replies to the sent to the 2 letters above specified. With the first is forwarded a minute on the introduction into Bazaar & Markets of the

same system of S.R. & administration journals in Salim. Sir Richardson to the end has been introduced in the system. Sir R.T. was a former suggestion of Sir R.T. that he first visited the District. This has been his first visit to the District. (if it is correct) -

Mr. M. E. J. H.

This matter has been sufficiently noted in letter to S. G. S.

and will be noted at all orders as regards unless complaint is made. 16/4/77 J.H.

Administration of relief works by Public Works Office in the Salim District. - Observing, with reference to Sir Richard Thompson's minute on the no change of system was made in the Salim District. - A report of relief works submitted to the District.

PAVING RELIEF, No. 1037 A.

No. 638 A-638 B.

APRIL.

G.O. 25th April 1877, No. 1558 A.

Recd.

Dated April, 25th.

REVENUE.

Govt. of (1877) Salim.

the Commission on the

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Gov. Murphy says
This Gov. will attend
to investigations
by complaint
or claims made
to the

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FOR ORDERS.

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No. 184.

From

C. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I.,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple,

To

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Additional Secretary to the

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Dated SALEM, 10th April, 1877.

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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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RICHARD TEMPLE.

No 63800

Received of
 the Hon. Secy of the
 Interior
 the sum of \$1000
 for the purchase of
 land in the
 State of Texas
 for the purpose of
 establishing a
 reservation for the
 use of the
 Indians

No 157800

L.O.

The Govt. above with
 reference to the
 purchase of land in
 Texas for the purpose
 of establishing a
 reservation for the
 use of the Indians

25/4

25 June 1877