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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd May 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 49-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th March 1877:—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 23rd March 1877, No. 200.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, the enclosed copy of a letter, No. 69, of the 15th instant, from Major Murray, suggesting that the minimum wage for a working man shall be the value of one and a-half pound of staple grain *plus* six pies.

2. There is much truth in the Special Relief Officer's remarks at paragraphs 2 and 3. Nothing strikes me more than the gradually increasing appearance of distress pervading the better classes in this district owing to the prolonged drought, most of whom are probably spending their all in fighting against the poor-house, while some have already come there. I do not now see what can be done beyond affording plenty of work and fair wages and holding village officers responsible for cases of actual starvation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major A. G. MURRAY, Special Relief Officer, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 15th March 1877, No. 69.

dated 15th December 1876, on correspondence from the Collector of Bellary, received by me to-day, in regard to the feeding of children unfit to work of persons who are laborers on our relief-works attached to the camps under my charge, I have the honor to bring to your notice that although we feed and have always, under the reduced scale of wage, fed such children, yet I must point out that these are only the children of pariahs and the lower castes, not those of the better caste people.

2. The caste man will not bring his wife or children when unable to work, even if starving, to our relief-camps, which he regards in the same light as we would the work-house. His case, therefore, under the present reduced rate of wage, is the same as that of the Bellary District people where death has resulted from starvation, because the laborer shared the pittance barely sufficient for himself with his starving family.

3. Our caste man takes home his daily wage, such as it is, to his village, and we cannot say in what case his family may be; but it is clear that if he shares his small earning with others, his physical condition must suffer, and the object of Government to give a more sufficient food for himself to keep up his stamina must be defeated.

4. I have already alluded to this subject in my letter, No. 50, dated 6th instant, to your address.

5. Under such circumstances, as an executive officer in charge of large bodies of laboring poor, I am to a great extent responsible for their lives and well being. I can, therefore, only venture in bringing this subject to your notice respectfully to recommend that a working man's wage should not be less than the value of one and a-half pound of grain-food *plus* the six pies now allowed by Government.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government. Mr. Barlow is clear as to the increasing distress in the district. His report as to the organisation of village inspection is awaited.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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2nd May 1877.*

No. 49-B.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1877, No. 1,614-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to G.O. of
the 7th April 1877, No. 1,359.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

, the Public Works Department.

, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



16/14/77 Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 29th March 1877

Read the following.

Br. G. R. S. 3785. No. 200

From

P. W. Barlow Esquire

Collector of the Chingleput District.

To

H. C. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the Board of

Revenue. Madras.

Sir I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board the enclosed copy of a letter No. 69 of the 15th Instant from Major Murray's suggesting that the minimum wage for a working man shall be the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of staple grain + 6 pie.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated May, 3rd.

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G.O., 2nd May 1877, No. 1,014-A.

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PAID UP BY NO. 10824.

Working man's Wage in Chingleput District.
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23rd March 1877 } Collector

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No 69

From

The Special Relief Officer
Chingleput District.

To

P. W. Barlow Esquire
Collector, Chingleput District.

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With reference to G. O. No 542 dated
6th February 1877 on Board's Proceedings
No 3190 dated 15th December 1876 on

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H. M. M. M.

Secretary

To
The Adm. Secretary to Government R. D.

H. M. M. M.

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