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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th May 1877, No. 1,637-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 95-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1877,
No. 1,842.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th April 1877, No. 132.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4,387, of 24th March 1877, and G.O., 20th March 1877, No. 1,159, Revenue Department, I have the honor to request the reconsideration of paragraph 3 of the above order, in which an adult pauper is only to be allowed ten ounces of food-grain at a "relief-house."

2. I have seen at our relief-houses many most deplorable cases of starvations, and I am of opinion that no less than the pound of grain as now estimated for an adult will suffice.

3. Dr. Cornish alludes to relief-houses where "partial feeding is given to out-door local poor." The use of the word "partial" seems to imply that they have other sources of food, but native charity has now collapsed, and unless we are prepared to have death on our hands with our "partial feeding," I counsel no interference with district officers.

4. Dr. Cornish expressly states that at relief-camps, Palaveram is instanced, "twelve ounces of food-grain was scarcely sufficient to sustain life." It is proposed to give ten. The pauper class are much enfeebled, and any interference with the rations they are now getting may lead to deplorable consequences.

5. If only a single meal a-day be issued at relief-houses, which is the universal custom, instead of being a half meal, it should be a whole meal, for it has to last the miserable receiver for 24 hours.

6. We are now coming to the rescue of native charity which has supported the poor hitherto, and cannot, or at least declines to, do so longer. They fall on our hands, and I presume we are not to keep them partially but wholly alive. The pangs of hunger are bitter to behold; I beg that at least one full meal per diem may be sanctioned.

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SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The Board believe that the general custom in mofussil relief-houses is to give only one meal a-day as stated by the Collector. The so-called relief-houses are the only centres of gratuitous relief in many districts. It cannot be intended by Government that when people are entirely dependent on Government relief, they should get only ten ounces a-day, and the Board resolve, in anticipation of orders, to send the following telegram to the Collector:—

"Your number 132. Where people entirely depend on Government relief give two meals, each ten ounces. If arrangements cannot be made for this, give one meal, twenty ounces."

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Revenue Department, 4th May 1877, No. 1637-A.

No. 95-B.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1877, No. 1,637-A.

Miscellaneous.

MR. WEDDERBURN has misapprehended the orders of Government, which were to the effect that at relief-camps, where persons entirely dependent on State relief are fed, two meals of ten ounces each were to be given daily, while at relief-houses where those only standing in need of partial assistance from the State by reason of having other means of support were fed were to get only one such meal.

2. People in the condition described by Mr. Wedderburn ought to be fed twice a-day, and if there are no camps in the Coimbatore District at which they can be so fed, and the arrangements at the relief-houses do not permit of this being done, those arrangements should be modified and made to do so.

3. The Government do not approve of a twenty ounce ration being given at a single meal to a pauper.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.
.. the Sanitary Commissioner.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1632A
May 3rd

My dear Sir Mr.

Mr Heddaburn has
mistaken the order which
seem clear enough viz.
that all who are really
destitute are to receive
two meals a day & cooks
paid. Total 20 ounces of
grain, and that those
who have other means of
support and only attend
for a single meal, are to

Cont. of (1877) Minutes.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, Secy.

Dated May, 4th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 4th May 1877, No. 1,637-A.

MAY.

No. 95-A--95-B.

PARLAMENTARY, No. 1,077-A.

Notice to Paupers at Relief-houses at Comber-
bury.—Intimating that persons entirely dependent
on State relief should be fed two meals of ten ounces
each daily, while those standing in need of partial
assistance should get only one each meal.

have the quantity of food
for a single meal.

People in the condition
described by Mr
Kiddaburn ought to
be fed twice a day,
and if the announcement
of the camp do not
permit of this, they
must be made

to do so.

1632A

Bellevue.

by the hi. Mr
J. M. Smith
W. M. Smith

P. I. I have just come in
for Palawan - So
to move to Poonchalla

I will write & Macdonald
of Helen about the

State of affairs at Simulpa

MM

to in Govt. Rep. of
at 26th Nov 1150

over Dr. C.
water wheel
embod in the

MM

simply:

W. has misapprehension
tion of the Govt. Rep.
towards that those depending
on State which will receive
off from a day. L.T.

Seems:

Forwards:

Dr. Cornish at Para
159 his report of the
10th March last No. 1
recommends that in
relief houses where partial
feeding is given to out-door
local poor half the standard
daily ration of 20 ounces should
be given as a meal.
& this the Govt. sanctioned.
Dr. Wedderburn says
that if only one meal
is given it shd. be equal
to a days ration & the
Govt. has telegraphed to
him in anticipation of
answers of Govt. that
where people are entirely
dependent on Govt. relief

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two meals of 10 ounces each should
be given, a third one if the I would not give them
20 ounces.

Order an experiment
to see the effect of
modification of the food is
approved.

It is submitted that
at relief houses
people are only
supposed to get a
meal & then to go
on. If every person
is to get a whole day's
food at once
proportion is likely
to increase.

10/4/77 L. P.

If they cannot
live with and of our
meat they should come
into camp - or some
other way -

Observation -
a man will not eat the
20 ounces of a day's
meat & then go on
get used to
given away & always
grow up 1/5

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For adms

Drop

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No 1842

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st April 1897

Read the following

No 132

Adm. G. R. N.
4185

From

A. M. M. Esq. in

Collector of Madras

To

H. E. S. Esq. in

Secretary, Madras Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir

With reference to Board's Pro-

ceedings Miscellaneous No 4387 of 26 March

1897 and Government order 20th March 1897,

No 1159, Revenue Department, I have the

honor to request the reconsideration of

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adult pauper is only to be allowed 10 ounces

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2. I have seen at our relief houses, many

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have of opinion that no less than the pound

of grain as now estimated for an adult,

will

will suffice

3. Dr Lornish alludes to relief houses where "partial feeding is given to our door local poor". The use of the word "partial" seems to imply that they have other sources of food - but native charity has now collapsed - and unless we are prepared to have death on our hands with our "partial feeding". I counsel no interference with district officers. -

4. Dr Lornish expressly states that at relief camps, Palaveram is instanced, "12 ounces of food grain was scarcely sufficient to sustain life" - It is proposed to give 10. The pauper class are much enfeebled - and ^{any} interference with the rations they are now getting, may lead to deplorable consequences. -

5. If only a single meal a day be offered at relief houses, which is the universal custom, instead of giving a half meal,

it should be a whole meal, for it has to last the miserable receiver for 24 hours. 162/8

6. We are now coming to the rescue of Native charity, which has supported the poor hitherto, and cannot, or at least declines to, do so, longer - They fall on our hands, and I presume we are not to keep them partially but wholly alive - the pangs of hunger are bitter to behold - I beg that at least one full meal, per diem, may be sanctioned.

Lombard's Collector's Office
Lombard's 18th April 1877

I have &c
(Sd) a most obedt
for Collector.

Submitted to Government.

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Collector

"Your number 132. Where people
entirely depend on Govt relief give
two meals each ten ounces. If
arrangements cannot be made for
this, give one meal twenty ounces."

(True Copy & Extract)

W. H. Miller
Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to
Government R.D.

W. H. Miller
R.D.

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Board of Revenue

21st April 1877

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Submitting to Govt. with

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relating to the necessary

aid of the order

South amounting to 1000 of

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and stating that with

less than one hundred of

from will be left for

an ad. Bk.

9th 4 May 1877

No 1507 A

Mr. Widdowson has misapprehended the order
of Govt. which was to the effect that ~~at~~ at
Relief Camps, where persons entirely dependent
on State relief are fed, 2 meals of 1000 each
are to be given ^{daily} at relief houses where
those not standing in need of partial assistance
from the State by reason of having other means of
support ^{get} ^{only} one ^{meal}.

2. People in the condition described by Mr. Widdowson
ought to be fed twice a day and there are no camps
in the Birmingham Dist. which they can be ~~fed~~
so fed, & the arrangements at the relief houses do not
permit of this being done, those arrangements which
had been made to do so.

3. The Govt. do not approve of a 2000 ration being
given to a single meal to a person.

J. H. P.

4/5/77

11 May 1877

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