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19th February 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 589-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1877, No. 595:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Punganur, 2nd February 1877, No. 69.

In continuation of my letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 55, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter* since received from the Acting Sub-Collector,

from which the Board will observe that there are now nearly 7,000 persons daily receiving a dole of rice from the hungerkhana at Vellore, and that it is impossible for the Municipal Funds to stand the outlay. I doubt not that a great many of the recipients of this charity belong to respectable and well-to-do families, and that if cooked food had been distributed from the first at the hungerkhana instead of a dole of raw-rice as has been the practice, the number of recipients would now be infinitely smaller, as this mode of relief would be only availed of by the really needy and starving, and its introduction will be the means of eliminating all undeserving persons. I have accordingly instructed the Acting Sub-Collector to cease forthwith the issue of raw-rice and to substitute a daily dole of cooked food at the hungerkhana till the relief camp is, with the Board's permission, opened near Vellore.

From the enclosure to the Sub-Collector's letter the Board will find that the hungerkhana fund has been exceeded by Rupees 3,809-4-2, and that the daily expenditure is about Rupees 419. As the hungerkhana will have to be closed unless money is forthcoming to keep it up, I have, in anticipation of the Board's sanction, allotted a sum of Rupees 500 out of relief funds for this purpose, and I trust that the Board will approve of my having done so, and will sanction the refund out of famine funds to the Municipality of the excess expenditure hitherto incurred.

8. I should add that the Civil Surgeon, Dr. Fox, has for a length of time specially attended to the selection of the recipients of the dole of food at the hungerkhana, but in spite of all his efforts I am satisfied that a large number of persons are getting relief who do not really deserve it. The substitution of the cooked food will show in a very few days whether my suspicions are correct or not.

Enclosure No. 1.

From G. D. IRVING, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 27th January 1877, No. 23.

With reference to my former letter, No. 3, dated 4th January 1877, I have the honor to bring to your notice that since the permission was granted to the increase of the number of persons to be fed at the hungerkhana, the numbers have enormously increased, and the last return shows that there are nearly 7,000 persons daily receiving a dole of rice. It is, of course, impossible for the Municipal Funds to stand the necessary outlay, and you have personally assured me that the amount will be eventually made good from relief funds.

2. I have been hitherto in daily expectation of being able to open the relief camp here, which would of course at once relieve the hungerkhana, and therefore have waited till then to ask for funds. As, however, it appears unlikely that the camp can be opened for some days at any rate, and as the numbers have so enormously increased, I have the honor to request that funds may be placed at my disposal to carry on the present temporary system of charitable relief. I

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append a statement showing the amount hitherto expended from Municipal Funds in excess of the Langerkhana Fund, and an estimate of the amount required daily in future. I am happy to be able to state that we appear to have reached the climax in numbers, and I have not the slightest doubt that there will be an immense reduction on the opening of the camp. It is, however, almost impossible, under present circumstances, to exercise any thing like a strict supervision so as to prevent any person from receiving relief who is not absolutely in a state of starvation. All the persons hitherto admitted have been selected by the Medical officer, assisted by one or two other gentlemen; but I fear that even with this precaution several persons have obtained relief who are not strictly deserving of it, and who would be at once eliminated or would eliminate themselves when subjected to the discipline of a relief camp.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

	Amount.
	Rs. A. P.
Amount hitherto expended from Municipal Funds in excess of the Langerkhana Fund, viz., from 4th to 26th January 1877.	3,809 4 2
Estimate of the amount required daily in future is	418 15 11

VILLAGE,
27th January 1877.

(Signed) G. D. IRVINE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,

The grant of Rupees 500 asked for is sanctioned from the funds at the Collector's disposal.

2. The Collector is requested to furnish a detailed statement of the Langerkhana receipts and charges showing how the excess is arrived at.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 539-B.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, 19th February 1877, No. 733-A.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the submission of the detailed statement called for by the Board, who are authorized to refund to the Municipality from Famine Relief Funds all the expenditure incurred from Municipal Funds in aid of the Langerkhana.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. T. D. Ryan.

Order in Financial Dept. 17 March B.P. No. 936

The Government are at a loss to understand how the Collector meant to debit charges connected with this old Carnatic Charity to the Municipal Fund, which is in no case applicable to such purposes.

The Collector has already been directed to report whether the whole of the expenditure admissible for the tolls and Ranipett Langerkhana and Dispensaries has been incurred.

(True Extract)

Secretary
for the Chief Secretary

Secy Revenue (Finance) Department

12/1/77

20 March 77

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