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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th May 1877, No. 1073-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1114-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1877, No. 1114-A.

Were annexed to Board's Proceedings dated the 19th ultimo, No. 1110, communicating G.O., dated the 3rd idem, No. 916, Revenue Department, I have the honour to report the arrangements made for village relief and inspection throughout this district.

2. *Salem Taluq.*—The Acting Sub-Collector has divided the Chinnpet Taluq into circles, and has deputed three Tahsildars and three of the Cheistdars of the Revenue Department, one to each of these circles as Inspectors. The Conjeevaram Taluq has been divided into eight circles, and four Tahsildars and [illegible] of the Revenue Department have been deputed as Inspectors. Mr. Slet[illegible] proposes to allow a pay of Rupees 15 per mensem to the Inspectors in the Mahratta Taluq, and says that the arrangements [illegible] amount." I am [illegible] opinion, considering the number of villages in each taluq, where [illegible] per mensem, that the salary should be raised to Rupees 20 per mensem, so that each Inspector may not have more than about twenty villages to visit every week, and each village may be inspected at least once a week, as otherwise the check will not be effectual. I further think that the pay of each Inspector should not be less than Rupees 15 per mensem, as he has to be incessantly travelling. I have, therefore, again addressed the Sub-Collector on the subject, and desired him to make fresh proposals which will be duly submitted to the Board for sanction.

3. *Sendamangalam Taluq.*—This taluq comprises 285 villages, and the General Deputy Collector in charge of it proposes to lay them out into fourteen circles, each being placed under an officer to be called "Relief Inspector" on Rupees 12 per mensem, who will have to visit about twenty villages every week. He would depute the four Cheistdars available, raising their pay (Rupees 8) to the above limit, and appoint ten others newly; the aggregate additional cost being Rupees 136 per mensem. I think it better, however, to divide the taluq into ten circles, each containing about twenty-eight villages, and pay the Inspectors at Rupees 15 each per mensem, the aggregate additional cost involved in this arrangement being Rupees 118.

4. *Tiruchengode Taluq.*—The Temporary Deputy Collector in charge of this taluq, containing 302 villages, proposes to divide it into five circles and place each under a Relief Inspector on Rupees 15 *plus* a pony allowance of Rupees 7 per mensem; the total monthly cost being Rupees 110. As this arrangement would give an average

of about sixty villages to each Inspector, which is beyond his power to supervise effectually, I deem it better to increase the number of circles by four, so that each Inspector may have about thirty-three villages to visit every week and appoint the four Zillahdars of the taluq and five others on Rupees 15 each as Inspectors. The total additional cost of this arrangement would be Rupees 140 per mensem.

5. *Present Taluqs.*—I propose to lay out the taluqs which consist of about 100 villages, into eight circles, and place each in charge of a Relief Inspector on Rupees 15 as in the other two taluqs of the Principal Division, the four Zillahdars available and four others being appointed as Inspectors. The cost would be Rupees 88 per mensem.

6. None of the Revenue Inspectors should, I consider, be employed on this duty as they have already more than enough to attend to with the relief works in progress in every corner of the taluqs on one hand and the numerous calls for competition and land acquisition accounts and the preparation of the Jamabandy accounts on the other. I trust, therefore, that the above proposals, involving an additional cost of Rupees 228 per mensem, for the Principal Division (*vide* Statement recorded) will meet with the Board's approval, and I have authorized the immediate employment of the necessary establishments in anticipation of sanction.

7. Referring to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings under reply, I have to enclose a statement showing approximately the number of villages to which effect has been given to the orders of Government contained in their Proceedings of the 5th February 1877, No. 515, regarding the relief to be afforded to the "destitute of the poor left in the village[illegible] relieved and the amounts expended [illegible] from cost price at [illegible] have been issued to village accounts to feed such of these persons "who cannot work and who would die if left unaided." Other orders have from time to time been issued to impress on the village headmen and other officers the very great importance which the Government attach to this matter, and the fact that they would be held personally responsible for any cases of deaths from starvation occuring within their limits. They were further required to submit returns of the numbers fed and expenditure incurred, and informed that their expenditure on this account would be duly reimbursed to them immediately, advances being made in a few cases where necessary.

8. I have some time since (10th March) issued a circular directing that, as a tentative measure pending the organization of a regular system of village inspection, a Revenue Inspector or Taluq Gumastah should be deputed to inspect at least once a week all such places, not regularly established relief houses, where relief is being afforded to the distressed, either by the Village Munsifs or others in view to satisfying himself as to the *bond fide* nature of the distress and of the expenditure incurred, and also to see that all those really deserving of help were relieved.

9. In conclusion, I beg to state that I have now again called the serious attention of all officers concerned to the great importance of the subject and to the orders of Government thereon, and have desired them to extend the system of advances to village headmen, and have further authorized the grant of a small reward of 6 Pies in each case to such of the Taliaries or watchmen who find and produce those who fall exhausted as an incentive to greater exertion, in view to prompt relief being afforded and deaths from actual starvation prevented as far as possible.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2—Statements.

The Board approve and sanction the Collector's proposals as regards the Principal Division, and await revised proposals for the Sub-division taluqs. The grant of a small reward to Taliaries bringing in persons found in a state of exhaustion is also approved as experimental, but this provision will require watching.

2. The numbers in receipt of village relief in the Sub-division are large.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 131-B. Order thereon, 7th May 1877, No. 1,656-A.

Miscellaneous.

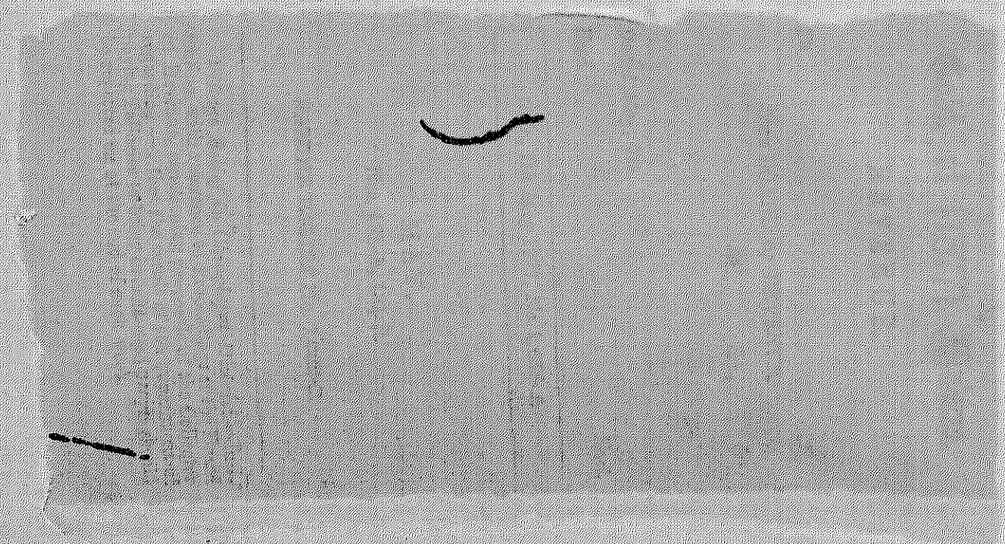
The result of the experiment of paying Taliaries to bring in exhausted people should be reported on at the end of each week.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. W. H. French.



Received Dec 22nd

Proceedings of Electoral Commission

Dated 20th August 1877

Read the following Letter

No 283

From

R. H. Gardiner Esquire

Collector of the

Lodge Street District

To

H. E. Fiske Esquire

Secretary to the Electoral Commission

Aberdeen

Sir

With reference to Board's Proceedings dated the 9th Ultimo No 1119, communicating to you a Letter from the 2nd Class No 912, Enclosing Declaration, I have the honor to report for the information of the Commissioners that I have ascertained from the Divisional Officer that

2. Charles Davidson. Class 2nd. Labourer

- for whom demanded the following Letter

Taluq into 6 circles each of which
- ted 3 Gilladars and 3 of the clerks
- ficers of the Settlement Department,
one to each of these circles as Inspec-
The Conjeevaram Taluq has lately
- been divided into 8 circles
each 4 Gilladars and as many of the
Settlement hands have been depu-
- ted as Inspectors. All this certainly
promises to follow a similar course
on the Pradhanteacum Taluq, and
trusts that these arrangements
will be sufficient to carry out
effectively the orders of Government
On, however, further considering the number of villages
in each Taluq, which are often
many, that the Taluqs should be further subdivided into smaller
Circles, so that each Inspector
may not have more than about
30 villages to visit every week
and

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each such village may be visited
- ted at least once a week, as other-
- wise the checks will not be
effected. I further think that
the pay of each Inspector should
not be less than Rs 15 for persons
as do have to be overcome by travelling
I have therefore again addressed
the Sub Collector on the subject
and desired him to make fresh
proposals which will be duly submit-
- ted to the Board for sanction
3. Pachalet Taluq. This Taluq comprises
285 Villages and the General Deputy
Collector in charge of it, proposes to
lay them out into 16 circles each
being placed under an Officer
to be called "Relief Inspector" on
Rs 12 per mensem, who would
have to visit about 20 villages
every week. He would depute
the 4 Gillladars available,
Receiving

raising Rs in pay Rs (80) to the above limit exceed abstract Rs 10 others monthly - the aggregate additional Cost being Rs 136 per mensem

2nd Alternative - Another scheme would be the taking into 10 circles each - ing about 28 villages each Jay the Inspectors at Rs 15 each per mensem, the aggregate additional cost involved in this arrangement being Rs 118.

4. Tenure Taluq The Temporary Deputy-Collector in charge of the Taluq, containing 303 villages, proposes to divide it into 5 circles and place each under a Taluq Inspector on Rs 15 plus a personal allowance of Rs 7 per mensem the total monthly cost being Rs 110. As this arrangement would give an average of about 60 villages to each Inspector instead of his own powers to control & direct would be reduced to 1/5 of the number, & he would be able to visit each village about 3 times a year at a cost of Rs 3 per mensem - Rs 15.

5. Pennagram Taluq. Of the 6 Taluqs of this District, this Taluq contains the largest number of villages, viz 252 villages into 8 circles and place each in charge of a Taluq Inspector on Rs 15, as in the other two Taluqs of the District. Besides, the 4 Jeddavars would each be in charge of a circle & act as Inspectors. The cost would be Rs 88 per mensem.

6. None of the Revenue Inspectors should

above Act, Proceedings, Inquisitions
and the Said Party have already
more than sufficient to attend
to undertake the said work &c
Inspection and survey Costs of the
said Railways and Estimates and
Said Act and Estimates and
- estimates Said for construction
and Land Acquisition account
and the Railways of the Same
- already executed and the other Of
Such Therefore that the above
Inquisitions, Examinations and Estimates
- as set forth 305 Inhabitants, for
the Principal Direction (which
Statement excluded) and Report
with the Boards aforesaid and
Of Same authorized the Same
- that employment of the Assess-
- ary establishments in Auth-
- ation of Execution.

7. Referring to Para 4 of the
Board Proceedings under
reply

Reply. Para 4 sets forth Statement
showing approximately the amount
of Railways executed effect has
been given to the orders of Govern-
ment Contained in their Proceed-
- ings of the 5th February 1877
No 515 regarding the Railways to
be effected to the Northwards of the
Northern and the Railways, the amounts
Relieved and the amounts ex pend-
- ed and to be Spent after Credit
for Such Railways in accordance
with the Report of the Chief Engineer
- ing Officer and Other Officers
have given time to time been
Received to enable Government
to adjust the Railways
Expenditure and Other Officers
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the very great inconvenience which the Government attach to the matter and the fact that they would be held personally responsible for any case of death from starvation occurring within their limits. They were therefore required to submit returns of the numbers fed and expenditure incurred & were informed that their expenditure on this account would be duly reimbursed to them immediately, advances being made in a few cases where necessary.

8. On three occasions since (6th March) circulars directing that, as a temporary measure pending the organization of a complete system of public inspection, Revenue Inspectors & Police Officials should be deputed to inspect at least

one in each tehsil, all Gazetted places of public resort should be visited by the village Officers in order to satisfy himself as to the legal disposition of the relief and to see that all those really deserving of help were relieved. On two occasions also the Chief Revenue Officer of the District accompanied the Deputy Commissioner of the District on his visits of inspection of the relief works & camps. The Commissioner of the Division also visited the Gurgaon District in the course of the year. The Government have desired them to extend the system of advances to village headmen and have further authorized the grant for recoverable rewards of a few rupees to heads of the families of persons who died or produced three vultures

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Parliamentary Paper No. [illegible]

Estimate showing the strength, cost and distribution of the establishment required for Village Police and comparison with the Sanctioned Establishment.

Name of Taluq	No. of villages in each Taluq	No. of square miles in each Taluq	Establishment Sanctioned	Amount for Fasli 1280	Remarks.
Chingleput	377	643	32 Jemadars and 3 clerks as per the Settlement Department	— — —	The sub-Collector forwards to Government direct accounts in the abstract form. Taluq and Detachment Peons required to submit fresh proposals for the sub-division Vide para 2 of the letter.
Conjeeveram	408	541	4 Jemadars and 1 clerk as per the settlement Report	— — —	
Chingleput Sub-Collectorate	Madrutchan	607	— — —	— — —	
Chingleput Division	Vaidapet	285	28	1 Ruler Inspector on Rs. 15 per annum Increase of pay to 4 Jemadars @ Rs. 3 each per annum	119 — —
	Tirukkalikundram	303	33	5 Peons @ Rs. 5 each per annum Increase of pay to 2 Jemadars @ Rs. 3 each per annum	119 — —
	Pomeri	252	31	4 Peons @ Rs. 5 each per annum Increase of pay to 3 Jemadars @ Rs. 3 each per annum	29 — —
				Total	367 — —

(Sgd) R. W. Barlow
Collector

Chingleput
The 10th April 1911

Statement showing the extent and cost of village relief afforded in the Chingleput Dist. upto the 14th April 1877.

Name of Taluq	Number of village in which relief was afforded	Number of persons relieved	Amount expended. Rs	A	P	Remarks.
Tadapet	6	1409	142	4	4	There are 2 large relief camps and Relief house in the Taluq.
Tiruvellore	8	3528	294	13	9	" "
Ponneri	12	2024	184	1	5	" "
Chingleput	5	4716	786	9	1	There are two relief houses in Chingleput & Tiruvoor.
Chedrantakem	"	"	"	"	"	There are two relief houses in Chedrantakem & Uramur.
Conjeevaram	5	4140	722	5	3	There are two relief houses in Conjeevaram & Tiruvumbur.

Note The figures given in this statement are only approximate. Accurate returns have been called for and an amended statement will be submitted shortly.

(Sd) R. D. Mackenzie.
Collector.

The Honble Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing the extent and cost of village relief afforded in the Chingleput District upto the 14th April 1877.

2. The Collectorate Establishment has been employed on this duty, and the Collector has been assisted by the Deputy Collectors of Conjeevaram & Tiruvellore.

3. Relief Camps have been established at Tadapet, Tiruvellore, Ponneri, Chingleput, Conjeevaram & Tiruvumbur.

4. Relief houses have been established at Chingleput, Tiruvoor, Chedrantakem, Uramur, Conjeevaram & Tiruvumbur.

5. Relief has been afforded in the following villages

(Here follows a list of 39 villages)

6. The Collector has been directed to submit a detailed statement of the expenditure.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Sd) R. D. Mackenzie
Collector

Chingleput
The 16th April 1877

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
@ 25th April 1877
No 2
Dr 26

Some clearing proposals
for the Collectorship
about village relief as pre-
-ards the principal Sunder-
& awaiting revised Regu-
-lation for sub-division
of Tals.

Mr Cooke