

(1) Number of pages 8
(2) Date of repair 10-2-1973
(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

REVENUE . DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1661-B	Press
B.P. No.		Mis.
Dated	7-5-1877	197

Not to be folded or roughly handled

1661-B
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th May 1877, No. 1,661-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 141-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23th April 1877, No. 1,979.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudiattam, 18th April 1877, No. 267.

I HAVE the honor, as called for in paragraph 4 of G.O., dated 15th ultimo, No. 1,088, to submit my weekly report regarding the result of the operation of the scale of wages now in force.

2. My divisional officers are unanimous in stating that the rates of wages in force have not produced any unfavorable change in the condition of the laborers employed on relief-works. From my personal observation, I entertain a similar opinion as to the present effects of the existing rates of wages on the condition of the people.

3. The only officer who complains of the insufficiency of wages and the consequent failing condition of the relief-gangs is Mr. Clerk in charge of the relief-works in the Punganoor Division; and he avers that there is now a very perceptible falling off in the condition of the gangs. I have authorised him to reduce the task-work in proportion to the physical capability of the working gangs, to make alterations in them according to circumstances, to afford gratuitous relief to the aged or weak relatives of the laborers on the works, and who hitherto have been dependent upon them for subsistence, and the payment of 3 pies per diem to all children under seven years of age belonging to the relief coolies and actually present on the works is also being made.

4. A relief-camp has also been started on the new system advocated by Mr. Puckle. The laborers now experience the advantages of these arrangements and work without much demur. On the completion of the Jamabundy in a few days' time of the Gudiattam Taluk on which I am at present engaged, I intend proceeding to the Punganoor Division to make personal inspection of the actual condition of the laborers employed in that part of the district.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The state of the case seems to be that where coolies were in good condition to begin with, the new scale of wages has been enough to maintain them in that state; but where they began work in a low state, they have not been able to regain strength on the new scale, or even to maintain their former condition. It must be remembered that the new scale has scarcely anywhere been really introduced in its entirety.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 141-D.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1877, No. 1,661-B.*

Miscellaneous.

If the gangs under Mr. Clerk are doing tasks equal to 75 per cent. of a Public Works Department task, they should be paid at the higher rate of wages, and in calculating the task, allowance should be made for the exceptional hardness of the soil.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 28th April 1877.

Read the following:

13th April 1868 No. 267

From W. P. Whitehead Esquire
Collector of a tenth district

To Mr. E. Baker Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir I have the honor as called for in para-
4 of G.O. dated 15th ultimo No. 1088 to submit
my weekly Report regarding the result of the
operation of the scale of wages now in force.

2. My Divisional officers are unani-
mous in stating that the rates of wages
in force have not produced any uniform
change in the condition of the
labourers employed on Public works. From
my personal observation I entertain a similar
opinion so far as regards present effect of the
existing rates of wages on the condition
of the people.

3. The only officer who complains of the
insufficiency of wages and the consequent
failing

growing condition of the Relief gangs
is Mr. Clerk in charge of the Relief works
in the Punganoor Division and he
avows that there is now a very perceptible
falling off in the condition of the gangs.

I have authorized him to reduce the
task work in proportion to the physical
capability of the working gangs, to
make alterations in them according
to circumstances to afford gratuitous
relief to the aged or weak relatives of
the labourers on the works and who
hitherto have been dependant upon
them for subsistence & the payment
of 3 pice per diem to all children under
7 years of age belonging to the relief coolies
and actually present on the works is also
being made.

4. A Relief camp has also been
started on the new system advocated
by Mr. Puck. The labourers now experience
the advantages of these arrangements
and work without much idleness.
On the completion of the panchandy in
a few days time of the Gudiatam Saluk
on

on which I am at present engaged; I
intend proceeding to the Punganoor
Division to make personal inspection
of the actual condition of the labourers
employed in that part of the District.

North Arcot }
Collectors office }
Camp Gudiatam }
18th April 1877 }

(Sd) Mr. Whistler
Collector

Submitted for the information
of Government.

2. The state of the case seems to be that
where coolies were in good condition to
begin with, the new scale of wages has
been enough to maintain them in that
state; but where they began work in a
low state they have not been able to
regain strength on the new scale or
even to maintain their former condition.
It must be remembered that the new
scale has scarcely anywhere been really
introduced in its entirety.

(True Copy Extract)

To the Additional Secy to Govt. P.D.
Sd/-
Sd/-

1881

Proceedings of
the Board of Managers

Baker's Point 1877

convinced to put
with remarks, the forms
bulletin of a direct
admission of credit by report
of the operation of the
state of wages now in
force.

100

St. Mary's 1867

[illegible]