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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th May 1877, No. 1,673.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1044. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1877, No. 1,922.

Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 16th April 1877, No. 97:—

With reference to the orders* of Government on the subject of employing distressed persons in the districts or taluqs to which they may migrate in search of food and work, I have the honor to request you will inform me whether such rules apply when the distressed persons flock into a district or portion of a district where no relief works have been organized.

2. I am led to make this reference because last week I inspected at Palghat over 200 people who had recently come thither from Salem and Coimbatore, and who were giving some trouble to the inhabitants by their importunate begging, particularly after nightfall. Copies of my letters to the Collectors of Salem and Coimbatore regarding them are enclosed for reference.

3. Mr. Langley thinks that now that relief works are fully organized in every part of his district the people should be sent back by rail to their respective homes. Mr. Wedderburn asks me to advise them to go home, but does not seem to approve of their being sent back.

4. As there are no relief works open, and as I do not wish to open any if I can help it, I solicit orders whether I may send these people back by rail to their respective homes.

Enclosure No. 1.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Palghat, 7th April 1877, No. A.

I have the honor to inform you that I have just returned from inspecting a number of people who were reported to have come into this district from the eastward in search of work and food.

2. I found among them three gangs from your district, numbering as follows:—

	First gang.	Second gang.	Third gang.	Total.
Men	10	15	4	29
Women	17	25	8	50
Children	12	25	3	45
Total...	39	65	20	124

The first gang reported themselves to be gunny-bag weavers from Paria and Chimankondala Murali villages in a Mittah (name unknown) belonging to one Shesha Rayyar, situated probably (from the proximity to Salem of the villages) in the Salem Taluk; the second gang also, composed of gunny-bag weavers and cultivators came from Kodungalur village in Darnapur Taluk; and the third gang of cultivators and Pecharis was from Meecheri village of the Womalar Taluk.

3. Some of them had found a day or two's work here, but the majority had subsisted by begging. Many of them wished to return to their villages as they have heard that rain has fallen.

4. The circumstances of this district do not as yet necessitate the opening of relief works for the indigenous population, and I do not wish, if it can be helped, to open them for people from other places, so I would like to know whether you would wish me to return such gangs by rail to the stations nearest their homes. That seems to me the best way of disposing of them.

5. They all seemed to dread going on relief works because their children would not be provided for. On this point they are of course mistaken and I told them so.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Palghat, 7th April 1877, No. B.

I have just returned from inspecting some people who were reported to have come here from districts to the west of Coimbatore. I found that forty-nine belonged to your district.

2. There were two gangs of eighteen and twenty-three individuals respectively, who stated they had come from the Erode and Pollachy Taluqs. Besides these there were two families, one of weavers and one of a Mahomedan widow of the cooly class with three children.

3. The gang of eighteen was composed entirely of the cultivator class, and came from Kaupipuram village in Erode Taluk. Three of the men said they paid Rupees 14½ of revenue among them. The gang of twenty-three came from Paramban Pallam in Pollachy.

4. No relief works are yet required here for the indigenous population, and I do not wish, if it can be helped, to open such works for other people. I therefore think it would be the best plan to send such people back to their villages, but before doing so I should like to be favored with your views on the point.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

The Collector should organize a small relief camp near the town to which these people might be sent, and whereby they might be prevented from begging in the town. If really in need, they will not object to remaining in the camp. To send them back at Government expense seems contrary to G.O., dated 5th March 1877, No. 535.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 165.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1877, No. 1,673.

Miscellaneous.

The vagrants, if able to work, should be made to do something in return for the subsistence given them.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 25th April 1877

Read the following

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From

W. Legum Esquire
Collector of Calabar.

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Calabar.

GC. No. 515 of
5th Feb. 1877
No. No. 935 of
5th March 1877

With reference to the orders
of Govt. on the subject of employing
distressed persons in the Districts
or Taluqs to which they may mi-
grate in search of food and work,
I have the honor to request you
will inform me whether such
rules apply when the distressed
persons flock into a district or
part of a District
where no Relief works have been
organized.

2 I am led to make
this reference because last
week I inspected at Palghat
over 200 people who had recently
come thither from Calcutta and
Coimbatore who were giving
some trouble to the Inhabitants
by their importunate begging,
particularly after night-fall.
Copies of my letters to the Collectors
of Calcutta and Coimbatore
regarding them are enclosed
for reference.

3. Mr. Longley thinks that
now that Relief works are
fully organized in every part
of his district, the people should
be sent back by Rail to their
respective homes. Mr. Wed-
derburn asks me to advise
them.

them to go home, but does not
seem to approve of their being
sent back.

4. As there are no Relief Works
open and as I don't wish to
open any if I can help it, I shall
order whether I may send these
people back by Rail to their respec-
tive homes.

I have &c
Signed, W. Logan
Collector
Calcutta 16th
April 1877

Enclosure I
Calcutta Collector's Office
Palghat 7th April 77.

W. L.
From
The collector of Calcutta
To
The collector of Calcutta
Via
I have the honor
to

to inform you that I have
just returned from inspecting
a number of people who were
reported to have come in to the
District from the Eastward
in search of work and
food.

2. I found among them three
gangs from your District
enumerating as follows.

	1 st gang	2 nd gang	3 rd gang	Total
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to be ganyu, bag, meeners from
Peria and Chinn, Kondala
Mandi villages in a ettah
(name unknown) belonging
to me Shesha Raygaru -
- stated probably (from the
proximity

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in the Salem Taluk. The 2nd
gang also composed of ganyu
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came from Kodanur village
in Tharampuri Taluk. But
the 3rd gang of cultivators
and Procharis was from the
village of the Womali Taluk.

3. Some of them had found a
day or two work here, but the
majority had subsisted by
begging - many of them wished
to return to their villages as they
have heard that rain has
fallen.

4. The circumstances of this
District do not as yet
necessitate the opening of
relief works for the indigent
population, and I don't wish
it.

if it can be helped, to open them
for people from other places; so
I would like to know whether
you would ^{wish} me to return
each gang by rail to the
stations nearest their
homes. That seems to me
the best way of disposing of
them.

5. They all seemed to dread
going on Relief works, becau-
se their children would
not be provided for on this
point, they are of course
mistaken, and I told them
so.

I have
/s/ W. Logan
Collector
(True copy)

/s/ W. Logan
Collector

Enclosed

Enclosures

No. 13.

Albany Collection
Office.

on record
Palghat, 15 April 77

From

The collector of Albany

To

The collector of Bombay

Ser.

I have just returned from
inspecting some people who were
reported to have come here
from District to the Eastward
in search of food and work,
of them. I found that 49 belong
to your District:

2. There were two gangs of 18 &
23 individuals respectively who
stated they had come from the
Coods and Pollachy Taluk.

Besides these there were two
families, one of men and
and

and one of a Mahomedan
widow of the coolie class
with three children.

3. The gang of 18 was composed
entirely of the cultivator class
and came from Mannipuram
village in Erode Taluk.
Three of the men said they paid
Rs 12 1/2 of revenue among them.
The gang of 23 came from Purnam-
bail Pallam in Pallaichy.

4. No Relief works are yet required
here for the indigenous population
and I don't wish if it can
be helped to open such works
for other people. I therefore think
it would be the best plan to send such
people back to their villages but before
doing so should like to be favoured
with your views on the subject.

Malabar Collecting Office
Anicut Taluk
7th April 1877
H. V. Logan
Collector

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them back at Government expense seems
contrary to G.O. 355 of 1872 to 535.
(True Copy and Extract)

To the Collector of Malabar.
(True Copy)

Secretary.
Additional Secretary to Government.

The report of the Grand Jurors
 is submitted to the Court
 and the Court is of the opinion
 that the same should be
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