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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

9th May 1877, No. 1,678-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 191 A. From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Saidapet, 20th March 1877, No. 42.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government, dated the 12th instant, No. 1,033, and to report that, in obedience to the same, I visited the Palaveram Camp on the 15th idem and the Tirumullaivoyal (Poonamallee) Camp on the 16th and inspected all the inmates, making inquiries regarding the rates of wages.

2. All new working paupers have been fed according to the Madras scale of diet since the receipt of G.O., dated 28th February 1877, No. 861-A, Revenue Department, indeed somewhat prior thereto on receipt of demi-official instructions from the Hon. R. S. Ellis. The coolies working on roads, &c., connected with the camps have been paid strictly in accordance with the scale laid down in G.O., No. 329, Financial Department, dated 31st January 1877, the rate being furnished weekly* to the camps by the Treasury Deputy Collector with reference to the prices prevailing in the Saidapet Taluq. I have, however, now instructed the Special Relief Officer that when he is satisfied that such rates should be modified in certain localities, he can do so, bearing in mind, however, that the statements of the laborers themselves and the local dealers should be carefully tested.

* Now fortnightly, *vide* G.O., Financial Department, No. 529, dated 12th February 1877.

3. I consider that the working laborers are not in good condition, but on this point Deputy Surgeon-General vanSomeren will be able to give more valuable information than I can. I have already reported that I consider the scale of wages insufficient. The diet of the non-working paupers is, in my opinion, more than ample, and though many of them are suffering from chronic diseases, their condition is otherwise good.

4. I wish to observe, with reference to paragraph 13 of the Special Relief Officer's No. 67, that though I had received urgent reports regarding the coolies leaving through discontent, which I daily communicated* to the Board, I had no intimation as to the falling off in their bodily condition till his letter of the 14th instant, No. 66, or subsequent to the Government Order I am now replying to. Had it been otherwise, though on "duty at a distance," I should have had no difficulty whatever in visiting either camp at once, and could have done so easily, as I all along kept up horse communication with the nearest railway station in case of emergency arising, though doing the Jamabundy of a portion of the sub-division.

* *Vide* my letter, No. 161, dated 10th March 1877.

Revenue Department, 6th *May* 1877, No. 1,670-M.

No. 1344-B. Orders recited, 9th May 1877, No. 1,278-A.

Memorandum. Revenue settlement of Gurdaspur, with reference to G.O., No. 1,648, of the 5th May 1877.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Gurdaspur,
The Board of Revenue,
The Financial Commissioner.

Encl. A, F. Goodall.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1724

From The Collector of Customs

Dated 20th June 1917

FOR ORDERS.

Steamer Tak
Ras Kamboni
Cargo "Sundry
Goods"

FOR ORDERS.

NO. 42.

Chingleput District, Collector's Office.
Dated 20th March 1877.

From

C. M. Barlow Esquire
COLLECTOR OF THE
Chingleput District.

To

J. M. Gantin Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
Madras

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government dated the 12th instant No 1033, and to report that in obedience to the Order, I visited the Pallavaram Camp on the 15th and discussed all the matters making inquiries regarding the nature of wages.

2 All new-working paupers have been fed according to the Government scale of diet, since the receipt of G O dated 28th February 1877 No 836. I succeeded somewhat prior thereto on receipt of Verbal instructions from the Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot Collector working on roads to be connected with the Camps have been paid strictly in accordance with

the rate laid down in G. O. No 329 S. D.
dated 31st January 1877, the rate being fixed weekly to the camps by the Treasury
Deputy Collector, with reference to the price prevailing in the Indian Labour Corps
-ever now instructed the Special Duty officer that whenever he is satisfied that such rates
should be modified in certain localities he can do so, bearing in mind, however, that
the statements of the labourers themselves and
the local centers should be carefully tested.

3. I consider that the working labourers are
not in good condition, but on this point Deputy
Surgeon General Townsend will be able
to give more valuable information than I
can. I have already reported that I consider
the scale of wages sufficient. The diet of
the non-working paupers is in my opinion
more than ample, and though many of them
are suffering from Chronic diseases, their condition
is otherwise good.

4. I wish to observe with reference to para
13 of the Special Duty Officer's D.O., that
though I had received urgent reports regard-
-ing the Cooly Corps through district and
other Duty Committees, I had no information as to the posting off of
these daily contracts till the letter of the
14th September subsequent to the G. O. I am
now replying to. Had it been otherwise,
though on duty at Madras, I should have
made arrangements to proceed to the
Camp at once, and could have done so, & I
will always keep up these communications
with the Branch Railway stations, in case of
emergency arising, though doing the main
bulk of a portion of the Sub Division.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

Rec. 1877 Sept
7 No 17364

From
THE COLLECTOR
of Chittagong

To
The Addl Secretary to
Government

Dated 20th March 1877.
Received

Enclosure.

No. 42

Submitting Inspection
Report of the Deputy
Commissioner of Noakhally
& Comparative Statement
dated 12th March 1877.

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