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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

11th May 1877, No. 1,698.

Famine Relief

Read the following paper :—

No. 235. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th April 1877.

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1877, No. 1,791.

In their Proceedings of the 25th January 1877, No. 288, the Board of Revenue "await" a report promised by my predecessor "on the subject of the Venkatagiri Rajah's relief-works."

2. In G.O., 29th January 1877, No. 388-A, Government, in disposing of those Proceedings, "await the receipt of the Acting Collector's report on the progress of relief-works in the zemindary."

3. The report which Government expect will be submitted in my reply to G.O., 13th February 1877, No. 652, calling for information as to the sufficiency of works in progress in the district to supply employment for the next seven months.

4. The question as to the progress of the Rajah's works has ceased to be of importance (as regards the future), since he expressed his intention of supplying Government with funds and leaving them to carry out all necessary works.

5. I enclose copy of the Rajah's letter sending me Rs. 50,000, placing Rs. 25,000 worth of rice at my disposal and promising further remittances, of my telegram on the subject to Government, of a telegram in which Government authorize me to accept the Rajah's offer, of my reply to the Rajah, and of a circular I have issued to the officers in charge of divisions of the zemindary.

6. I have now before me Mr. Crole's report on the zemindary, R. Venkata-kistna Row's report as to transactions which took place when he was Diwan, and several letters of the Rajah. These papers contain full information as to the Rajah's works, and I will advert to the subject in submitting them to Government.

7. Perhaps it will be sufficient now to say that the Rajah reports that he spent up to the end of March Rs. 18,559 in employing 150,712 coolies, and that in the last fortnight of that month he spent Rs. 1,226 on 11,155 coolies.

Translation of Venkatagiri Rajah's letter to the Collector of Nellore, dated 7th April 1877, No. 597.

I AM in receipt of your letter, dated 3rd instant, No. 116, stating that in conformity to my request that two men,—one to the southern taluqs, and one to the northern taluqs, may be nominated from your department to supervise the relief-works in my Zemindari, and that, under the present state of circumstances, it is not possible for you to comply with them, and that if I should choose any two of your men, you can promise that you will make all possible good attempts to place them

temporarily in my services, I beg to state that I am not well conversant as to who are competent men in your department, and in consequence I am unable to request you to nominate particular individuals for the purpose.

In the matter of carrying on the relief-works, whatever amount of zeal and interest I may display, yet, owing to the absence of any full powers vested in me, and as those works are of a nature extensive in itself, I deem it impossible for me to manage them satisfactorily.

At the very outset, having addressed the Government that I will execute relief-works to the extent of two lakhs of rupees in my -----, we accordingly executed a certain ----- works.

As I have hitherto been giving food to the people at Venkatagiri, I think I shall have to continue the same for some time to come.

I request that you will receive the rice which I had sent for from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. for Rupees 25,000 and the ready money (Rupees 50,000) which accompany herewith (as per 50 currency notes noted below), and make the necessary arrangements to carry on the relief-works in my Zemindari on behalf of Government, and as the work progresses, I beg you will be so good as to receive further remittances, which I may send from time to time to make good the entire sum and carry on the relief-works.

Although I had placed at the disposal of my late Dewan R. Venkatakiatna Row rice and ready money to the extent of Rupees 85,000 on account of carrying on the relief-works; he from enmity towards me, and with the intention of bringing upon me the displeasure and wrath of Government, neglected to carry them on, and with the intention that a rumour, that I am causing great disturbance to my impoverished ryots, be spread abroad, he caused the attachment of the property of such impoverished ryots, and instituted Civil actions against them in the Courts of Justice.

One month has now elapsed since I have dismissed my Dewan from my service. I trust that you will not carry with you the idea that the said procedure committed by my Dewan has been committed by me during this short interval.

I have brought these circumstances to the notice of the Honorable Board and Government.

Being my superior in authority, I beg that you will communicate all these aforesaid circumstances to Government with your recommendation, and carry out the object of my prayer.

In order that you may be well impressed with the circumstances contained in this letter, I beg to enclose a translation of the same for your perusal.

Having nothing more to say.

Currency Notes.

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Copy of telegram to Government from the Collector of Nellore, under date 9th April 1877.

Venkatagiri Rajah saying cannot manage relief-works satisfactorily. Sends fifty thousand rupees in notes. Asks me to take that sum and twenty-five thousand rupees worth of rice and conduct works throughout his Zemindari. Promises future remittances. Shall I accept? Crole's report, dated 5th instant, was very unfavorable to Zemindar.

Copy of telegram to the Collector of Nellore, from the Madras Government, under date 10th April 1877.

Accept Venkatagiri relief-fund, carrying out original intention employment with ----- idari.

Copy of letter from the Collector of Nellore to the Rajah of Venkatagiri, No. 121, dated 12th April 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, No. 597, received on the 9th instant.

2. Under instructions from Government, I accept the Rupees 50,000 which you have sent me, and the Rupees 25,000 worth of rice which you also ask me to receive; and I now beg to thank you for the same, and to express my hope that it shows you are prepared to do all in your power to save your people from the worst effects of the famine. I note your promise to favor me with further remittances from time to time "to make good the entire sum." All you send me shall be spent to the best of our ability on relief-works and relief-camps.

3. I shall be obliged if you will inform me when and where I can take charge of the rice you have placed at my disposal, and I shall be glad to have a statement of the quantity.

4. I am informed that a list was prepared under the late Dewan's orders of irrigation works in your estate which need repairs, and I shall be obliged if you will let me see it.

5. If you have any wishes with regard to the manner in which the funds you have placed in my hands should be spent, I shall be glad to be informed of them.

Copy of Circular-letter from the Collector of Nellore to the officers in charge of the Divisions of the Venkatagiri Zemindari, dated 12th April 1877, No. 1,626.

I enclose a translation of a letter addressed to the Rajah, from which you will see that he has sent me Rupees 50,000; states he will place Rupees 12,500 rice at my disposal, promises further remittances, and asks me to undertake relief-works in his estate.

2. I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether any more than is now being done by Government will be required on the part of the Zemindari which is under your charge.

SUBMITTED for information of Government.

2. The Collector's report alluded to in paragraph 3 is awaited.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary.

No. 236.

ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1877, No. 1,698.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,  
the Financial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceeding of the Board of Revenue

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 1877

Read the following

Sanctified No 4297

No 1791

From

J. Grose, Esquire

Collector of Madras

To

A. S. Stokes, Esquire

Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue  
Madras.

Sir,

In their Proceedings of the  
28<sup>th</sup> January 1877 No. 288, the  
Board of Revenue "await" a  
report promised by my pre-  
decessor on the subject of

the Venkatapur Rajah's Relief Works."

2. In Government Order 27<sup>th</sup> January 1877 No. 388 A Government is disposing of the Proceeding "was the receipt of the Acting Collector's report on the progress of Relief Works in the Laminidam."

3. The Report which Government expect will be submitted in my reply to Government Order 13<sup>th</sup> February 1877 No. 652 calling for information as to the sufficiency of works in progress in the

District to supply employment for the next 7 months.

4. The question as to the progress of the Rajah's works has ceased to be of importance (as regards the future) since he expressed his intention of supplying Government with grain and leaving them to carry out all necessary work.

5. I enclose copy of the Rajah's letter seeking me Rs. 50,000 plus Rs. 25,000 worth of rice at my disposal, and promising further remittances, of my telegram

on the Subject to Government,  
of a telegram in which Govern-  
ment authorize me to accept  
the Rajah's Offer of my reply  
to the Rajah, and of a Circular  
I have issued to the officers in  
charge of Divisions of the  
Leminday.

b. I have now before me Mr.  
Coolie's report on the Leminday,  
R. Venkata Krishna Row's report  
as to transactions which  
took place when he was  
Dewan and several letters  
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as to the Rajah's Works, and I  
will advise the Subject in  
submitting them to Government.  
7. Perhaps it will be  
sufficient now to say that  
the Rajah reports that he  
spent up to the end of March  
Rs 18,559 in employing 150,712

Coolies and that in the last  
fortnight of that month, he  
spent Rs 1226 on 11,555 Coolies.  
= 16,785 for 1000 individuals  
I have seen.  
Vellore }  
Collector's Office } signed H. P. S.  
17<sup>th</sup> April 1877 } Collector

Submitted for  
information of Government

2. The Collector report  
alluded to in para 3 is  
awaited.

(True Copy & Extract)

Minister  
Secretary

To The Additional Secretary  
to Government, &c.  
with Copy of Memo

Translation of Kuchalagiri Rajah's  
letter No. 597 dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 1877.

To.

J. Grose Esquire  
Collector of Bellary

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter  
dated 3<sup>rd</sup> instant No 116, stating  
that, in conformity to my  
request, that (2) men, one to  
the Southern Taluq, and one to  
the Northern Taluq, may be  
nominated from your depart-  
ment to supervise the Relief  
works in my Territory, and  
that under the present state  
of circumstances, it is not possible

for you to comply with them,  
2 And that, if I should share  
a any two of your men, you  
d Can promise that you will  
make all possible good  
attempt to place them business  
in my services. They state  
that I am not well con-  
-sidered as to who are com-  
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am unable to request you  
nominate particular individuals  
for the purpose.

In the matter of Com-  
-ing on the Relief Works,

Whatever amount of zeal and  
interest I may display, yet, owing  
to the absence of any full power  
vested in me, and as those  
works are of a nature extensive  
in itself, I deem it impossible  
for me to manage them satisfactorily.

At the very onset, having  
addressed the Government, that  
I will execute Relief Works to the  
extent of (2) lacs of Rupees in  
my Commandary, I have accordingly  
executed a portion of the said  
works.

As I have hitherto been  
giving food to the people at  
Vankatagiri, I think I shall

have to continue the same  
for some time to come.

I request that you  
will receive the rice which  
I had sent for from Messrs.  
Arbuthnot and Co. for Rs.  
25,000 and the ready money  
/Rs 50,000/ which accompany  
herewith (as per so currency  
notes noted below) and  
make the necessary arrange-  
ments to carry on the Relief  
Works in my Zamindari,  
on behalf of Government,  
and as the work progresses,  
may you will be so good  
as

as to receive further remittances,  
which, I may send from time  
to time to make good the entire  
sum and carry on the Relief  
Works.

Although I had placed  
at the disposal of my late  
son-in-law, Mr. Wakataki, a sum  
of rice and ready money to the  
extent of (Rs 35,000) on account  
of carrying on the Relief Works,  
he from animosity towards me,  
and with the intention of  
bringing upon me the displeasure  
and wrath of Government,  
neglected to carry them on,

said with the intention that  
a rumour, that I am causing  
great disturbance to my  
impoverished ryots, be spread  
abroad, he caused the  
attachments of the property  
of such impoverished ryots,  
and instituted civil actions  
against them in the Courts  
of Justice.

One month has now  
elapsed since I have dismissed  
my Dewan from my service.  
I trust that you will not  
carry with you the idea,  
that the <sup>Said</sup> procedure Committee

by my Dewan, had been committed  
by me during this short interval.

I have brought these  
circumstances to the notice of  
the Honorable Board and  
Government.

Being my Superior in  
Authority, I beg that you will  
communicate all the afore-  
said circumstances to the Gov-  
ernment with your recommendations,  
and carry out the object of  
my prayer.

In order that you may  
be well impressed with the  
circumstances contained in  
this letter, I beg to enclose  
a translation of the same.

for your perusal.

Having nothing more to say.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1877 Venkataswami.

Numbers of Currency notes.

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68887, 67886, 67885, 67884,  
67883, 67882, 67626, 67625, 67624,  
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Copy of telegram to Government  
from the Collector of Madras.

under

under date the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1877

Venkataswami Rajah says  
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Rupees in notes, asks me to  
take that sum and twenty  
five thousand Rupees worth  
of Rice and conduct work  
throughout his Zemindari.

Promises future remittances.  
Shall I accept? Cole's report  
dated 5<sup>th</sup> Jan last was very  
unfavourable to Zemindar.

Copy of telegram to the Collector  
of Madras from the Madras  
Government under date the  
10<sup>th</sup> April 1877.

"Certainly accept Venkataswami

Relief Fund carrying out  
original intention of employment  
within "Geminidary."

Copy of letter from the Collector  
of a fellow Blue Rajah of  
Vankatapur dated 13  
April 1877.

I have the honor to  
acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, 1859,  
received on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant.

2. Under instructions from Govern-  
ment, I accept the Rs 50,000  
which you have just received  
the Rs 25,000 worth of rice which  
you also wish me to receive  
and I now beg to thank you

for the same; and to express  
my hope that it shows you  
are prepared to do all in your  
power to save your people from  
the worst effects of the famine.  
I note your promise to favour  
me with further remittances  
from time to time "to make good  
the entire sum". Still you  
and me shall be spared the  
best of our ability on Relief  
Works and Relief Camps.

3. I shall be obliged if you  
will inform me when and  
where I can take charge of the  
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done by Government will  
be required, on the part of  
the Zemindary which is  
under your charge.

(True Copies)

Sept J. Groves  
Collector

(True Copy)

W. H. H. H.  
Secretary

Jan 7 1877

Exposure in North  
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