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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th May 1877, No. 1708-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 256-C. From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 1st May 1877, No. 2,106.

On the 25th March I communicated with the Rajah of Venkatagiri in accordance with Government Order, 20th March 1877, No. 1168.

2. On the 30th the Rajah replied in a letter which will be shortly submitted to Government through the Board of Revenue in connection with other papers which refer to the dismissal of the late Diwan. Most of the letter consisted of an effort to show that all the shortcomings with reference to relief on the estate which have excited the displeasure of Government are to be ascribed to the Diwan; but in conclusion the Rajah stated that he had arranged to open works on a large scale and asked me to select and send to him "two trustworthy persons" (to be paid by him) "one for the Northern and the other for the Southern taluqs, to have general superintendence over all the works conducted in those taluqs under the orders of the Amils and the two Superintendents appointed by" him.

3. For obvious reasons I hesitated to select men for such a position as the Rajah described; so I told him I was not prepared to accept the responsibility, and wished the whole credit of the works to be his, but promised, if he would select men, to get their services temporarily transferred to him.

4. This letter of mine was dated the 3rd April. Mr. Crole sent in his report on the zemindari, which I have submitted to the Board, on the 5th idem. On the 7th the Rajah addressed a letter to me, of which the following is an extract:—"I request that you will receive the rice which I had sent for from Messrs. Arbuthnot and 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."

5. After communicating with the Secretary to Government by telegram, I accepted this offer, noting the promise of further remittances, promising to spend all to the best of our ability on relief works and relief camps, and asking for information as to the quantity of the rice and when and where it could be taken charge of, as to irrigation works known to need repair in the estate, and as to any wishes the Rajah might have with regard to the way in which the funds placed by him in my hands should be spent.

6. I submit a copy of the Rajah's reply.* He requests me to spend his money on such works as tanks, supply channels, sluices, and calingulahs, and urges that none of it should be expended on roads because he pays so much road-cess. He says nothing about relief camps.

Govt. Order, 10th April 1877, No. 1224.

" 11th April 1877, No. 1394.

* Letter of 17th April 1877, No. 628-742.

7. I request orders as to how the money supplied by the Rajah is to be spent and dealt with in the accounts. In my opinion it should be merged in the General Famine Fund. According to the latest accounts the amount spent on works in the zemindari has been Rupees 62,993 and that on gratuitous relief Rupees 8,950, or altogether Rupees 71,943. This expenditure is of course much smaller than has been incurred in meeting a similar amount of distress in other parts of the district, and the rate will have to be greatly increased. Moreover the expense incurred on the Surgeon, &c., in Venkatagiri, and the establishment which is employed on village inspection must be added to it before the cost to Government of meeting the famine in the estate can be determined.

8. The road works now in progress viz., those between Naidupett and Dugarazapatam, between Naidupett and Venkatagiri, between Podile and Addanki via Darsi, and between Turlapad and Potulapad (just commenced) must, I think, be continued as these are the only works well organized at present and will long supply places to which the distant poor can resort with a certainty of finding relief. Nevertheless it will be necessary, not only to complete the Rajah's unfinished works for which orders have been already issued, but to commence and proceed with many scattered works of the same sort. With regard to these, I am awaiting reports from the officers immediately in charge of the three divisions of the zemindari, viz., the Additional Sub-Collector, the Acting Sub-Collector, and the Deputy Collector at Naidupett, and I am in consultation with the District Engineer.

9. From the last-named officer, I have received the letter of the 24th April, No. 304, a copy of which is herewith submitted. Mr. O'Shaughnessy says he will be unable to assist me in carrying out the proposed works unless he is supplied with three or four experienced Overseers. I think we shall want three, or one each for Polur, Darsi, and Podile. There is one in Venkatagiri now (Mr. McKay). I may remark that the services of Mr. McCullagh, a Sub-Engineer, posted to this district, have been placed at the disposal of the District Engineer for employment on the Canal, where a man of that calibre was wanted to take the place of an officer who has broken down.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Nellore, 24th April 1877, No. 304.

In reply to your letter, No. 1842, dated 21st April 1877, I have the honor to inform you that as three of my Taluk Overseers are already away on famine duty under your Divisional Officers, I am quite unable to assist you in carrying on the proposed works in the Venkatagiri Rajah's Zemindari.

If you can obtain the services of three or four experienced Overseers, that is, one for each of the Zemindari Divisions, and place them under the orders of the Public Works Department Division Officers, the works can be carried on properly and without causing you any trouble.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. GROSE, Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Letter from the Rajah of Venkatagiri to the Collector of Nellore (all complimentary terms are omitted from the translation), dated 7th April 1877, No. 628-742.

We have received and understood your letter, No. 121, dated the 12th instant which runs thus:—"Under instructions from Government I accept the 50,000 Rupees which you have sent in cash, and will accept the Rupees 25,000 worth of rice which would be sent hereafter to be spent as you wish on relief works in your estate. I note your promise to favor me with further remittances from time to time to make good the entire sum. All the money you sent shall be spent to the best of our ability on relief works and relief camps. I request you will inform me where I can take charge of the rice you have proposed to send me, and forward to me a list already prepared of tanks, &c., requiring repair in your estate, besides letting me know your wishes as to the manner in which the funds you send should be spent."

We offer several thanks to you for having complied with our request, as well as for having recommended to and obtained the orders of the Honorable Government on this subject.

Circular No. 78 has been issued to the Amils and Superintendents of relief works of our estate to the effect that the relief works that have been hitherto carried out in our estate should be henceforward put an end to; that the accounts of works done up to this time should be submitted; that a report should be made of the quantity already expended on relief works from the Rupees 25,000 worth of rice obtained through Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. and of the quantities remaining in various places, and that an account should be submitted for the same; that besides tanks, supply channels, &c., in the several taluqs for which estimates have already been prepared and for which repairs are now being carried out, preparation and transmission of estimates for other works requiring repair should be expedited, and that the remaining stock of rice should be handed over to Government officials when they require them.

The accounts would be sent to you on receipt of the same.

If, out of the abovementioned Rupees 25,000 worth of rice, any quantity be reported to have been expended on relief works, ready-money will be sent to you to make up the difference.

We herewith enclose a list of works for which estimates have been already made and which are now under execution. The works may continue in those places for the present. The account prepared by the late Diwan has been mislaid in the office and the estimate accounts will be submitted to you on receipt of the same from the taluqs.

To make up the Rupees 2,00,000 which we consented to pay for relief works, we would make remittances to you from time to time as mentioned in our letter, No. 597, dated 7th instant.

As it is our wish from the commencement to execute such works as tanks, supply channels, sluices, and calingulabs, from which revenue can be improved, we request that you will cause the amount we send to be utilised solely on those works.

As the Government collect road-cess from us in a large scale to repair roads, &c., in our estate, you will yourself see that it will not be just to utilise a portion of the funds we now give on road works.

(True translation.)

(Signed) J. GROSE, Collector.

No. 256-D.

ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1877, No. 1,708-B.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that the Rajah is entitled to a voice in the expenditure of his money, and that his wishes should be consulted as far as can be consistently with a certainty of the money being rightly spent. At the same time the expediency of establishing one or more relief camps should be impressed on him if the want of them is felt.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.
 " the Board of Revenue.
 " the Financial Department.
att. G. Grose

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

No 2106
Ex: 2

Vellore,
Collector's Office,
1st May 1877.

From, J. Grove Esqre,
Collector of Vellore,

To J. H. Gordon Esqre,
Additional Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George.

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and the other for the Southern taluqs, to have
general superintendence over all the works

Copy sent to Rajah of Venkatagiri
for his consideration. The Rajah is
entitled to a vote in the consideration of his claims
and that he should be considered as far as
possible in connection with a petition of one of his
sons (Rajah's son) who is attempting to procure an
increase of the expenditure of establishing a school.

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12th May 1877, No. 1708-B.

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4. This letter of mine was dated the 2nd April. Mr. Hoole sent in his report on the Zemindari which I have submitted to the Board on the 5th of June. On the 7th, the Rajah addressed a letter to me, of which the following is an extract: "I request that you will receive the rice which I had sent for from Meppur, a contribution and Rs. 25,000 and the ready money (Rs. 5,000) which accompanies herewith (as per 60 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, they may 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."

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Letter dated 17th April 1877. No. 628/742

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7. I request orders as to how the money supplied by the Rajah is to be spent and dealt with in the accounts. In my opinion, it should be merged in the General Famine Fund. According to the latest accounts, the amount spent on works in the Zemindari has been Rs. 62,993 and that on gratuitous Relief Rs. 8,950, or altogether Rs. 71,943. This expenditure is of course much smaller than has been incurred in meeting a similar amount of distress in other parts of the District, and the rate will have to be greatly increased. Moreover, the expense incurred on the Surgeon General in Venkatagiri, and the establishment which is employed on Village Inspection, must be added to it before the cost to Government of meeting the famine in the estate can be determined.

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9. From the last named Officer, I have received the letter of the 26th April 1856, a copy of which is herewith submitted. Mr. Blangheway says he will be unable to assist me in carrying out the proposals unless he is supplied with 300 Rs. per month. I think we shall want 4 or 500 each for ^{at} Venkatagiri, Pattoor, Basse and Podile. There is one in Venkatagiri

now (Mr. Mc Roy) ^{but} ~~but~~ his services are wanted on the Venkatagiri to Pattoor road, and are only available for works in that neighbourhood. I may remark that the services of Mr. Mc Callagh, a Sub Engineer posted to this District, have been placed at the disposal of the District Engineer for employment on the Canal, where a man of that calibre was wanted to take the place of an Officer who has broken down.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. G. Cole.
Collector.

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Letter from the Rajah of Venkatagiri to the Collector of Nellore.
(All complimentary terms are omitted from the translation.)

We have received and understood your letter No. 121 dated the 12th Instant, which runs thus:— Under instructions from Government, I accept the 50000 Rs which you have sent in cash, and will accept the Rs. 20,000 worth of rice which would be sent hereafter to be spent as you wish on relief works in your estate. I note your promise to favor me with further remittances from time to time to make good the entire sum. All the money you sent shall be spent to the best of our ability on Relief works and Relief Camps. I request you will inform me where I can take charge of the rice you have proposed to send me, and forward to me a list already prepared of tanks &c. requiring repair in your estate, besides letting me know your wishes as to the manner in which the funds you send should be spent.

We offer several thanks to you for having complied with our request, as

Enclosure—
Letter No. 2106 dated
1st May 1873 to the
Asst. Commr. to the
the Govt. Secy. Secy.
No. 73306
Dated 1st May 1873

well as for having recommended to, and obtained the orders of, the Honorable Government on this subject.

Circular No. 48 has been issued to the Amils and Superintendents of Relief Works of our State to the effect that the Relief Works that have been hitherto carried out in our State should be henceforward put an end to; that the accounts of works done up to this time should be submitted; that a report should be made of the quantity already expended on Relief Works from the Rs 25,000 worth of rice obtained through the Govt. Treasuries &c. and of the quantities remaining in various places and that an account should be submitted for the same, that, in addition to tanks, supply channels &c. in the several taluqs for which estimates have already been prepared and for which repairs are now being carried out, the preparation and transmission of estimates for other works requiring repair should be expedited; and that the remaining stock of rice should be handed over to Government Officials when they require it.

The accounts would be sent to you on receipt of the same.

If, out of the above mentioned Rs 25,000 worth of rice, any quantity be reported to have been expended on Relief Works, ready money will be sent to you to make up the difference.

We herewith enclose a list of works for which estimates have been already made, and which are now under execution. The works may continue in those places for the present. The account prepared by the late Dewan has been mislaid in the Office, and the estimate accounts will be submitted to you on receipt of the same from the Taluqs.

To make up the Rs 200,000 which we consented to pay for Relief Works, we would make remittances to you from time to time as mentioned in our letter No. 597, dated 7th Instant.

As it is our wish, from the commencement to execute such works as tanks, supply channels, sluices and Calingalas, from which revenue can be improved, we request that you will cause the amount we send to be utilised solely on those works.

As the Government collect on
Road cess from us in a large scale
to repair Roads ~~from~~ in our estate, you
will yourself see that it will not be
just to utilise a portion of the
Funds we now give for Road works.

Dated 17th April 1877.

(True Translation)

J. Grose
Collector.

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Enclosed in 2 letters
to Mr. M. G. 21/6 dated
17.4.77 to the
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Genl. Rev. B. G. G.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Collector of Nellore

Dated April 1st 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

The sum the money advanced
for the Rajah of Nunkatagiri
is to be spent as he desires
a separate amount kept
apart & whether it is to be
kept in several families
Funds as suggested by the
Collector.

1/7/77 J. H. P.

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12 May 1897 sig. J.H.G.

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