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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1877, No. 1,728-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 293-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1877, No. 2,074 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1877, No. 300 :—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 29th ultimo, on G.O., No. 1,167, dated 20th idem, I have the honor to forward copy of Mr. Glenny's explanation as called for.

2. I would respectfully point out to the Board that Mr. Glenny was placed in a very difficult position without a proper staff of Assistants. In that position I consider Mr. Glenny did his best, and that is all a man can do.

Enclosure No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Holalagandy, 17th April 1877, No. 135.

I have the honor to report, with reference to your foot-note on Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 29th ultimo, on G.O., No. 1,167.

2. The points on which information seems wanted are, (1) what measures I took to check numbers and put matters straight in Adoni between January 1st and the 15th February; (2) how often I visited the taluq, and how long I stayed in it; (3) the number of famine officers in charge of a taluq I had under me (up to 15th February) and the dates on which they took charge; and (4) the progress of numbers (in Adoni and Alur I presume) between the day on which I took charge and 15th February.

3. (1). On about 20th January I verbally ordered the Tahsildar of Adoni (and I by demi-official letter ordered my other three Tahsildars) to make tours of their relief works with view to eliminating persons possessed of land or other property. On the 29th January I issued my Circular No. 16, already printed with Board's Order, No. 1,111, dated 9th ultimo, in which orders for "immediate larger reductions" were given, and the mode in which they were to be made were prescribed. I may, I believe, venture to mention that Sir Richard Temple on 14th February expressed his entire approval of this order.

4. (2). On 2nd February I left Adoni. On 7th I despatched from Gooty the following telegram to Captain Hamilton :—

"Tahsildar reports 86,000 coolies, that is increase of 11,000 since reduction ordered. Enforce immediate large reductions. Prohibit Maistries and Revenue Inspectors from admitting coolies."

5. Yet within a few days of this the number rose up to 88,000.

6. Such were my efforts to reduce number and such their failure. I did not lose a single day. My first order to the Tahsildars was written on the day on which I saw (in a newspaper) for the first time the despatch of the Government of India which intituted the new policy.

7. As to my efforts to "get matters straight," I have in the first place to admit that I did not personally count coolies before the 17th February. All I have to say in justification of this omission is, that, in the first place, I could not, as I thought, afford the time; and secondly, as I did not contemplate the entire disregard of my orders when the sequel disclosed. As to the orders promising that I personally instructed Mr. Sharkey when he joined and each new Superintendent as he was taken on to count and scrutinize the gangs, I proceed to give extracts from two written orders.

I.—Extract from Circular, dated 20th January, paragraph 2.

You must make a point of occasionally mustering a gang and seeing that all are present.

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If you detect a maistry in any tricks, suspend him and enter the circumstances in your diary. Any dishonesty on the part of the paving establishment must be the subject of an immediate brief report to the Talukdar; notice the circumstance in your diary.

II.—Extract from Circular to Taluq Relief Officers, dated 30th January 1877.

The Sub-Collector requests the special attention of the Taluq Relief Officers to the necessity of taking strong measures simultaneously everywhere with the maistries. Of all classes that we have had to deal with, the maistries have been found the worst.

They have generally been drawn from the classes * * * most prone to ... city of all sorts.

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There is no doubt that they have in many cases been guilty of corruption.

8. As I have said, I did not think it necessary to spend any of my own time on this particular work. Government having pronounced that this fact shows a lamentable want of energy on my part, it is not open to me to say anything in defence. I may venture to remark that, had I been asked for a defence, I should have had something to say.

9. (2). I spent my time between New Year's day and February 15th as follows:—

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Do.	14th, Gooty	Intended to begin Jamabandi.
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Do.	15th, Gooty	Do.

10. (3). Till the last day of January I had no famine officer under me in charge of a taluq except Mr. Sharkey, who on 4th December took charge of Adoni and Alur.

11. (4). I venture to submit that I need not compile a statement showing the progress of numbers since I joined on 8th November since the Board have the numbers in print in their own Proceedings.

12. But I may remark once more that, while the great numbers of fictitious entries and entries of children as adults in Adoni Taluq are doubtless to be attributed in great measure to my own omission to scrutinize gangs and to the disobedience by all my subordinates of my orders to do so, a great deal is also due to two steps taken by Mr. Sharkey on 11th January without my cognizance viz., the issue of an order that wages should be made not to the sirdars of the gangs (kelkarans) but to the maistries (muttaddies) and the appointment of five paymasters. I did not become aware of these measures till I found them out by accident on 3rd ultimo. The Talukdar not only had concealed the order about payments to maistries from me, he had also suppressed it when called upon by the Sessions Judge at the trial of the seven maistries (muteddies) to state whether he as prosecutor alleged that the maistries had, with a view to dishonest gain to themselves, rated the children as adults.

13. I have the honor to thank the Board for their disposition to recognize the difficulties under which I labored and to give me credit for having done my best.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Revenue Department, 15*th May* 1877, *No.* 1,728-*A.*

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 20th March 1877, No. 1,167.

2. The report confirms the Board in the opinion expressed in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 29th March 1877, No. 1,420. They have no doubt that Mr. Glenny did his best.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 293-B. Order thereon, 15th May 1877, No. 1,728-A.

Miscellaneous.

The Government have perused Mr. Glenny's explanation, and are satisfied that he did his best. They feel confident that the experience of the past will enable him to do good work henceforward in the months of anxiety yet to be gone through.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. F. B. Gentleman.

Revenue Department.

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From Rev. Bd

Dated May 6th 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr Glenny did two tests - and according to his judgement - both fail - however one of his tests was bad & this judgement is not yet settled - Mr is not clear in the matter - he is in application for a writ - He is not yet settled - Mr is not his fault - it has been a misfortune to him & the Government - I would

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 4th May 1877

D.L.R. No. 4528 Read the following No. 300

From The Collector
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To The Secretary to the
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Bellary Coll.r's Office
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(Sd) J. H. Braeter
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(True Copy)
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Submitted to Govt with reference
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H Evans
Secretary
To the Asst Secy to Govt R.D.

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