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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1877, No. 1,728.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 292. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1877.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dhurmavaram, 24th April 1877, No. 304.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 3,411, dated the 8th ultimo, forwarding G.O., Revenue Department, No. 869, dated the 28th February, I have the honor to forward a copy of Mr. Ross' replies to the question put by Government.

2. I have nothing to add myself.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hindupur, 17th April 1877, No. 241.

I HAVE the honor to report on G.O., No. 869, dated 28th February 1877.

2. *Circumstances under which the 17,618 Mysore Coolies were got rid of.*—The reasons for my own action in dismissing Mysore coolies were given in my letter to you, No. 34, dated 23rd January last, and were briefly that their inroad made our numbers unmanageable, and that they would not do task-work, and that there was plenty of work for them in Mysore. At the same time I received your orders to get rid of them in your letter, No. 152, dated 20th January. The matter was, I observe, explained by you in your letter, No. 114, dated 21st February, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, on which Board's Proceedings, No. 1,076, dated 7th March, were passed submitting your explanation to Government, with an expression of opinion that our action was justifiable, and this view is confirmed by G.O., No. 1,169, dated 20th March. To the papers now quoted I have nothing to add.

3. *Reasons for thinking the number 17,618 was less than the real number of Mysore Coolies at one time on my works.*—To my letter, No. 34, dated 23rd January, was appended a statement compiled from Tahsildars' reports professing to show the exact numbers of Mysore coolies employed on each work, the total coming to 17,618. Now on certain of these works I had personally counted the Mysore coolies before receipt of the Tahsildars' figures, and in every case I found, on reading these figures, that they were below the numbers I had personally counted. The whole of the figures in the Hindupur list, moreover, were obviously mere guesses in round numbers with no attempt at actual counting, and the impression they produced was far below the impression produced by my inquiries of the villages to which coolies belonged at previous inspections of works in that taluq. From this and from my experience in the particular cases (the Manor road and Harisamoodram road in Madakserai Taluq and the Amarapoor Road and Manchinilla supply channel in Pennakonda Taluq) in which I knew positively the Tahsildars' numbers were below the mark, I was inclined to think the numbers generally had been understated. I merely stated an impression. I may have been wrong, but I cannot help thinking that the fact that out of the thousands who struck work on the imposition of strict task-work comparatively few have since returned goes to support the correctness of my impression that out of the 50,000 who disappeared from the works many more than 17,618 belonged to Mysore.

Revenue Department, 15th May 1877, No. 1,728.

1. How many of the 53,381 constituting the decrease were on strike.—It would be a laborious process taking much time to ascertain, by going through all the labor rolls, exactly how many of the 53,381 were Mysore coolies, and how many were our own coolies on strike; and the only answer possible seems to me to be the obvious one that all who were not Mysore coolies were our own coolies who struck work, and of whom very few have ever returned again. I feel a difficulty in answering the question, because I cannot imagine what other cause (than striking on the imposition of strict task-work) Government can suspect to have operated in bringing about the decrease, and knowing of no other cause, I am unable to explain the decrease in any other way.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 293.

ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 1,728.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.
.. the Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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your copy of the matter...

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Camp Hindupoor

Dated 17th April 1877

N^o 241

To the Collector of Bellary

Sir, I have the honor to
report on L. O. N^o 869 dated
28th February 1877.

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the 17618 Mysore Coolies were got
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No. 1076 dated 7th March were
passed submitting your explanation
to Government with an expression
of opinion that our action was
justifiable, and this view is con:
firmed by G. O. No. 1169 dated
20th March. So the papers now
quoted, I have nothing to add.

3. Reasons for thinking the number
17618 was less than the real no.
of Mypore coolies at one time on
my works.

So my letter No. 34 dated
23rd January was appended
a statement compiled from
Sahildars

Sahildars' reports professing to
show the exact numbers of Mypore
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total coming to 17618. Now on
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generally had been understated.
I merely stated an impression.
I may have been wrong, but I cannot
help thinking that the fact that
out of the thousands who struck work
on the imposition of strict
task work comparatively few
have since returned goes to support
the correctness of my impression
that out of the 52,000 who disappeared
from the works many more than
17,618 belonged to my foremen.

4. How many of the 53,381 ^{coolies}
striking the decrease were on strike.

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taking much time to ascertain
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were my foremen's coolies and how many
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disease in any other way.

I have &c

1/3/54 J. Ross.
Ag. Dr. Asst. (Beck)

1/3/54 J. Hinckley
Collector

1/3/54 J. Hinckley
Secretary

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Rev.

Dated 4th May 1877

Read the following:
No. 304.

To the Collector of Bellary

To the Secretary to the Board of Rev.
Madras

Sir,
With reference to the Proc.
of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 3411
dated the 8th ultimo, forwarding
Govt Order, Revenue Department
No. 869 dated the 28th February,
I have the honor to forward a copy
of Mr. Rofs' replies to the question
put by Government.
I have nothing to add myself.

Bellary Collector's office
Camp Rangin
Suby. Dharmanan
24th April 1877

I have &c
1877. H. H. H.
Collector

Submitted to Government
with reference to the G. O. quoted

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Secretary

To

The Adl. Secy. to Govt

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