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17th May 1877, No. 1,740-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 338-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1877, No. 2,094.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Konapur, 27th April 1877, No. 310.

With reference to G. O., No. 1,088, dated the 15th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter, No. 48, dated the 21st instant, from Mr. Oldham, in charge of the Adoni Taluq, reporting that he has raised the wages of men, women, and children to 2 Annas, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas and 1 Anna, respectively.

I also enclose copy of paragraphs 2 and 4 of letter No. 138, dated 20th instant, from the Sub-Collector that he has raised the wages in the Alur Taluq 3 Pies all round.

2. I quite agree with them as to the necessity for this; a time of great pressure has arrived. The heat of the weather is very severe and the strength of the laborers is decreasing in consequence (with the bare subsistence given them).

3. But what I would most earnestly request is this: that Government should be moved to allow this higher scale of wages everywhere in the district, at least during the ensuing month. Uniformity is most desirable, and the necessity is the same everywhere, for prices are rising.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. B. OLDHAM, Esq., B.C.S., on Special Famine Duty, in charge of Adoni Taluq, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Adoni, 21st April 1877, No. 48.

I HAVE the honor to report that I have ordered the following rates to be paid to relief laborers from Monday the 23rd instant, except in the town of Adoni where the existing scale will be adhered to:—

Men	...	...	...	2 Annas.	} To inefficient gangs for seven days.
Women	...	...	...	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	
Children	...	...	...	1 "	} To ordinary gangs for six days.
Infants	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	

The reasons are, to meet increased pressure now visible in the condition of the laborers themselves. I have inspected carefully 24,000 of them within the week. Captain Hamilton has seen all the remainder and agrees with me that the time for some relaxation has come.

This pressure is chiefly due to the advancing season and the time the people have been on the works. But there are other causes. The price of grain has risen and is rising, and sometimes it is not easy to get on the remoter works, while at places distant from Adoni, the price fluctuates greatly. The evening storms which now frequently occur interrupt payments and cause much inconvenience to the laborers camped on the roads. Their clothes are getting very ragged. The great heat at a time, when generally they are not compelled to work, is trying; and the recruiting for Nellore has undoubtedly pressed very severely on the adult male laborers.

In fact, it is among the latter that the change is visible, and this accounts for the apparent disproportion in the new rates. The women still look much as before, as no direct pressure has been put on them to go to Nellore. Mar. In addition, sleek and fat.

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work. There
met by making
is always short

atch up persons who want
ther, and this can be best
grain is cheapest and there

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. H. ASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

2. This does not affect the "3-Pie children."

(Signed) W. H. GLENNY,
Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Bellary reports that the wages in the Adoni Taluq (except Adoni town) have been raised to 2 Annas, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas and 1 Anna, to men, women and

3. The De

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
 " the Financial Department.
 " the Public Works Department.
 " the Accountant-General.
 " the Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Bellary Collector's Office
Dated 27th April 1877
Camp Konaapur.
Shasannuram Taluk

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From The Collector
To Bellary
The Secretary to the Board
of Revenue
Madras

With reference to
Government Order No. 1088
dated 15th Ultimo, I have the
honour to forward a copy
of a letter No. 48 dated 21st
Instant from Mr. Osham
in charge of Booni Taluk
reporting that he has raised
the wages of men, women
& children to two Annas,
one Anna and a half and one
Anna respectively.

I also enclose copy
of

Govt. of 1877 Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Do. do. do.

Dated May 17th.

No. 338-A-888-1.

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EXAMINE RELIEF No. 2190 A.

Wages of Bellary Laborers in Bellary District.
— Approving the raising of the rates of — in cer-
tain taluqs; and authorizing the Collector to
introduce the rate of 2 annas for a male adult, 1
for a woman, and 1 for a child generally through-
out the district.

of paras 2 & 4 of letter No. 138
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3. But what I would
most earnestly request
is this, that the Govt.
should be moved to allow
this higher scale of wages
every where in the District
at least during the
imminent month. Uniformity
is most desirable and

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^{necessity is the}
the same every where for
prices are rising.

I have &c
Sd/- J. H. Master
Collector

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N: 48

21st April 1877
Arsoni

From

W. B. Asham Esq B.C.
on Special Famine Duty in charge
of Arsoni Taluk
To The Collector of
Bellary

Sir,

I have the honour to
report that I have ordered
the following rates to be
paid to Relief labourers
from Monday the 23rd.
Instant except in the towns
of Arsoni where the existing
scale will be adhered to

Yours

for the apparent dis-
proportion in the new
rates. The women still
look much as before
as no direct pressure
has been put on them
to go to Hellor. Many
of them are in excellent
condition. Sleek & fat
This cannot be said
of any of the men.

I maintain the old
scale at Assoini as
it is properly only a Debt
to catch up persons who
want work. There
is a great tendency
amongst the laborers
to gravitate further

and this can be
best

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least met by making
out. Side works more
attractive. Moreover
at Assoini grain is cheap
-est and there is always
shelter.

I have seen

/Sof W.B. Oldham
On Sp. L. Dy.
in Ch. Assoini Talug.

(Enc Copy)

Sof J.W. Motes
Collector.

Enclosure 2.

No 138

From
To
The Sub collector of
the collector of Bellary
Bellary

x
x
x
Here in other languages I
suppose

agree with Mr. Chalkley in
thinking that the people are
decidedly wiser than they were.

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4. I have thought it necessary
in anticipation of your
sanction to raise the rates in
other Lakey from 23rd instant
by 3 pice all round.

+ + +
This order 21st
April 1877

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I have re
(Sd) W. B. Gleason
Sub-Master.

(True copy,

(Sd) J. A. Meeker
Collector

(True copy,

W. B. Gleason
Secretary

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Bellary Collector's Office
Dated 29th April 1877.
Camp Shurmanwarum

No. 326.

From The Collector Bellary.

To. The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 310 dated
the 27th Instant, I have the honor to forward copy
of an order issued by the Sub Collector, raising
the pay of the Coolies in the Talpatty and Gort
Talugs by 3 pias all round.

I have informed him that I approve
of his action and I hope the Board and Government
will accord their sanction.

I have at the same time requested
him to state what the rise in prices has been.

I have &c.
S. J. H. Master
Collector.

Enclosed.

Goodraal
23rd April 1877.

No. 135 From The Sub Collector of Bellary.

To. The Talug Relief Officer of
Gort and Talpatty.

Sir,

In view of the rise in prices
I have the honor to request that you will
raise the pay of the Coolies by 3 pias all
round, men, women, and children, with effect
from this day.

This order does not affect the 3 pie children.

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Enclosed is 7885 Rs.
to the working of
Gort & Talpatty
Talugs by 3 pias all round.
29th April 1877
S. J. H. Master
Collector.

I have recd
Ltr W. H. C. C. C.
Sub Collector.

Cop Submitted to the Collector for information and approval. The letters have been despatched.

Ltr W. H. C. C. C.
Sub Collector
/ True Copy /

Ltr J. H. Master
Collector.

/ True Copy /

W. H. C. C. C.

Secretary

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Recd by Mr. May 11/17
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Sub:
For the order of the Board of Revenue
to the Collector of Bellary
to the order of the Board of Revenue

No. 2174 Rev Dep. 1740 (10)
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 7th May 1877
Recd from the Collector of
Bellary, Nos. 310 and 326, dated 27th and 29th April,
respectively.

Submitted for the orders of Govt.:-
2. The Collector of Bellary reports that the
wages in the Adoni Taluk (except Adoni Town)
have been raised to 200, 1 1/2 00 and 2 Annas
to men, women and children respectively.
And in Alur, Goot, Tadpatri by 3 pice to all
labouring coolies. The rates already in force
according to the reports for the 28th April are
10 6 p, 10 3 p and 9 pice, corresponding to grain
at 7 1/2 annas ^{the price} ruling in these taluks may be ascertain-
ed from the price list sent to Government with
the relief reports for the above date.
3. The Board have just submitted to Govt.
a report from Mr. Price showing that the
coolies in the Bandwal Taluk were suffering
under the reduced wages and the same month
has been reported from the Gaddapah Subdivision
and from the western taluks of the Bellary
District. A strong concurrence of testimony
showing that the rates are quite insufficient
is now accumulating and the Board cannot
but think that there is very serious risk in
continuing the lower rates now in force. They
seem to have failed wherever they have been
fairly tried; for in many places where the
new scale is said to have produced no
ill effects either the coolies have had the
advantage of being able to purchase a cheaper
grain

strain than that taken as the standard, or they have been able to earn wages for the higher scale of task work.

4. The lower rates are probably now beginning to tell with severity on weakened frames exposed to great heat without any, or with very inadequate shelter. A continuance of the present experiments may lead to great disaster.

5. The enhancements which have been allowed in the Salaries above named appear to be in excess of the powers conferred upon Divisional Officers by S. O. 15 March 1877 No. 1088 para 3 and to require Special Sanction.

(Enclosure)

W. E. M. M.

Secretary.

To The Adm. Secretary to Govt. S. O.
With Copies 2 Cdr. L. & M. & others
enclosures

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