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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

22nd May 1877, No. 1,790-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 436-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1877, No. 2,130.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurlapally, 28th April 1877, No. 319:—

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board's Miscellaneous No. 4848, dated the 2nd instant, I have the honor to forward a copy of a report received from the Head Assistant Collector on the subject of the steps taken to bring the perpetrators of the frauds in the relief kitchens in the Hindupur Taluq to justice.

2. I regret to say that in no case was sufficient evidence obtainable for a criminal conviction.

Enclosure No. 1.

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Pennakonda, 21st April 1877, No. 257.

In reply to your foot-note to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4848, dated 2nd April, on G.O., No. 1,224, dated 24th March, I have the honor to report that proofs sufficient for conviction in a court of justice were not obtained in any of the Hindupur cases.

2. The recipients who at first informed me that they usually got only half rations (the village officers appropriating the other half of the grain accounted for), almost immediately retracted their statements, and I could get nothing out of persons whose only chance of getting any food at all would have been lost if they had "peached" either on this point or on the curious fact that hundred did not appear for relief just on the day of my inspection. As, however, the names and descriptions of the recipients were not written down (this practice having been quietly dropped after a short time), I could get no proof positive of fictitious entries, and there was then left only the evidence obtained by a check of the accounts which showed daily so many seers for so many persons fed. Here I found from variations in the numbers of seers used on different days for the same number of persons that there had been evidently cooking of the accounts and no attempt at counting or recording the real numbers of those fed. I judged, however, that it would be useless to put the village officers on their trial on the evidence I was able to obtain, which was clearly insufficient for conviction in a court of law. I, therefore, punished them departmentally.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 24th March 1877, No. 1,224.

2. Mr. Ross states that the village officers have been punished departmentally, but he does not say how. The Board are of opinion that they should be dismissed and their re-employment in a public capacity prohibited.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 436-B. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1877, No. 1,790-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the Board. The offending village officers should be dismissed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Govt. of India.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated Fort St. George, 8th May 1877.

Received, 10th ditto.

G.O., 22nd May 1877, No. 1,790-A.

MAY.

Nos. 4664-4693.

FAMINE RELIEF Rs. 11784.

Frauds in the Kistwar Emoluments in the Hurdwar Village Factory District.—Correspondence with the Board of Revenue that the Collector will proceed in connection with the — should be sanctioned.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Rev.

Dated 8th May 1877

No. 319

B. of R. No. 4741

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The Collector of Bellary

To

The Secretary to the Board of Rev.

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Have &c
Bellary Collr's Office
20th April 1877
Comptt. Kurlakelly
Kurnavarum Taluq

/S/ J. A. Baeke
Collector

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/True copy & Extract/

Wilkins
Secretary

To
The Actg Secy: to Govt &c &c
with copy of Enclosure.

Dated Camp
Cummoor Kunda.
No. 257 21st April 1877

From,

The Asst. Collector of Bellary

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Shares &c.

/Sd/ H. L. Ross

Ag: Md and Collector

/True copy/

/Sd/ J. H. Smaker.

Collector.

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H. Ross

Secretary

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