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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

24th May 1877, No. 1,804-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 483-A. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Pulivendla, 8th May 1877, Extra No. 1,008.

In reference to G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,458-A, dated 17th ultimo, I have the honor to submit, with my marginal notes, the explanation from Mr. Gribble called for therein.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, 23rd April 1877, No. 2-C.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,458-A, dated 17th instant, I have the honor to reply as follows.

2. In your instructions, dated 27th January, in which you recognised the establishment of relief-gangs, you stated that over not more than 4,000 coolies a Superintendent was

Extract from letter from Acting Collector to Acting Sub-Collector, No. 293, dated 14th March 1877.

"I must request you to do me the favor of not appointing Superintendents without previous reference to me. The Accountant-General is always objecting, and a good deal of time is wasted at head-quarters over correspondence regarding unsanctioned appointments."

Extract from letter from Acting Collector to Acting Sub-Collector, Extra No. 527, dated 28th March.

"I must again beg of you, except when you are specially authorised by some order of the Board or Government to do so, not to make any appointments without previous sanction." Mr. Reardon was, in the face of this, appointed from the 1st April.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

Superintendents, I wrote to you demi-officially and told you that I propose to send Mr. Fricks to

I do not keep demi-official letters as a rule, but my impression is that Mr. Gribble stated that Mr. Fricks was going to Bangalore, and that he had asked him to see if he could find any men there. I did not, to the best of my recollection, reply to the note written by Mr. Gribble stating that he had made an advance, but when he wrote and told me that Mr. Fricks had brought so large a number of men, I told him I believe that there would probably be a row about it.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

*In one letter you said each appointment must be at once reported, which I have always done.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE.

No other officer in the district has required a horde of Europeans and Eurasians to carry out the instructions of Government. I do not see why Mr. Gribble should want so much larger and more expensive a staff than any one else.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

I give Mr. Gribble every credit for good intentions and activity, but I consider his ideas too magnificent, and think that he has not the gift of getting as much as he should out of those under him. I did what I could to send him men. He has had more than his share of those obtained by me.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

to be appointed, either on 40, 60, or 80 Rs. monthly pay and Rs. 20 horse allowance. In those instructions it was nowhere said that you would supply the Superintendents, or that I must ask for sanction before I appointed them, and I certainly inferred that I was to make the best arrangements I could. Those instructions were issued in January, but up to late not a single Superintendent has been sent to me either from you or from Madras. Towards the end of February, when I found that no one was being sent to me to superintend my works, and that it would be impossible to attempt to carry out task-work on my scattered works without Bangalore to try and pick up some men, as I had positively no one here in the division fit for such work. On the day that Mr. Fricks left I wrote to you again saying that he was starting, and told you that I had advanced him money from my own pocket to pay their travelling charges, and a few days afterwards I wrote to you again saying that he had secured some men. In not one of your letters in reply did you raise any objection. As a Sub-Collector I am authorised to make appointments carrying with them a higher salary than these do, and where my sole object was to carry out your and Government's instructions, to prevent fraud and secure the exaction of task-work, it does seem to me hard that, although you sent me none of the assistance necessary to do so, you should blame me for doing my best to secure it myself. I submit that there are few officers who would have done so much as I did, and the fact of my advancing Rs. 300 out of my own pocket should, I think, show how great was my need of subordinates, for whom I had officially applied times

Statement of Special Establishment for Famlee in Sub and Main Divisions.

Sub-Division.	Main Division.
On 28th February 1877.	
1. Lieutenant Money.	1. Mr. MacCarlo.
2. Teperumal Chetty.	2. Mr. Cox.
3. Mr. Cotton.	
4. Mr. Otley.	
5. Mr. Fricks.	
6. Mr. Swan.	

Sub-Division.	Main Division.
On 30th April 1877.	
1. Lieutenant Money.	1. Mr. MacCarlo.
2. Mr. Fricks.	2. Mr. Cox.
3. Teperumal Chetty.	3. Mr. Horden.
4. Mr. Brickwell.	4. Mr. Followes.
5. Mr. Bradbury, B.C.S.	5. Mr. Hawkins.
6. Mr. Beeby, D.P.W.	6. Mr. Weekes, B.C.S.
7. Mr. Swan.	7. Mr. Gilton, B.C.S.
8. Mr. Otley.	8. Mr. Galloway.
9. Mr. Reardon.	

In addition to those in main division Mr. Johnstone was employed as officer in charge head-quarters and audit, and Major Alexander and Captain Swire for transport of Nellore coolies, part of whom came from the sub-division. I have with me no notes of the number of coolies employed upon the above-mentioned dates. My impression is that the sub-division was considerably below the main upon both.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

Mr. Gribble has, in common with the other officers of the district, been empowered to engage these officers without reference, and he must shift for himself as others do.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

The papers connected with these are before Government.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

P.S.—Since writing the above it has been

The records of the head-quarter office show that, in addition to these three, the following persons who arrived from Madras were appointed to the division long prior to the date of Mr. Gribble's letter:—

1. P. E. Vasawmy Naidu (Royachoti).
2. M. M. Moosawmy Moodelly (Madanapalli).
3. K. Venkatasawmy Naidoo (Kadiri).
4. M. Balakrishna Naidu (Vollpud).

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

grade, and I have placed him in charge of the sub-division of the Vollpud Taluq.

out of number. Some of the men have not been found fitted, and I have already got rid of three; most of the others seem to be good, and I certainly cannot spare one.

3. You seem frequently to reproach me with asking for more than any other officer in the whole district, but I would respectfully urge that my division forms nearly one-half of the whole district; that I have about half the coolies at work in the district; and that the distress in my division is greater than it is anywhere else in the district. If the main division is compared with mine as a whole it will, I think, be found that I have less assistance in the shape of superior and subordinate officers.

4. The Government are pleased to prohibit me from making similar appointments in future. These orders shall, of course, be obeyed. I beg, however, to represent that I have five relief-camps, to none of which I have yet been able to appoint a Superintendent. I have also been directed to appoint two officers in each taluq in order to supervise village relief. I have already had the honor of informing you that I have no one in my division fitted for these appointments. I therefore trust that you will be pleased to send me proper men at your earliest convenience.

5. I take this opportunity of asking that the amount advanced by me, an account of which was sent to you, may be ordered to be refunded.

brought to my notice that three men were sent from the Survey Office. These were, however, found to be (and reported to you) so utterly unfit that two have been sent away and one is now being utilized as a Head Maistry on Rs. 15 per month. This, as far as I can call to mind, is all the subordinate assistance that I have received from you or from Madras. Mr. Brickwell has, it is true, been sent, but he is of a superior

No. 483-B.

ORDER THEREON, 24th May 1877, No. 1,804-A.

Miscellaneous.

as the Collector may consider the retention of the services of any of the persons appointed by Mr. Gribble necessary. The payment of Rs. 187-4-0. to that officer is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Cuddapah.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

No. 3519

1804/5

From *Collector of Cuddapah*

Dated *8th May* 1877

FOR ORDERS.

*Recorded
19/5/77*

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*Supreme the temp
Sanction - to pay as
the Govt. orders situation
recessary. Ld*

*Despatch 9:0
The Govt. confirm the
temporary sanction
accorded in No 17 of the
April N. 1877. The
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payment of No 17 of 1877. 24/5/77*

Govt. of 1877 *Madras*

REVENUE.

THE COLLECTOR OF CUDDAPAH.

Recd 24/5/77

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G.O. 24th May 1877, No. 1,804-A.

M.A.V.

No. 483-A-483-B.

PAIDINE RELIEF, No. 1,185-A.

Officers employed by Mr. Gribble in Cuddapah District - Confirming, under the explanation submitted by him, the temporary sanction accorded to the appointments of the - so far as the Collector may consider the retention of the services of any of them necessary, and sanctioning payment of Rs. 187 4 0 to Mr. Gribble.

Mr. S. Appleton & Co. 100 N. 3rd St. New York
16th Dec. 1854
to the Hon. Sec. of the Navy
3rd Dec. 1854
5th Dec. 1854

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Cuddapah Collectors Office

Extra No 1008 Camp Pulivemola

8th May 1877.

From J A Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah
To J B Garstin Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
Fort-Saint-George

Sir,

In reference to G O Revenue
this Department No 1458 & dated 17th ultimus,
I have the honor to submit with my
marginal notes the explanation from
Mr. Gribble called for therein.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant

Frederick Rice
As Collector

Encl RMR



No. 2/6

Cuddapah Subcollector's Office. Madanapalle

23^d April 1877

From J. D. B. Gribble Esquire
Ag. Subcollector of Cuddapah
To J. F. Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah
Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 1458 A dated 17th Instant I have the honor to reply as follows.

In your instructions issued in January in which you recognised the establishment of relief gangs, you stated that over not more than 4000 coolies, a superintendent was to be appointed either on Rs. 60 or Rs. 80 monthly pay and Rs. 20 horse allowance. In those instructions it was nowhere said that you would supply the superintendents or that I must ask for sanction before I appointed them and I certainly inferred that I was to make the best arrangements I could. Those instructions were issued in January but up to date not a single Superintendent has

Extract from letter from J. F. Collector to Ag. Subcollector Cuddapah No. 298 dated 15th March 1877. I must request you to do me the favour of not appointing Superintendents without the previous reference to the Accountant General is always objecting and a good deal of time is wasted at head quarters over correspondence regarding sanctioned appointments.

Received from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah to the Government of India dated 24 March 1877. Enclosure one. Note the explanation given for the Cuddapah for in G.O. No. 1458 A of 17th instant. Papers

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Extract from
from Mr. Collett
Subcollector's letter
of 25th Feb 1864
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Signed J. F. P.

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Signed J. F. P.

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and subordinate officers.

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appointments in future. These orders

shall of course be obeyed. I beg

however to represent, that I have

five Relief Camps to none of which

I have been able to appoint a

Sub Division
On 25th February 1877.

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| 1. Lieut. Honey | 1. Mr. Maclean |
| 2. Mr. Soper | 2. Mr. Cox |
| 3. Mr. Cotton | |
| 4. Mr. Oddy | |
| 5. Mr. Fricks | |
| 6. Mr. Swan | |
| Total six. | Total two. |

On April 30th 1877.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Lieut. Honey | 1. Mr. Maclean |
| 2. Mr. Fricks | 2. Mr. Cox |
| 3. Mr. Soper | 3. Mr. Bond |
| 4. Mr. Oddy | 4. Mr. Bell |
| 5. Mr. Fricks | 5. Mr. Bell |
| 6. Mr. Swan | 6. Mr. Bell |
| 7. Mr. Oddy | 7. Mr. Bell |
| 8. Mr. Fricks | 8. Mr. Bell |
| 9. Mr. Swan | 9. Mr. Bell |
| Total nine. | Total eight. |

In addition to that
in main Division
Johnstone was employed
as officer in charge of
Quarters and audit
Major Alexander
Captain Clarke for
transport of bellows
part of whom can
from Sub Division
Chase with me no
of the number of coolies
employed upon the above
mentioned dates.
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upon both.
Signed J. F. P.

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Signed J. F. P.

The papers connected
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Government.
Signed J. F. P.

The records of the
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I have the honor
Signed J. D. B. Gribble
By Subcollector

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 can call to mind is all the subordinate
 assistance that I have received from
 you or from Madras. Mr. Brickwell
 has it is true been sent, but he is
 of a superior grade and I have placed
 him in charge of the Sub Division
 the Voilpau Salug.

Signed J.D. Briddle
 Ag Sub Collector
 (True Copy)

Redmickie
 Ag Collector

End

Madras were appointed
 to the Division prior to the
 salary Mr. Briddle's letter.

1. P. Rungasamy
 Maistry
 (Royachoti).
 2. M. Moorthasamy
 Maistry
 (Madamapally).
 3. M. Venkatasamy
 Maistry (Madamapally).
 4. M. Balakrishna
 Maistry (Voilpau).
- Signed J.F.D.

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Endorse No 1

Letter from the acting

Comptroller of the Treasury

May 1877 Ex. No 1008

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