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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 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

Extract from letter from Acting Collector to Acting Sub-Collector, Extra 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 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

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.

Revenue Department, 24th May 1877, No. 1,801-A.

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

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

On 30th April 1877.	
1. Lieutenant Money.	1. Mr. MacCartie.
2. Mr. Fricks.	2. Mr. Cox.
3. Teperumal Chetty.	3. Mr. Horden.
4. Mr. Brickwell.	4. Mr. Fallowes.
5. Mr. Bradbury, B.C.S.	5. Mr. Hawkins.
6. Mr. Beeby, D.P.W.	6. Mr. Weeks, B.C.S.
7. Mr. Swan.	7. Mr. Gilson, 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 Switche 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 abovementioned 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. R. Sasawmy Naidu (Royachoti).
2. M. M. Chooaswamy Moodelly (Madenapalli).
3. K. Venkataswamy Naidoo (Kadiri).
4. M. Balakrishna Naidu (Vollpau).

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

grade, and I have placed him in charge of the sub-division of the Vollpau 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 working 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.

Officers employed by Mr. Griddle in Civil
 War District. — Confirming, under the explanation
 submitted by him, the temporary sanction accorded
 to the appointment of him — so far as the Collec-
 tor may consider the retention of the services of
 any of them necessary, and sanctioning payment of
 his 1874-5 to Mr. Griddle.

PAID BY THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT, No. 11834

NO. 483-A-180-B.

MAY.

G.O. 214 May 1877, No. 1584-A.

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THE COLLECTION OF CUMDAPAH.

REVENUE.

Govt. of 1877

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3519

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From *Sp. Collector of Cuddapah*

Dated 8th May 1877.

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Cuddapah Collectors Office
Extra No 1088 Camp Pulivendla

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
Department No 1458 & dated 17th ult.,
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

Fredrick Rice
By Collector

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No. 2/6

Cuddapah Subcollector
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 instruction of the 11th of

January in which you recognised the esta-
blishment of relief gangs, you stated that
over not more than 4000 coolies, a superin-
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Extract from letter
from J. F. Collector to J. D. B. Subcollector dated 11th March 1877
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Accountant General
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Received

from J. D. B. Esquire

To J. F. Price Esquire

Acting Collector

Cuddapah

23^d April 1877

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Enclosure one

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Off 24 March 1877

Notes the explanation from Mr

Gribble called for in G.O. No. 1

No 1458 A of 17th Instant

Price

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and a few days afterwards I wrote
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any objection. As a Subcollector
I am authorized to make appointments

Extract from
from my Collection
Subcollector's letter
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The Government are pleased to

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I have been able to appoint a

Sub Division
On 25th February 1877.
1. Lieut. Money
2. Mr. Chapman
3. Mr. Cotton
4. Mr. Otley
5. Mr. Fricks
6. Mr. Swan
Total six.

Main Division
On April 30th 1877.
1. Mr. MacCall
2. Mr. Cox
3. Mr. Gordon
4. Mr. Bell
5. Mr. 1
6. Mr. 1
7. Mr. 1
8. Mr. 1
9. Mr. 1
Total eight.

In addition to the
in Main Division
Johnstone was employed
as officer in charge of
Quarters and audit
Major Alexander
Captain Clarke for
transport of bell
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By Subcollector

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 him in charge of the Sub Division.

1. P. Rungasamy
 Thiru
 (Arjashole).
 2. M. Mootarasamy
 Moodelley
 (Madampally)
 3. K. Venkatasamy
 Taidoo (Kadiri)
 4. M. Balakrishna
 Taidoo (Vilpau)
- Signed J.F.P.

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 Signed J.F.P. Gribble
 As Sub Collector
 (True Copy)

Redmickel
 As Collector

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Endorsement No 1

in letters from the author

Com. int. of the opals etc.

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