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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th May 1877, No. 1,830-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers :—

No. 532. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th April 1877.

Read the following letter from W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Bellary, 30th March 1877, No. 102.

In continuation of my letter, No. ——, dated —— instant, informing you of the conviction of seven Hindu Maistries of Adoni Taluq of fraud by rating children, Collector's letter, No. 88, dated 22nd ult., already forwarded.

BELLARY, *6th April* 1877.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, *Collector.*

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, 10th April 1877.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES, Secretary.

No. 180.

No. 532-A. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned is directed to request the Sub-Collector of Bellary to forward to Government Mr. Sharkey's order, dated 11th January 1877, referred to in paragraph 2 of his letter to the Collector, dated 30th March 1877, No. 102.

FORT ST. GEORGE, *12th May* 1877.

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

To the Sub-Collector of Bellary.

No. 532-B. From, W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government; Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ghooty, 14th May 1877, No. 183.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, Mr. Sharkey's order, No. 42, dated 11th January last, called for in your memorandum, No. 180, dated 12th instant.

about payments, and inadvertently omitted to fulfil his intention of informing me of the appointments (*vide* copy of his letter, No. 41, of yesterday). It is clear that *both* measures were considered by him as not of much consequence, and as not requiring my consideration and approval, or even my cognizance. I think this is a fresh instance of the peculiar difficulties I encountered in the administration of that unlucky Adoni Taluq.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. C. H. SHARKEY, Esq., Special Deputy Collector and Taluq Relief Officer, Tadpatri, to W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, dated 29th March 1877, No. 41.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 89, dated 24th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I feel certain that I could never have issued orders to the Tahsildar of Adoni to pay the Maistries of gangs the cooly due to the laborers, and not to individual coolies, for I can see no earthly reason for such an order, especially as I had (to meet the exigency of the case) appointed five Assistant Paymasters to help the then existing staff of Paymasters, so as to ensure punctual payments to the extraordinary large number of coolies at Adoni at the time.

2. It was physically impossible for the small staff of Paymasters to have paid the coolies regularly, and *during the day*, and therefore I thought it proper to make the above arrangements at the earnest request of the Tahsildar, feeling assured that I had your implied consent to it, and that I might safely exercise my discretion in these minor matters. I, however, fully intended to send you a list of the appointments with a docket, and I really cannot account for this omission, which I very much regret. I shall, however, in future take particular care not to make any appointments of this kind, and will ask the Tahsildar to refer all such matters direct to you.

3. I took upon myself to interfere in the above arrangement at Adoni because I felt that I would be of little use to you if I were to trouble you in all such matters, thinking that you had great demands on your time and more important matters to attend to.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue with reference to copy of the Sub as adult famine coolies, I have the relief to inform you that I have accidentally alighted on the full explanation of the fraud.

2. Mr. Sharkey, in an order dated 11th January last, ordered that payments of wages should be made in lump sums to the Maistries (keepers of the rolls of five gangs) for the total number of coolies actually present.

3. The order expresses confidence that (1) the certainty of complaints and (2) the vigilance of the Superintendents would be sufficient safe-guards against embezzlement.

4. Had I been aware of this order when instructing the Tahsildar as prosecutor, I should have caused it to be brought to the notice of the Session Court.

5. Mr. Sharkey had never informed me of it. The Tahsildar not only did not inform me of it, but when asked by the Judge whether any allegation was made that the Maistries themselves had profited by the deception, answered no.

6. I submit that the Tahsildar's reticence to me was blameable, and that his answer to the Court, before which he appeared as prosecutor, cannot have been made *bonâ fide*.

7. Had the Court been made aware of this order, it seems probable that a much heavier sentence would have been awarded to each offender than six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 or three months more. Probably the finding would have been under a different section. The Tahsildar, with his knowledge of the order in question, cannot, I think, be credited with the belief that it was for the benefit of the 104 laboring children that those seven Hindus, of whom five were Brahmins, robbed the Government.

8. This order of Mr. Sharkey's, which also contained the appointment of five new Paymasters, was passed without my sanction or post-sanction. Yet for a week preceding the day on which it was issued I was at Adoni, whither I returned a week later and stayed for more than a fortnight. I saw the Tahsildar in consultation on famine matters on an average once a day. Mr. Sharkey has forgotten the order

Revenue Department, 28*th May* 1877, *No.* 1,830-*A*.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

(Translation.)

From W. C. H. SHARKEY, Esq., Deputy Collector of Bellary Zillah, to POMPAPATHI RAO, Acting Tahsildar of Adoni Taluq, dated Adoni, 11th January 1877, Takeed No. 42.

WE have perused your arzi, dated 6th January, No. 10, stating that at present there is one Gumastah to each road; that one is not sufficient; that if a Pay Gumastah is appointed for every gang of 2,000 people the payment will be made properly; that if the money be handed over to the Maistries troubles are caused; and that the coolies on the Yemmiganoor road caused a disturbance one day and requested that payment should be made only once.

2. As Superintendents have been appointed for every road, they should make the coolies sit down properly at the time of payment, and see that the gangs do not mix together. You should appoint a man on Rs. 12 to assist every Gumastah on a road. After observing their conduct their pay will be increased. In accordance with the instructions issued to you the Pay Gumastah should, when he goes out for payment, take the list from the Maistry and count the people that are present or absent according to the list; if the list is correct, he should hand over the total sum of money to the Maistry and tell him to make the payment, and then proceed to the next gang; if the number of people present be less than the number in the list, he should ascertain who the absentees are and put a mark against their names in the list. He should then pay into the hands of the maistries only the amount due to the people present and proceed to the gang further on. If such arrangements are made, the payment will be conducted properly and quickly. Out of the sums thus given the Maistries will have no opportunity to embezzle. If they do so, the coolies will undoubtedly complain. Then Maistries will at once be dismissed. Moreover, you should inform the Superintendents that they should see that no frauds are committed in the payment, and ascertain from the coolies whether they have any complaints to make. Orders will be issued as regards the keeping of a register of inspection by the Superintendents. The number of people in the register indicated by the Superintendents as present at the time of their inspection should correspond with the number present at the time of payment by the Pay-Gumastahs. Therefore you should make some arrangements for comparing them.

No. 1,830-C. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1877, No. 1,830-A.

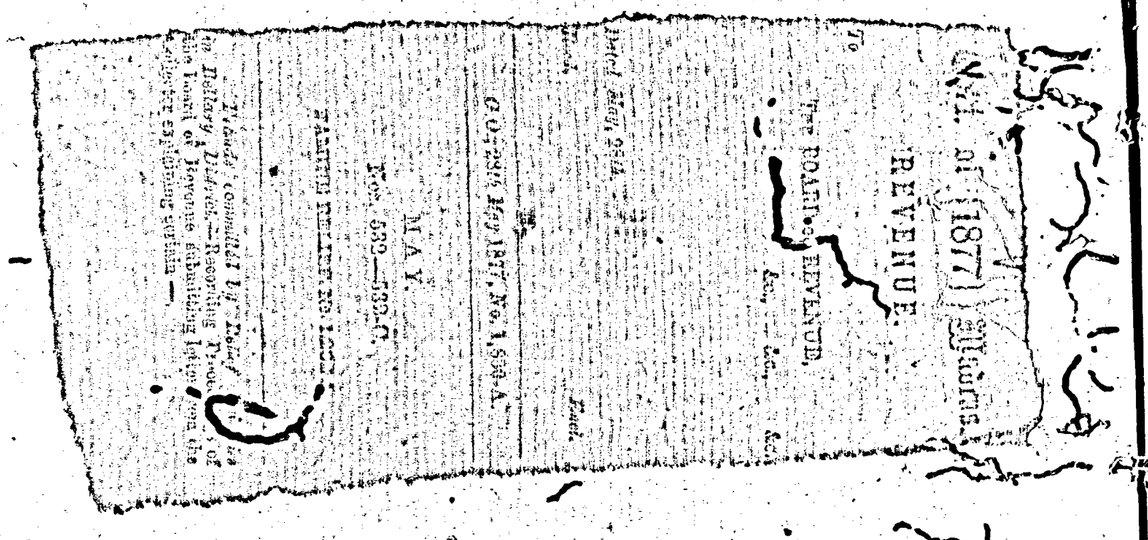
Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.



No 183

Bellary Sub Collector's Office

14th May 1877.

Camp Goondakal. Goodly Jy.
Bellary District

From

The Sub Collector of
Bellary

To

The Additional Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Mr Shakley's Order No 42 dated 11th January last called for in your Memo No 180 dated 12th Instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

W. Pleasance
Sub Collector

11-1-77

Adoni

Taluk No 42

From

W. H. Shaskey Esq.

Collector Bellary Zillah

To

Pompapathe Rao

Asst Tahsildar of Adoni Taluk

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Dated 14th January 1877
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3573

From Sub Collector of Bellary

Dated 14th May 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

No 1830 B

Recorded.

2nd Class Clerk Pay Rs 30 May
3 5 Rs Establishment 77
5 Rs Travelling Allowance

28 May 1877

FOR ORDERS.

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Received Sept 2

No. 552 Proceedings of the Bd of Rev.

dated 19th April 1777.

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To The Collr of Killary

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I do not remain
Your most obedient
29th Dec 77 (Sd) W.C. Whinfield
Supt Cochin
(True Copy)
(Sd) W. H. Glenny
Asst Collr

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Forwarded to the Dy
Revenue Commr copy
of the last letter
No 88 of 22nd ultimo addressed
by Forwarder.

Kottayam Cutcherry } (Sd) J. Wedderburn
Office 6th April 77 } Collr

Submitted to Govt
in continuation of
Hon Proc 10th April 1877
No —

(True Copies & Extract)
J. Burton
Secretary.

To The Chief Secretary
to Govt. T. D.

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dated 19th Sept/77

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Submitting a letter from the Collr of Bellary explaining certain frauds committed by [illegible]

G.O. 28 May/77 No. 1830
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