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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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29th May 1877, No. 1,849-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 569-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1877.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Garladiinna, 9th May 1877, No. 349 :—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,771, dated the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of a further report from the Sub-Collector, Mr. Glenny, on the subject of the death of two persons from starvation.

2. A copy of the register of the preliminary inquiry is enclosed.

3. Mr. Glenny is opposed to the system of paying wages to a representative gangman, and I entirely agree with him. I have not met one officer in the district who advocates it. Fortunately permission to suspend the introduction of the rules was received in the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 4,973, dated the 5th ultimo.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 3rd May 1877, No. 62.

I HAVE the honor to report, with reference to your foot-note of 27th ultimo, on Board's Proceedings, No. 1,771, dated 19th April 1877.

1. Copy of register of the preliminary inquiry* will be sent to the Board as soon as one can be got ready. Mr. Puckle has got one already.

* Herewith submitted.

2. As to "whether it was found that the deaths" were due to non-receipt of wages, all I have to say is this : Two people were actually starved to death according to the statement of the Hospital Assistant and the Superintendent, Mr. Gerard. Two others were brought before me half-dead from want of food to the best of my belief, which Gerard was supported by the Hospital Assistant's opinion. Two others were reported to be so far gone that they were unfit to be brought before me. All these six people belonged to the gangs who complained to Lieutenant Wilson and Mr. Gerard that they had been kept out of their pay by the accused, Venkatramiah. All this is before the Board. I can add nothing to it except that the dress and general appearance of the two women I saw betokened extreme poverty. This inference, that non-receipt of wages was the cause of the starvation, is not only an inference, but it is true. To me it seems a reasonable one."

3. The "steps taken to prevent such occurrences in future" have been (1) the dismissal of A. Venkatramiah and (2) an arrangement made for sweeping away, at a moment's notice, the whole of the existing native paying establishment if any of them fail to obey orders ; the paying in such event to be done by the Taluq Relief Officer and his European Superintendents, I myself to take a share in the work if necessary. In the event of this being done, we should disburse the pay of each gang to a selected member of it.

Revenue Department, 29th May 1877, No. 1,819-A.

4. This leads to the consideration of the Board's paragraph 3 regarding payment to gang-mey. Upon full consideration of the question, all of us here are very loth to introduce this system unless compelled as we should be if we ourselves had to do all the paying. The Kolkars are not nearly so bad as the maistries (mutseddies), but we cannot trust even the Kolkars in the face of the many instances in which we have known blackmail to have been levied by them.

5. The Board remark again that "there appears to be strange difficulty in getting orders obeyed in the Bellary Sub-division." I have written *ad nauseam* about this. Once more I repeat that it is true, and the reason is (first) because our orders are *particularly unpleasant* in that obedience to them is incompatible with the amassing of ill-gotten gain and with unlimited laziness, and (secondly) because, when we get rid of one dishonest man, we have to put in his place another member of the same small clique.

6. I may remark that (as I have already informed you) another Revenue Settlement man was dismissed here in Alur a day or two ago for combining with a Revenue Inspector and a temporary paymaster to keep back some pay from the coolies. These men took advantage of Mr. Maltby's absence in Madras.

SUBMITTED for information of Government.

2. The report discloses no new facts or features of the case.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 569-B.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1877, No. 1,849-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

W. J. W. (Clerk).

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Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 17th Mar

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From The Collector of
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Bellary Coll^y Office I have &c
9th May 1877. (S^d) J. H. Master
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To The Add^l Secy to Govt. Secretary
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Sub-Collector's Office
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(S^d) W. H. Glenny
Sub-Collector

(True Copy)
(S^d) J. B. Collyer
Collector

(True Copy)
J. B. Collyer
Secretary

Enclosure in Davis
Proceedings to the
White Sea to Port
P. D. dated 17th May
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dated 17th May 1877

Re 17th May 1877
Submitting to Govt.

Letter from the Collector
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Submitted

22.5.77

No 1847cd

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29 May 1877

His Capt. the Prov. Secy. to Govt.
5th Dec 1877

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