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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th May 1877, No. 1,859.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 610. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.
Revenue, INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
No. 8. 26th April 1877.

MY LORD DUKE,—I forward

* No. 36,

in Council, which I have this day addressed to the Government of India relative to the famine in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, and desire to draw your particular attention to the 4th paragraph.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

To His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 26th April 1877, No. 36 (Revenue).

THE Despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 16th March, No. 15 of 1877, relative to the famine in the Presidencies of Bombay and Madras, has been considered by me in Council.

2. I will await the result of the deliberations of your Excellency in Council, after full communication with the Government of Madras, on the Sangam Project. As a reproductive work, it is well worthy of consideration at such a crisis as that which now engages your attention.

3. I am glad to learn that the conclusions at which Sir R. Temple arrived in respect to measures of relief by the local authorities.

4. Sir Richard Temple has discussed with ability the views stated by Dr. Cornish, the Sanitary Commissioner at Madras, as to the scale of rations for laborers on relief-works. The question at issue is without doubt one of great difficulty, and one on which it would be unwise to lay down an inflexible rule. I am confident that the humane principles already laid down by your Excellency will be scrupulously carried out by the officers of the Government, and that no scale of rations will be maintained which is not adequate to the sustenance of the laborer.

5. It is very satisfactory that progress has been made towards enabling the Madras Railway Company to carry 1,400 tons a-day, twice the amount which it has hitherto been able to carry.

6. The statement that the number of persons on the relief-works in the two Presidencies has, during the week under review, been reduced by 49,266 is satisfactory.

7. I feel it my duty to record my approbation of the discrimination and judgment with which the calamity before you has been met by your Excellency in Council by Sir Richard Temple, by the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and by the local authorities in those Presidencies.

No. 611. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1877, No. 1,859.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, to all Collectors, and to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ all Collectors.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

India Office,
London, 26th April 1877.

Revenue,
No. 36.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

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3. I am glad to learn that the conclusions at which Sir R. Temple arrived, after his repeated visits to North Arcot, are, on the whole, favourable, and that he considers everything has been done which ought to have been done in respect to measures of relief by the local authorities.

4. Sir Richard Temple has discussed with ability the views stated by Dr. Cornish, the Sanitary Commissioner at Madras, as to the scale of rations for labourers on relief works. The question at issue is, without doubt, one of great difficulty, and one on which it would be unwise to lay down an inflexible rule. I am confident that the humane principles already laid down by your Excellency will be scrupulously carried out by the officers of the Government, and that no scale of rations will be maintained which is not adequate to the sustenance of the labourer.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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M.A.Y.

Nos. 610-611.

PANTRY REFUSE, No. 1216.

Famine in Madras and Bombay Presidencies.
—Communicating to the Board of Revenue, Collectors, and to the Sanitary Commissioners of a despatch from the Secretary of State to —, and indicating that no scale of rations will be maintained which is not adequate to the sustenance of labourers.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

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No. 11

Copy Revenue Despatch to the Govt.
of India, No. 36, dated 26th April 1877

Refered to in Revenue Letter to
Madras, No. 8, dated 26th April 1877

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India Office

London 26th April 1877

Revenue

No. 8.

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My Lord Duke,

I forward, herewith,
for the information of
your Excellency in
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To His Excellency
The Most Noble

The Governor in Council
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I have the honor to be

My Lord Duke

Your Grace's most obedient
humble servant

Salisbury

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26 April 1877

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30 May 1877

For the Secretary, Government of India
The Secretary, Government of India
The Secretary, Government of India

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J.H.F.

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papers done by him
I think - joining
J.H. Paul
21/5/77 Despatch

Let me see the papers
in now. at the Govt.
As a rule be only
hard despatches from
the Sec. of St.

but we can't do it
if there has been previous
despatches. or if
orders are conveyed
I don't feel sure that
they are on our hands.

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My dear Nicholas
What is the
proper method of
disposing of a Dispatch
from the Army State?
relating to the American
frontier.
consulted on the other
day for advice but none
were present. I think
the Dispatch shd. have
been sent to the War
and Collection. So

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then any objection to
this course?
I have an idea of a 20th
reparation, might be
to communicate with
advantage I think; and
are from 2 telegrams from
State to India & from
India to State about the
reasons for altering the
rate of wages not to
be published according to
the 18th? Kindly let me
know what you think as
the appearance of such