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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st May 1877, No. 1,869-F.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 643. From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Nellore, 21st May 1877.

With reference to G.O., 15th May 1877, No. 1726-B, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the wants of the villagers in the neighbourhood of the Canal are sufficiently provided for by the relief camps at Nellore, Allur, Kavali, Kandukur, and Ongole and the system of village inspection which is now at work all over the district. There is no occasion whatever for the officers in charge of the Canal to consider the requirements of the district.

2. In paragraph 4 of the letter recorded with the Government Order Mr. O'Shaughnessy states an opinion that the reduction of numbers at the Allur relief camp in the beginning of April was too great. This reduction was the result of a personal inspection by myself, and in my opinion left the number commensurate with the distress then prevailing. That no improper restriction was placed on the grant of relief is proved by the fact that, as the pressure increased at the beginning of the month, the numbers at the camp increased until last week (before the rain) they amounted to 1,740.

3. With regard to paragraph 3, I have simply to state that the Board have allowed me to entertain an ample staff for village inspection, and that it is doing its work efficiently. I have made particular inquiries village by village with regard to the tract mentioned in paragraph 10, and have come to the conclusion that a relief camp is not wanted there.

4. Mr. O'Shaughnessy seems to leave it to me to decide finally on the position of his relief camps, but I am not in a position to determine where they should be placed to meet needs which must vary with the number of laborers employed by him and the progress of his work. As regards the sort of camp to be adopted, my own opinion is very strongly in favor of granting relief by cooked food eaten on the spot; but, as Mr. O'Shaughnessy still hesitates to undertake the management of such camps, it may perhaps be best for him to adhere to the system which has been at work on the Canal for some time and is described in the rules reported in the letter from Surgeon W. O'Hara recorded with Government Order, 23rd April 1877, No. 1,324. A somewhat similar system is noticed with approval in Government Order, 21st April 1877, No. 1,510, paragraph 1.

No. 644. Order thereon, 31st May 1877, No. 1,869-F.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

2/1877

NELLORE,
Collector's Office,
21st May 1877.

From J. Grose Esqre,
~~THE~~ COLLECTOR OF NELLORE,

To J. H. Garstin Esqre,
Additional Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort-Saint-George.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order, 15th May 1877, No. 1726 B, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the wants of the villagers in the neighbourhood of the Canal are sufficiently provided for by the Relief Camps at Nellore, Allur, Kavali, Kanditkur and Ongole, and the system of Village Inspection which is now at work all over the District. There is no occasion whatever for the officers in charge of the Canal to consider the requirements of the District.

2. In para 4 of the letter recorded with the Government Order, Mr. O'Shaughnessy states an opinion that the reduction of numbers at the Allur Relief Camp in the beginning of April was too great. This reduction was the

result of a personal inspection by myself, and in my opinion left the Gumleer Commendarabe with the distress then prevailing. That no improper restriction was placed on the grant of Relief is proved by the fact that, as the pressure increased at the beginning of the month, the numbers at the Camps increased until last week (before the rain) they amounted to 1740.

3. With regard to para 5, I have simply to state that the Board have allowed me to entertain an ample staff for Village Inspection and that it is doing its work efficiently. I have made particular enquiries village by village in regard to the fact mentioned in para 10 and have come to the conclusion that a Relief Camp is not wanted there.

4. Mr. O'Shaughnessy seems to leave it to me to decide finally on the position of his Relief Camps, but I am not in a position to determine where they should be placed to meet needs which must vary with the number of Labourers employed by him and the progress of his work. As regards the sort of Camp to be adopted, my own opinion is very strongly in favor of granting Relief by Cooked food eaten on the spot, but as Mr. O'Shaughnessy still hesitates to undertake the management of such Camps, it may perhaps be best for him to adhere to the system which has been at work on the Canal for some time and is described in the Rules reported in the letter from Surgeon W. O'Hara, recorded with Government Order, 23rd April 1877, No. 1324. A somewhat similar system is noticed with approval in Government Orders, 21st April 1877, No. 1510, para: 1.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,

J. Wade.
Collector

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From,
The Collector of
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To,
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Relief Camps at Allur,
& on the advisability of giving
Cooked food in the Relief
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