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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st June 1877, No. 1,877.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 15. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1877.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1877, No. 382.

In paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of my letter to the Board, dated 17th February 1877, No. 4 Extra, I had the honor to point out the difficulties we would probably have to contend with in introducing the village relief system owing, among other things, to the wily scheming of the village headmen.

2. Knowing the class of men I had to deal with, I thought I had adopted every precaution to give full effect to the orders of Government, and at the same time minimize the chances of speculation and abuse by circulating printed instructions to all heads of villages and devising a system of checks.

- (1.) Copy of this Office Circular, No. 8 of 1877.
- (2.) Do. No. 9 of 1877.
- (3.) Printed Takeeds to Reddies.
- (4.) Revenue Inspectors' Diaries.
- (5.) Reddies' Application for Funds.
- (6.) Return of Persons fed in each Week.
- (7.) Translation of Cumbum Tahsildar's Report.
- (8.) Nominal Roll.
- (9.) Copy of this Office Circular, No. 17 of 1877.
- (10.) Copy of Takeed to Tahsildars.

3. I enclose copies of the marginally-noted papers, and I shall feel greatly obliged if the Board will do me the kindness to suggest improvements or modifications in them, as I find that they have been inoperative to prevent what would seem to be an unnecessarily lavish expenditure of State funds.

4. It would appear from the relief returns for the week ending 14th April that in 407 out of the 787 villages in the district relief was afforded by the headmen, and that 13,794 persons were being fed daily at an aggregate cost of Rs. 7,141 per week. The weekly average cost in each village was thus over Rs. 17-8-0.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board anticipated that considerable frauds would result from the village relief system, and the abuses which appear to have prevailed in Kurnool are so great that nothing short of the stoppage of the relief and the substitution of more numerous and well-managed camps on the system, the trial of which was authorized in G.O., dated 21st April 1877, No. 1,510, Revenue Department, will, in the Board's opinion, suffice. The village relief should, if continued, be confined to providing temporary relief for persons who are to be sent to the camps, or are willing to go there, or who are in immediate danger of starvation. The Collector might try the system of village relief in force in Salem, viz., granting permanent tickets, entitling the holder to receive a daily subsistence allowance, to such persons as by reason of caste, age, or infirmity cannot be put into relief-camps. G.O., 26th March 1877, No. 1,238, will be communicated to the Collector. One Anna a day would probably be sufficient to allow for adults.

Revenue Department, 1st June 1877 No. 1,877.

3. The Collector's earlier instructions were such as to lead to the idea that a regular relief-house was to be opened in every village, but this has been corrected in the subsequent circular. Government have declared (G.O., No. 948-A, dated 6th March 1877) that such establishments were not intended or approved by them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1877, No. 1,877.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to G.O.,
28th May 1877, No. 1,830.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
24th May 1877.

Read the following;

No 382

From, The Acting Collector
Mannar.

To, The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir, In paras 5, 6 and 7 of

my letter to the Board dated 17th
February 1877 No 14 Extra, I had the honor
to point out the difficulties we would
probably have to contend with in
introducing the Village relief sys-
tem owing among other things
to the wily scheming of the village
Headmen.

2. Knowing the class of men I
had

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REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac, Ac, Ac.

Encl. June, 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st June 1877, No. 1,877.

JUNE.

Nos. 15-16.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,231.

Village Relief system in Karpool District.—
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue;
Submitting letter from the Collector regarding the
difficulties experienced in introducing the —.

had to deal with, I thought I had adopted every precaution to give full effect to the orders of Government, and at the same time minimize the chances of speculation and abuse, by circulating printed instructions to all Heads of Villages, and devising a system of checks.

3. I enclose copies of the marginally noted papers, and I shall feel greatly obliged if the Board will do me the kindness to suggest improvements or modifications in them, as I find that they have been ineffective to prevent what would seem to be an unnecessarily lavish expenditure of State Funds.

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Relief Returns for the week ending 14th April, that in 407 out of the 787 Villages in the District, relief was afforded by the Headmen, and that 13794 persons were being fed daily at an aggregate cost of Rs 7141 per week. The weekly average cost in each Village was thus over Rs 17-8-

I have to
 { Kurnool
 Collectors Office }
 23rd April 1877
 R. Davidson
 Acting Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.
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stoppage of the relief and the substitution of more numerous and well managed camps, on the system the trial of which was authorized in G. O. dated 21 April 1877 No 1510 R.D. with in the Board's opinion suffice. The village relief should, if continued, be confined to providing temporary relief for persons who are to be sent to the camps or are willing to go there, or who are in immediate danger of starvation.

The Collector might try the system of village relief in force in Salem, viz. granting permanent tickets, entitling the holder to receive a daily subsistence allowance,

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to such persons as by reason of caste, age, or infirmity can not be put into relief camps, G. O. 26 March 1877 No 1238 with be communicated to the Collector. One Anna a day would probably be sufficient to allow for adults.

3. The Collector's earlier instructions were such as to lead to the idea that a regular relief house was to be opened in every village, but this has been corrected in the subsequent circular. Government have declared (G. O. No 488 dated 6 March 1877) that such establishments were not intended

intended or approved by them.

(True Copy & Extract)

Respectfully

Secretary

To The add^d Secretary to Government R.D.
with 10 original enclosures.

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Substantially letter from
of Hermit regarding the
difficulties must with
a substituting the
village relief system.

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I think the present
historical evidence
with the view of the
the adoption of the ticket
system may effect an
improvement. But I
am hopeless of preventing
some fraud in connection
with the Village Relief.

I think the one known daily
dole is the safest system
L.H.

Not look all other
camps except at 7
large & well supervised
stations entirely all
work objects to the
village heads for relief
at one area or 1-2 per
per diem
allow no further
hurry of the poor
to Camp.

The system of
village relief cheap
requires attention in
Salmon River.
Perhaps the simplest
plan will be to order
the adoption of the
Salmon system of
permanent tickets
entitling the holder to
a dole of an area
a month.
The B's view that
village relief if continued
should be confined to
providing temporary relief
for persons who are to be
sent to the camps or
are to go there & are
in immediate danger
of starvation. I submit
that.

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The first of these is the
 fact that the system of
 education in this country
 is based on the principle of
 the separation of the
 sexes. This is a system
 which has been in vogue
 for many years, and it
 is one which has been
 found to be very effective
 in the training of the
 young. It is a system
 which has been found to
 be very effective in the
 training of the young, and
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