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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.

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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.

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 1877
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 29th May 1877
 Read the following;

No. 382

From, The Acting Collector
 Kurnool

Bds No. 4578 To,

The Secretary to the
 Board of Revenue
 Madras.

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Cost. of (1877) Rs. 34,000.
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 THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
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 Madras.
 G.O., 1st June 1877, No. 1,877.
 JUNE.
 Nos. 15-16.
 Famine Relief, No. 1,231.
 Village Relief system in Kurnool 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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- (3) Printed Sakuls to Paddies
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- (5) Paddies' application for Funds.
- (6) Return of persons fed in each week.
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- (8) Nominal Roll
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- (10) Copy of Sakul to Tahsildars

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.

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Kurnool Collectors Office }
23rd April 1877 }
[Sd/] R. Davidson
Acting Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

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dated 6 March 1877) that such
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(True Copy & Extract)

Respectfully

Submitted

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

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Revised with additions & corrections
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Sanctuary taken from
Catholics
of Harnat regarding the
difficulties must call
a substituting the
village relief system

8/9 May 1879
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Baron of Harcourt

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I kept this paper
 in the journal as a record of the relief
 relief & the question now I have
 for order.

The system of
 village relief which
 requires attention in
 Salem Council.
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 of starvation, I submit,
 is correct.

I.H.G.
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