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6. All these causes combined, and perhaps also increased activity in Mysore itself in providing relief-works (following on my report which drew attention to the matter), operated in restricting the numbers of those who, I reported, were "beginning" to flock into Wynaad and in preventing those who had arrived from accepting the relief-work, which was everywhere offered to them.

7. If the season in Mysore turns out to be a favorable one, I don't anticipate there will be any further cause for anxiety in Wynaad on this score; but the prospects so far are uncertain, and the matter will require vigilant attention from the local officers. Under the circumstances, I trust the Board will not withdraw the grant already sanctioned, and they may depend on my informing them at once when the necessity for having it at disposal has ceased.

8. Some expenditure was incurred on the Cholera Hospital at Manantoddy. This will be debited to the grant as sanctioned (G.O., No. 1,026, dated 10th March 1877). A bill is being submitted for it.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 20-B.

ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1877, No. 1,879-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Collector appears to have assumed that the order* quoted by him in paragraph 4 of his letter barred piece-work or petty contract, which is not the case. What the Government Order prescribed was, that if a man does not less than 75 per cent. of a full task, he should be paid at Rate No. 1.

* G.O. of February 12th, 1877, No. 529, Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Malabar 1879
 No. 2191.

Reve Dept.

Proceeding of the Board of Revenue
 of 12th May 1877.

Read the following:-

No. 114.

From W. L. S. Esq.
 Collector of Malabar

To A. E. Esq.
 Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Referring to Board's Pro-

ceeding No. 1680 dated 14th October.

I have the honor to observe that in
 my report on Wynad affairs, I
 noticed the fact that sporadic cases
 of cholera had already occurred.
 In my letters Nos. 38 and 34 dated 19th
 February and 5th March 1877 record-
 ed in Board's Proceedings Nos. 96 and
 1132 dated 27th February and 10th
 March 1877 the fact that the disease
 had assumed an epidemic form
 was reported. The disease has been
 prevalent more or less since
 and

On 28th dated
 11th Feb 1877

Board's L.R.
 No. 4883.

Cost of (1877) Malabar.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Detd June, 4th.

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G.O., 4th June 1877, No. 1,879-A.

JUNE.

No. 20-A-20-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,332-A.

Examine Police in Wynad, Malabar Dis-
 trict. According to Proceedings of the Board of
 Revenue on Collector's letter regarding, and
 observing that the Collector's assumption that the
 order quoted by him, barred piece-work or petty
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and Dr. Hewetson the medical officer at Maunabo had, I understand, suffered from it himself.

2. This outbreak of disease had a very marked effect on the influx of coolies into Wymad and there was great consternation among them whenever it appeared. In fact the influx which I noticed as "beginning" when my first report went in was, to a considerable extent, stopped by the dread the people had of contracting the disease.

3. Again it was evident by the policy of Government not, if possible, to undertake relief work for people who came from kaitine states and therefore in forwarding the fund placed at my disposal to the Deputy Collector, Wymad, I gave him to

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to understand that neither Relief work nor Relief Camps were to be organized if it could possibly be avoided.

4. Finally, the Board are doubtless aware that not less than 4 annas a day has been the immemorial wage for Kanarese Coolies working in Wymad. Had Relief work been started I could have offered the people at most 2 annas per day for task work. When my first report was written, I was under the impression that payment by piece work was permissible, and that a coolie by working hard might have made more than the two annas a day by doing more than the allotted task which was fixed

fixed at 25 percent less than
S.P.W. rates. But the G.O.R.D. 7D
No 529 dated 12th February 1877
prescribed that however much
a man might do he was to
get no more than his daily al-
lowance and of course this
tended greatly to discourage
coolies from the Relief work
that was offered them.

Moreover, the coolies
themselves thought they saw
in this offer of lower wages
a deep laid scheme for effect-
ing a permanent reduction
in the manual wage, and I find
by believing that they would
rather have starved than have
accepted it. There is a strong
Trade Union feeling (so to speak)

among

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among them, and though men
could be found to work 3 days
a week at 4 annas per day
they would not accept payment
for 7 days a week at 2 annas
per day.

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Qualification Office }
Calicut - 4 May 1877 }

Submitted for the information of Government.
(Enclosed copy to the Secretary)

W. D. S. J.
Secretary,
To the Additional Secretary
of Govt. R. S.
with copy of enclosure

Circ
to
Sir W.R. Pitt
& Mr H
Circ to the Press

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Ref. Bd. Feb. of 12th No. 2191

Memos:

with reference to the
enacted sum of
the Hon. Sir R. Robinson
& the Hon. W. H. Sturt
relation to S.O. of the
12th Feb. No. 529 quote
to Mr. Logan the
understanding has the
honour to state that
the order is a financial
one & is put up.
It hardly bears the
construction put on it
by Mr. Logan though
when the question was
subsequently raised by
W. H. Sturt it has
practically decided
by S.O. No. 866 A & 884
that no task is ex-

In answer that the printer
order can be said to have
prescribed as to what
than the R.P.I. note in the

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Leahy 31. Jan. for
full day's task -
instead of 75%
pft.

Mr. Logan seems
I have assumed
that ^{the English notes} ~~the~~ cannot piece
back - or partly counter
It is not the case

That the J.C. said
if a man does not
less than 75% of
a full tooth - pay him
Rate W. 1.

Should state this

Leaf 31. Dan. for
full day's task -
instead of 75%
gift.

That the G.O. said
if a man does not
less than 75% of
a full track - pay him
Rate 40%.

Should state this