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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th June 1877, No. 1,834-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 45-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th May 1877, No. 2,369.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to Board of Revenue, dated Pulivendla, 9th May 1877, Extra No. 1,044 :—

In reference to the enclosed copies of letters received from the Acting Sub-Collector, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to fine the Tahsildar of Voilpaud, whose explanation is herewith transmitted, Rupees 25.

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From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Voilpaud, 21st April 1877, No. 880.

I have the honor to report on the state of the relief camp at Voilpaud.

2. When I left Voilpaud a fortnight ago twelve huts 70 × 14 had been run up and roofed with matting. There were no walls, and I directed the Tahsildar to at once collect materials for coarse bamboo tatties and for thatch. This he promised to do. No hospital or small-pox shed had been built, but he promised to send in the materials at once. The trench had not been dug, but he promised to do his best to get it finished and to collect thorns. It is not possible to dig a well in the site of the camp as the ground is far too rocky, but I selected a site less than quarter mile distant where I directed that a well should be dug.

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6. Mr. Bradbury is now working hard at the camp, and we hope to get things tolerably straight in a day or two.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

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WITH reference to your letter, No. 946 (Extra), dated 25th April 1877, I have the honor herewith to forward copy of the explanation given by the Tahsildar of Voilpaud and of a statement given by the Relief Camp Gumasta.

2. On the 17th April the Gumasta reported to Mr. Bradbury that a number of relief camp inmates had been sent to Nellore, that they were in a weak state of health, and that he had advised them to remain in the camp until they had recovered.

3. In your letter, No. 939, dated 25th April 1877, you mention that at Budwail you saw a number of coolies on their way to Nellore who had come from Voilpaud and who were in a state of emaciation.

4. On the 16th instant it appears from the register of the relief camp that there were 463 inmates, whereas on the 17th there were only 379, or 84 less. In his statement the Gumasta says there were 83 less on the 17th, but from the register it appears there were 119 absent. The difference between this number and 84 as mentioned above is owing to their having been 35 fresh admissions on that day. It was regarding these coolies that the Gumasta reported to Mr. Bradbury that they had been sent to Nellore when in a weak state of health.

5. On the 18th the Tahsildar despatched a gang of 86 coolies to Nellore, or on the day after the Gumasta reported that coolies had been sent from the camp. The Tahsildar made out the registers and way-bills of the coolies.

6. The Tahsildar says that all the coolies he despatched, with the exception of a few children, were in good health and condition, that he had no idea that they came from the camp, and that they were brought by the recruiters. As a proof that what he said was true, on the day after he had given his explanation he asked me to compare his register of names with that of the relief camp; a copy of the register of the names and of the coolies missing from the camp is enclosed. It is certainly a very peculiar coincidence that the day before the gang was recruited 119 were found missing from the camp, that the Gumasta reported that these had gone to Nellore, and that on the following day the Tahsildar did despatch a gang of 86. To my mind it is convincing that a part of these coolies, indeed the majority, came from the camp. The Gumasta (who when examined tried to screen the Tahsildar) could have had no reason to report to Mr. Bradbury unless there had been some truth in what he reported. The very fact of the names in the Tahsildar's register differing entirely from the names entered in the camp register leads me to think that a deception has been practised. The Tahsidar declares that he had no knowledge that the coolies came from the camp. I will assume that the Tahsildar is telling the truth when he says that no one *told* him that they came from the camp. There can however, I think, be no doubt that a number of the persons he sent were not in a proper state of health, and had he taken the trouble to inquire where they came from he must have been able to ascertain. You will remember the date when you saw the emaciated coolies at Budwail and will be able to decide whether they could have formed the gang despatched by the Tahsildar on the 18th, whether it was this gang or another that you saw. I have no doubt in my mind that the gang which the Tahsildar despatched was composed for a great part of camp paupers, and either that the Tahsildar did not inspect them properly before despatching them, or else that they had been admitted to the camp when they were not fit inmates. The Tahsildar admits that he frequently visited the camp between the 7th (date of my inspection) and 19th (date of my return), and therefore if there had been improper inmates he should have turned them out; when I inspected the camp on the 20th I turned out more than forty persons well able to work.

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7. As regards the question of materials the Tahsildar declares that he cannot remember having received an order from me or from Mr. Bradbury to collect them, and that as the Superintendent was looking after the coolies working at the trench he presumed the Superintendent would also get the material. All I can say is that I ordered the Tahsildar to get the materials still required, and that I understood him to promise to do so, and Mr. Bradbury assures me that he did the same not once but repeatedly. In a matter of this kind the Tahsildar's hearing must be taken against our statements. After my return on the 19th when I found what great delay had taken place I scolded the Tahsildar in no measured terms. Three days afterwards the material required was on the spot.

8. I am sorry that my present report should place the Tahsildar in even a worse light than my first one. He is not an officer upon whom I have ever been able to place reliance, as he is too apathetic and inclined to smooth matters over. He is not up to the present work, more on account of his own constitutional failings than any wilful fault, and I would therefore make every allowance for him that I can and try to get as much work out of him as possible. In this matter however I feel constrained to say that he has not only been very neglectful of orders, but has also shown a great want of truthfulness.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE 1 in No. 2.

Statement of MADAVA ROW, *Relief Camp Gumasta.*

ON the 17th of April on mustering the coolies in the evening I found 83 short. I heard a rumour that they had gone to the East Coast Canal. I saw a number sitting under a tamarind tree. Forty or fifty of these were very weak, and I went to them and tried to persuade them not to go. They said they would go. There was no recruiter with them, and I did not see any recruiting going on in the camp during the day. I reported this to Mr. Bradbury by an arzi.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

I never told this to the Tahsildar. I only reported to Mr. Bradbury.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE 2 in No. 2.

Explanation of Voilpaud Tahsildar given before me on the 1st May.

I DID not go to the relief-camp to get any coolies for the East Coast Canal, nor did I know that the recruiter had gone there and persuaded them to go. On the 18th April 86 coolies were sent off with recruiters Ellootla Chinnaya and Voilpaud Osman Saib. All these 86 persons were in good condition, excepting a few children. I saw them all myself. During the 11 days that the Sub-Collector and Mr. Bradbury were absent I went about 5 or 6 times to the camp. During three days of the time I was absent from Voilpaud, I do not remember whether I went to the camp on the 18th. I never saw any strong looking coolies in the camp.

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(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

1st May 1877.

(True Copy.)

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Copy of Tahsildar's explanation.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Deposition of Madava Row.

Revenue Department, 4th June 1877, No. 1,891-A.

SANCTIONED.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Ext. 45-B.

ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1877, [illegible] 1,8

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RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 4th.
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G.O., 4th June 1877, No. 1,891-A.

JUNE.
Nos. 45-A—45-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,237-A.

Tahsildar of Voilpaud in Cuddapah District. —Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue authorizing the Collector to fine the — to the extent of Rs. 25 for neglect of orders in connection with famine-relief.

No. 1034.

Cuddapah Sub Collector's
Office Camp Voilpaud
3rd May 1877.

From
J. D. B. Gribble Esqre
Ag. Sub-Collector of Cuddapah

To,
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(True Copy)
Secretary

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Revenue Department

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Cuddapah Collector's Office.
Camp Pulivendla
9th May 1877

Sanctioned.

(True Copy & Extract)
(Sd.) H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To
The Collector of
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To
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Cuddapah Sub-Collector's Office

No. 880. Camp Voilpaud 21st April 187

From.

J. D. B. Gribble Esquire

Ag Sub-Collector of Cuddapah.

To.

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Sanctioning at the request of the Collector of Cuddapah, that the Tahsildar of Voilpaud may be fined Rs. 25 for grossly neglecting certain orders of Messrs. Gribble & Bradbury in connection with famine relief —

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