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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1876*

No 430 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1876 —

Read the following letter from H SEWELL, Esq, Acting Collector of Trichinopoly to H F STOKES Esq Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1876, No 313

I HAVE the honor to request that the Board will obtain sanction for a sum of Rs 5,000 to start relief works in Trichinopoly under the following circumstances

2 The state of the season, though not so bad as in the northern districts, still has been very bad indeed, and it is almost too late now to hope for a change. The wet crops under channel irrigation are doing furly, those under run fed tanks have almost entirely failed, and the dry crops have suffered most severely. There is a great deal of suffering among the poorer classes all over the district, and I have very little doubt that before long I shall have to apply for sanction to open relief works on a large scale.

3 But at present our chief difficulty is this: a great number of the poor classes from Salem, Coimbatore, and Madura, have come into the town in search of work. Many of them would gladly do work if they could find it. We have, of course, certain Municipal works going on, but not enough to give employment to this large number of strangers, and our funds also are very limited. A meeting of the Infirmary Committee has been held, and a general meeting will be held in a few days to collect funds for assisting the really poor and destitute. Relief houses will be opened in a day or two. We expect to collect large subscriptions for the purpose, but are anxious rather to relieve those who are unable to work than the able bodied, as our funds will certainly not suffice for both classes. If Government will sanction this advance of Rs 5,000, I shall be able at once to give employment to a good number of the able bodied laborers in completing the filling in of the moat, in levelling the Boulevard road round the town, and in other ways.

4 I would earnestly beg for early sanction to this application, as the matter is of vital importance. I would also beg to point out that I am anxious not to start any extensive work close to the town which would attract large numbers and so increase the ravages of cholera, but rather to find work for those who come to us of their own accord.

SUBMITTED to Government

2 The Board sanction the grant applied for, but the rate of wages is not to exceed 2 Annas per diem for an adult man and a proportionate rate for women and children.

3 The Collector should have reported the probable cost of the works to be executed and the sum to be devoted to each. He will be furnished with copies of Board's Proceedings regarding relief returns, and will see that the procedure ordered as regards returns is conformed to.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed)

H F STOKES,
Acting Secretary

2 *Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
17th January 1876*

No 431 ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1877, No 189

Miscellaneous

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(True Extract)

(Signed) J H GARDNER
Adj Secretary to Govt

the Financial Department
the Accountant General
the Public Works Department

Edw F R Bantleman

Revenue Deptt

Dated 20 December 1875

Read the following:-

No 343

From

From The Ag. Collector
Trichinopoly
To the Secretary of the
Board of Revenue
Madras

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Incl. copy of this office } Have to
16 Dec 1876 } (12) Hewell
as collector

Submitted to Government

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(Inc copy to track)

W. L. D. M.

Ag. Secretary

To the Secretary to Government P.D.

President of the
Board of Medicine,

dated 20 Aug / 96
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5 Feb 28 ✓
6 Aug 28 ✓
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