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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th June 1877, No. 1,910.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 100. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1877, No. 2,420.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ooravakonda, 15th May 1877, No. 369:—

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for the information of the Board, copy of a report made by Temporary Deputy Collector Raghava Row, after an inspection of the Hadgally Taluq made on behalf of the Divisional Officer, Venkatachellum Puntulu.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From V. VENKATACHALLUM, Deputy Collector of Harpunhally Division, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hospett, 4th May 1877, F. No. 288.

I HAVE the honor to enclose for your perusal a copy of a letter from Raghava Row Garu, Temporary Deputy Collector, dated 26th ultimo, No. 83, reporting his inspection of the famine works in Hadgally Taluq.

2. The Temporary Deputy Collector states that the judicious selection of useful works, their satisfactory progress, and the effective supervision speak more creditably of the Tahsildar (Raghavendra Row) who is an energetic and hard-working officer.

ENCLOSURE 1 IN No. 1.

From C. RAGHAVA ROW, Special Deputy Collector, to V. VENKATACHELLUM, Deputy Collector of Harpunhally Division, dated Harpunhally, 26th April 1877, No. 83.

With reference to your letter, No. 167, of 30th ultimo, giving cover to the Collector's letter to you of 24th idem, No. 889, I have honor to submit my report of the inspection of the relief works and laborers in the Hadgally Taluq.

2. I was on tour in the taluq from 28th ultimo to 22nd instant, during which I have expected all the important works in progress and the gangs of coolies employed on them.

3. The judicious selection of useful works, their satisfactory progress, and the effective supervision speak most creditably of the Tahsildar, who is an energetic and hard-working officer.

When he is required to exact task-work from coolies, he cannot be blamed for punishing those who fail to do so.
(Signed) V. VENKATACHELLUM,
Deputy Collector.

* No. 60 of 29th March 1877.
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I issued necessary orders on them, copies of which are enclosed.
(Signed) V. VENKATACHELLUM,
Deputy Collector.

But his strict enforcement of task-work has rendered him oppressive to the laboring poor, who had, till my entry into this taluq, been paid simply for the work executed by them, and therefore generally below the sanctioned scale of wages. This and other irregularities which I brought to your notice in my letters noted in the margin* have been since rectified, and my subsequent inquiries have satisfied me that the laborers now receive their proper wages according to the sanctioned scale.

*Communicated to
Deputy Taluq Collector.*

4. I beg to refer you to my letter, No. 67, of 5th instant, regarding the physical condition of the coolies on relief-works. They are evidently falling off in health and strength, and my subsequent inspections and inquiries confirm the opinion therein expressed.

5. I have inspected all the relief camps and superintended the distribution of food and gave cloths as shown below to the entirely destitute poor, who were in a state verging to nudity. In my letter, No. 62, of 31st ultimo, I urged for an increase in the quantity of food given to the poor in these camps, and, as they now receive more food than they hitherto did, they look healthier and under better nourishment. The camps, excepting the one at Hadgally, are under the supervision of the village officials, who are overworked both in the management of these institutions and in the distribution of wages to thousands of coolies. They have a hard task to perform, and I have seen them fully engaged from 4 A.M. to 12 or often to 1 o'clock at night every day. It is not possible to expect efficiency when they are so hard-worked; and as large numbers are flocking to the relief-houses, and as they are becoming uncontrollable by the village agency, and as large quantities of grain are daily brought and sent for feeding the poor, I think that a gamasta should be specially employed at each camp to manage it and to check waste and fraud.

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6. The village-relief and the quarter-anna payments to the young children of the laborers were not in force, and they are now introduced throughout the taluq. I personally inspected the poor of every village I have seen, and selected some for village-relief and saw them being worked properly in several villages.

The Tahsildar was required to explain this.
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File my order to Tahsildar, 19th April 1877.
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(True Extracts.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 101

ORDER THEREON 6th June 1877, No. 1,910.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. The Collector's attention should be specially directed to the statement of the Special Deputy Collector regarding the manner in which the village officers in his taluq are over-worked, and he should be directed to adopt such measures as may be necessary to afford them assistance.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Collector.

Bellary

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 26th May 1877.

Board

G. R. S. & Co.

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From,

The Collector Bellary

To The Secretary to the Board of Rev.
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Sir, I have the honor to enclose for
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No. 106191.
PACIFIC RAILWAY, No. 1297.
Division of the Madras Presidency, Bellary
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in his report on the — regarding the manner in
which the village officers in his taluk are over-
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Submitted for the information
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(True copy & Extract)

Wm. B. S. Secretary

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Shirley J. S. to Government of the
with copy of evidence.

E. B.

and hardworking Officer.

I have the
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by Collector

N^o 83.

Special by Collector's Office

26th April 1877

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Proceedings of

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