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Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 243. Endorsement of the Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture—Famine,) dated Simla, 28th May 1877, No. 486.

Read the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, 26th April 1877, No. 36.

THE Despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 16th March, No. 15 of 1877, relative to the famine in the Presidencies of Bombay and Madras, has been considered by me in Council.

2. I will await the result of the deliberations of your Excellency in Council, after full communication with the Government of Madras, on the Sangam Project. As a reproductive work, it is well worthy of consideration at such a crisis as that which now engages your attention.

3. I am pleased to learn that the conclusions at which Sir R. Temple arrived, after his repeated visits to North Arcot, are, on the whole, favorable, and that he considers everything has been done which ought to have been done in respect to measures of relief by the local authorities.

4. Sir Richard Temple has discussed with ability the views stated by Dr. Cornish, the Sanitary Commissioner at Madras, as to the scale of rations for laborers on relief-works. The question at issue is, without doubt, one of great difficulty, and one on which it would be unwise to lay down an inflexible rule. I am confident that the humane principles already laid down by your Excellency will be scrupulously carried out by the officers of the Government, and that no scale of rations will be maintained which is not adequate to the sustenance of the laborer.

5. It is very satisfactory that progress has been made towards enabling the Madras Railway Company to carry 1,400 tons a-day, twice the amount which it has hitherto been able to carry.

6. The statement that the number of persons on the relief-works in the two Presidencies has, during the week under review, been reduced by 49,266, is satisfactory.

7. I feel it my duty to record my approbation of the discrimination and judgment with which the calamity before you has been met by your Excellency in Council, by Sir Richard Temple, by the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and by the local authorities in those Presidencies.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By order,)

(Signed) T. C. HOPE,
Addl. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Revenue Department, 12th *June* 1877, *No.* 1,972.

No. 2-4. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1877, No. 1,972.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

Additional Secretary to the Government

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No 456 (Agri & Hort. / Famine)

Department of Revenue, Agriculture & Commerce.

Simla, the 28th May 1877.

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