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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

27th June 1877, No. 2,132-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 615-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1877.

Read the following letter from W. B. OLDHAM, Esq., B.C.S., on Special Famine Duty, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Adoni, 21st May 1877, No. 78.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your office (yesterday) of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,149, of the 9th May 1877, in which the Board consider that the agency reported by me, on the 28th March last, as having been adopted for village relief, is not the kind of agency intended by Government, or suitable to the purpose, and that the scheme should be revised. As the Board go on to say that there appear to be eleven relief-houses or camps in the taluq, and as my report was sent with the object of showing how I had done away with relief-camps and substituted another agency for them, I may be excused for assuming that my scheme of village relief has not been apprehended by the Board—and for recapitulating its features.

2. I found eleven relief-camps or kitchens existing in the eleven principal towns and villages in the taluq. My first measure, was to close them all and to send their inmates on to the works, to their homes, or into hospital, as their circumstances demanded. Three of them at equidistant positions I retained as hospitals.

3. These eleven principal villages had, I found, already each its group of dependent villages attached to it; the number varying from nine to twenty—the radius of no such circle being over five miles, and there being no village in the taluq not so included.

4. I chose the Village Officers, whether Curnam or Reddi, or both combined, of these principal villages (which I have called sub-centres) as my relieving agents. They were to administer home relief in their own villages; and to have the disbursements for the villages in their several groups. They were to be my corresponding agents for each group and to inspect their groups as far as possible. At the same time orders were issued to each Village Officer in the group, advising him of the sub-centre officer's position and powers, and throwing on him the responsibility of getting relief from the sub-centre for each deserving case in his village. Relief was to be given, generally a month's supply at a time. Thus, with five-mile radius its administration was easy. The allowance fixed for each sub-centre was from 5 to 7. The recipient was generally the Curnam. It was meant to cover stationary travelling expenses and as a personal allowance. The Village Officers were encouraged to employ their own friends and relatives in the actual work, the responsibility resting with themselves; subsequently, when the Sub-Collector began his "Jumma-bundy," the allowances were increased to from 8 to 10 to allow of Village Curnams providing substitutes in their absence.

On procuring Hospital Assistants for each of the three hospitals I divided the taluq into three circles, making these medical officers Home Relief Inspectors in each.

At each sub-centre the system was instituted by myself in person, and I have since inspected personally the work of each at least once—of some several times. Now that my time is so much taken up in Adoni, I have appointed a Relief Inspector and an assistant to him. The Police are now giving fair aid as a checking agency, and at first Village Officers were promptly called to account in cases where helpless people had been found straying on our works. These cases have ceased to occur. I beg to append a translation of a sub-centre weekly form which shows the working and our means of check very clearly.

The system has now been in force for 2½ months. Some Village Officers are, of course, better than others, but the scheme in practice does certainly not fail in comprehensiveness. Its weak point is a tendency to include undeserving objects. My returns show that this abuse has not been extensive.

As regards peculation, the system confirms my experience elsewhere. A native officer when gratuitously relieving his own village poor, who are quite dependent on him and in a manner, in accordance with the customs of the country, is on a very different footing from a man dealing with able-bodied laborers on relief-works. On the latter the convicted cases of fraud in this taluq are now averaging one a day. In the village system I have discovered no fraud which required notice. One Curnam had drawn a supply for a recipient who was dead, but his excuse was very probably true. In three instances I found that a commission of two pies in the rupee had been charged by the Village Officers for some grain bought by them for distribution. I did not consider it necessary to notice this.

I have now to point out that the Board of Revenue, while condemning my agency as unsuitable and not the kind intended by Government, and while directing the scheme to be revised, have in no way indicated what is the suitable and contemplated agency, and what is a proper scheme. On the former point I have only to say that it was the scheme followed and found so successful in Behar in 1874, with a far inferior village agency; on the latter that, believing as I do in the proper working of the scheme and its superiority to any of the others attempted in any of those famines of which I have had experience, I can offer no proposal for revising it. I append is the list of the establishment employed in working this system of relief called for by you.

ANNEXURES.

1. Establishment list.
2. A sample blank vernacular form of a sub-centre weekly return.
3. A translation in English of one of those returns for last week.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, No. 2,149, dated 9th instant.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

20th May 1877.

STATEMENT showing the Establishment entertained for gratuitous relief in the Adoni Taluq, Ballary District.

1. Relief Superintendent on Rupees 120 a-month.
1. Assistant Relief Superintendent on Rs. 50 a-month.
2. Hospital Assistants at Rupees 25 each a-month, with a daily batta of 8 Annas.
1. Daily batta of 8 Annas to Civil Dispensary Doctor, Adoni, for Relief Hospital there.
1. Peon on Rupees 9 (including famine allowances) working under Hospital Assistants.
2. Gunstabs at Rupees 8 each in charge of the Relief Hospital at Adoni and Yemiganoor.
12. Curnams &c., in charge of sub-centres, with salaries varying from 3 to 10 Rupees each a-month.
3. Maistries in charge of inefficient gangs attached to Hospitals at Rupees 10 each.

ADONI,
May 1877.

(Signed) W. B. OLDHAM,
on Special Famine Duty,
in charge of Adoni Taluq.

FORWARDED with reference to Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 2,142, dated 9th May 1877.

(True Copy).

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., 24th May 1877, No. 1,805-A.

2. As Mr. Oldham's scheme as now explained is stated to be working successfully, the Board would allow him to continue it, and request the sanction of Government to the establishment employed by him. The allowances to the inspecting Curnams and the Maistries' pay need not be separately sanctioned, but should be adjusted in the monthly abstract bills as petty establishment under gratuitous relief.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Centre Village, Hatchali. Name of Curnam, Lummimathappa. Allowance, 10 Rupees.

Number of Villages comprising the Sub-centre.	Name of Village.	TABLE No. I.					TABLE No. II.					Remarks.
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Grain in Store.	Price.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Grain in Store.	Price.	
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1	Bhacavali	1	6	12	33	7 4 0	6	6	25	223	10 1 11	(Signed) MALLANAGOW,
1	Akkathewalam	1	6	10	24	8 11 0	6	6	25	223	10 1 11	15th May 1877.
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1	Kottaschur	1	6	14	145	15 2 0	6	6	25	223	10 1 11	none.
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Revenue Department, 27th June 1877, No. 2,132-A.

No. 615-B.

ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1877, No. 2,132-A.

Miscellaneous.

Under the explanation now submitted His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to authorise Mr. Odham to continue the system of village relief which he has established and to sanction the establishment necessary for that purpose entertained by him.

(True Extract)

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

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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GOVT. OF INDIA (1877) - 27A June 1877, No. 2, 103A

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May 1777 } of R. Oldham
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Nº 2149 dated 9th May

1877 } True copy
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Enclosure in

Henry's Case —

of 13th June 1855

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to the certificate:

as per list

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In order
to better Mr. Stohman's
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Wilkinson's which
for is allowed in
Salem. (see p. 1023)
of March 18th N^o 1023)
But times have
changed since then

23/8/77 J.H.P.

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By the way the best
I have seen
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/True copy & extract/

W. H. S.
Secretary

To

The Commr. Secy. to Govt. Rb.

with copy of one statement
& one list.

W. H. S.

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Aug. 24th Aug 1877 No. 85143.

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Case No. 10110.

Proceedings of the

Academy of Sciences

at 13th June 1875.

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Submitting to goth

papers regarding system

of mileage reliefs in Rome

Italy, Italy 1875

requesting sanction of

for the said relief.

meant submitted —

therewith by Mr. Clodham,

N.E. 5 on 14th June 1875