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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 617-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th June 1877.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Valapadi, 8th June 1877, S.N. No. 1,800.

In reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,434, dated 26th ultimo, remarking on Major Baynes' explanation as to the numbers on gratuitous relief, I have the honor to forward a letter from that officer in further justification of the policy he is pursuing as to this form of relief. I entirely agree in his views, and his action has my entire concurrence.

2. The taluq is exceptionally famine-stricken; more stricken, we believe, than most parts of the Presidency. It would be a very great satisfaction to myself and Major Baynes, and doubtless to the Government, to have the opinion of some experienced famine officer unconnected with the district as to the condition of Darampuri and its relief requirements. I have, therefore, respectfully to request

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major C. D. BAYNES, in charge State Relief Works, Darampuri Taluq, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Palkode, 5th June 1877, No. 201-133.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,434, dated 26th May last.

My letter, S.N. No. 195-131, dated 4th June 1877, has, as it were anticipated, the reply which I should have offered to the remarks made by the Board, but, with reference to their suggestion that a great number of the recipients on gratuitous relief might be put to work, I beg most respectfully to offer the following points for the consideration of the Board of Revenue:—

1st.—That on the contrary, in my opinion, I consider a large portion of the present workers should be transferred to the gratuitous list, 1st, because they are not able to give any appreciable return for their wage, which, as I have previously remarked, is in the case of woman the same in amount as that they would receive as recipients of gratuitous relief in villages, and in the case of children it is actually less by one pie; 2nd, because they are visibly deteriorating even on the slight work they have to perform; 3rd, because the works on which such laborers can be employed are now only to be provided with much difficulty are generally quite unnecessary and entail an amount of expenditure in payment to head coolies, in cost of supervision and preparation of accounts which would be avoided by their transfer to the gratuitous relief list.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board doubt whether any good would result from a casual inspection of Darampuri by an officer deputed for the purpose, and think that the Collector and Major Baynes, who have been watching affairs from the beginning, are in a better position to judge than any officer who could be sent to inspect.

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3. The Board have felt bound to call attention from time to time to the enormous, and as compared with other places equally distressed, apparently excessive numbers on gratuitous relief in Salem with a view to precaution being taken to prevent abuse and fraud; but they did not mean to intimate distrust of the Collector's discretion. The state of affairs described by Major Baynes perhaps

	2nd June.	4th June.	—
Salem	4,501	5,601	+ 1,100
Ahtur	434	511	+ 77
Namkal	3,835	4,434	+ 599
Tripur	3,612	3,550	— 82
Utangarai	3,324	3,855	+ 531
Darampuri	15,621	20,880	+ 5,259
Oossoor	12,199	10,019	— 2,180
Kistnagiri	23,109	21,575	— 1,534
Total	74,238	78,873	+ 4,640

and that the rate income given was too small to enable the enfeebled people to recover strength.

4. The numbers on gratuitous relief in the several taluqs of the district, according to the latest returns, are given in the margin. There is a large increase in Darampuri.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 617-B.

ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1877, No. 2,133-A.

Miscellaneous.

The Government have already expressed their confidence in the judgment and care

and no others.

3. The Government agree with Major Baynes that quasi-working gangs such as he describes are more economically and humanely dealt with by being transferred to gratuitous relief.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

Ed. A. Grubert.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Pres: of the Board of Rev^{ts}

Dated 16th June 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

For Tax No. 21550
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Recd. of
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6th
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No. $\frac{201}{133}$

S. P. C. W.

From

V
Special Relief Office
Camp Palkode
Dated 5th June 1877.

Major Baynes
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Relief Works,
Darampury Taluqa

&

The Collector of
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I have, &c.
Signed/ C. D. Baynes Major
on Special duty
S. R. W. Darangpur.

(True copy)

Signed/ C. J. Longley
Collector

(True copy)

Wm.

Secretary

MISCELLANEOUS No. 2848

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 16th June 1877.

Read the following

Board's R.
No 6498.

No 1800

From

The Collector of Salem

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to the
Collector of Salem
to Govt. R. O.
Dated 16th June 1877
No 2848
11/10/02
Copy to Major
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Salem	4501	5601	+ 1100
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Kankal	3885	4434	+ 549
Triedugode	7553	8473	+ 920
Tripalore	3612	3530	- 82
Atangarai	3324	3855	+ 531
Pharampuri	15621	20880	+ 5259
Assur	12199	10019	- 2180
Histnagiri	23109	21575	- 1534
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in Pharampuri.

(True copy & Extract)

Dist^r
Secretary

To

The Add^l Secretary to Government P^r,
with copy of Enclosure.

21/11

to No 4702
According to the
Board of Revenue

Order 16^a } June 1877
Reported 18

Subject

Submitting for
the order of Govt with
from 1000 of return,
regarding the Board to move
first to appoint an officer
to examine the condition
of Dharmapuri and its
neighb. requirements.