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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st July 1877, No. 2,408-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 567-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1877.

Read the following lettter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Voilpaud, 19th July 1877, Extra No. 1,841 :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 9,575, dated 4th instant.

2. The subject of the terrible number of deaths in relief-camps has been for some time past the subject of my most anxious consideration, and I have, by applying for medical assistance, indenting for and purchasing comforts, looking to better hospital accommodation, feeding and help, done everything that lay in my power to reduce the death-rate and to restore those who were suffering to health. Wherever I have been within reach of a relief-camp I have constantly visited it, inspected the sick and other inmates, and given orders in regard to what appeared necessary for the preservation of their health and lives, and rendering their discomforts less. I have every reason to believe that my divisional officers have done the same.

3. Dr. Cornish has stated the real cause of the great mortality clearly and plainly enough, and, though I cannot pretend to any scientific knowledge, the very practical way in which I have for months past been brought into contact with famine and the people suffering from it, leads me to entirely endorse the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner.

4. The old and the very young have gone through a long course of slow and gradual starvation; their systems have been thoroughly debilitated; many come in suffering from diarrhœa; the least chill or disorder tells upon them at once, and they are dead in a very short time. If, instead of Hospital Assistants in the camps, we had the best physicians of Europe, they would not pull through a tithe of the people who now die there. They are not killed by actual starvation, but by the slow effects of want and bad food. In many cases these can be only looked upon as the accelerants of death which was not far off, but in others I have no doubt that they are at the bottom of the mischief.

5. In the sub-division I dare say that the policy which the late Acting Sub-Collector, in direct opposition to my expressed wishes, so obstinately followed may account for there being a heavier death-rate than elsewhere, though it is to be said, on the other hand, that in the sub-division we have now to deal with persons who come over in considerable numbers and much emaciated from Punganoor and the Mysore territory. In the other parts of the district, however, I believe that I can safely assert that all that could be done to carry out the system of village and camp relief speedily and well has been done. In the sub-division it has now been organized, and is I believe, in really fair working order.

6. The Board and Government may rest assured that my brother officers and I will continue to spare no exertions to prevent want and death, but I would at the same time most respectfully submit that it is impossible for us to check what is already beyond all human control.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 19th June 1877, No. 2,034-A.

2. The Board are well assured that no pains have been or will be spared by Mr. Price and his brother officers to alleviate suffering and arrest death as far as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 567-D. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1877, No. 2,408-B.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue department

No 3383

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 20 July 1877.

Read the following
No 1841 Extract
from
J. F Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah
To
C. A. Galton Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to
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of Revenue, Mis No 9575
dated 24 Instant.

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Cuddapah
3rd Feb

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated July 31st.

Rec'd in MS. August 9th.

Printed August 13th.

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G.O., 31st July 1877, No. 2405-R.

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Nos. 567-C—569-D.

MADRAS: KELLER, No. 1,506-A.

System of Villages and Group Rates (Cuddapah District).—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting letter from the Collector intimating that the — is in fair working order, and asserting that no assertions and being agreed to prevent want and death.

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Cuddapah Collector's office
Camp Vellpaud
9th July 1857

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Acting Collector

Submitted to Government
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19th June 1857 No 2034 A.

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Your obt. Servt
W. H. Seward
Secretary of State

To
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Present

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