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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th January 1877.*

No. 533. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1877 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 9th January 1877, No. 19 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, and for such notice as they may deem advisable, a letter (to be returned) from Mr. Cammiade, its enclosure, and certain remarks thereon from Mr. Jones, the Deputy Collector, late in charge of the Relief Camp at Palaveram.

2. The question of supply of material for the Harbour Works is a matter somewhat beyond my province as Collector, but I may observe that with distress steadily increasing, it may become necessary hereafter to quarry much more largely at Palaveram than now to find employment for the able-bodied, when the road from Erumbiliyur to Pullicarnay has been completed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. G. CAMMIADE, Esq., to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput, dated Madras, 28th December 1876.

I RESPECTFULLY lay the accompanying Memorandum before you, in the hope that the idea therein suggested will meet with your approval, and be developed into the chief source of relief for the distressed cartmen.

Owing to the partial failure of the rain season, there has not yet arisen, to any alarming extent, a failure of fodder in the district; but a careful inquiry will prove that cartmen cannot find sufficient work, and their cattle are in consequence on short allowances of food and are rapidly falling off in condition. If nothing be done immediately towards finding employment for them, they will soon either be beyond working or change hands. Relief in either of these cases would come too late.

I would mention that in sanctioning the arrangement proposed in the Memorandum, Government should interfere with no existing contract; but they would assist very materially the expeditious completion of the south surf bank, which otherwise cannot be undertaken for at the least six months, as the Railway line first to be extended to the beach; create an extensive use of the junction canal as soon as it is completed; and open out a source of income for the Municipality from tolls. As regards the last point, I must mention that the terms proposed are based on the presumption that the Municipality would compound for the tolls, and thereby reduce the charge per ton to 6 Pies.

Quarrying stones may, with advantage, be introduced as a source of work at the Palaveram Relief encampment.

I shall be prepared to wait on you in person and offer such further information as you may want. In proof of my assertion that a want of work for carts is severely felt, I shall undertake to collect one thousand carts within a fortnight, at any point you may select.

In consideration of my offering to undertake the execution of this work, viz., the supplying of stones for the harbour, at the same rate as that now paid, and yet so to work it as to afford employment for thousands of cattle and cartmen, I will expect the following conditions :—

- (1). Payments daily for stones supplied.
- (2). Ground, rent free, for erecting sheds for office on the beach esplanade.
- (3). Such tripods and pulley gear as the Arsenal can spare on loan (if possible.)
- (4). Issue of blasting powder, jumpers and other tools from Government stores on payment.
5. License for quarrying at Guindy, Sydapet, Saint Thomas' Mount, and Seven Pagodas, subject to such conditions as you may impose, but free of payment.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. M. JONES, Esq., Deputy Collector, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput District, dated Palavaram, 6th January 1877, No. 6.

ADVERTING to your endorsement, No. 639, of the 3rd instant, on a Memorandum herewith returned and signed by Mr. Cammiade which has just reached me, I have the honor to submit my remarks on the subject of these papers.

2. The Memorandum refers to the difficulty experienced by the owners of cattle around Madras to keep them, owing to the absence of employment in fields and to the failure of pasturage, and the high and rising prices of fodder of all kinds which are the direct consequences of the present state of the season, and suggests a mode of employing these cattle whereby the disastrous result to their owners, who are ryots, caused by their death from starvation or by their being parted with at a sacrifice, might be averted. In the letter Mr. Cammiade gives a few explanatory remarks on the scheme proposed in his Memorandum and offers to undertake the work on certain conditions.

3. I think there is a great deal of truth in the account Mr. Cammiade gives of the state of things as affecting ploughing cattle and their owners, and the consequences threaten to be serious. If his scheme could be entertained, I think it is likely to do a deal of good and to enable the ryots to tide over a critical period without losing cattle which form their stock in agriculture. I trust it may be possible for Government to encourage this undertaking on the part of Mr. Cammiade, which I feel sure will afford some relief to the suffering ryots.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

MEMORANDUM.

The Famine Relief Works hitherto undertaken have had in view the single object of providing manual labor for the distressed poor. There are thousands of bullocks in the villages round Madras which being kept chiefly for ploughing purposes have now no work, and as the price of provender has risen as high as that of grain, the owners find it impossible to feed them. The cattle will therefore either die of starvation or pass into other hands, and thus the ryots will be left without bullocks to plough their fields when there is a fall of rain.

With the view of improving this state of things, it is suggested for consideration the stones for the south surf Pier of the Harbour may be carried in the ordinary manner from Sydapet and Saint Thomas' Mount and by boat from Covelong and carts for the remainder of the distance, instead of by the South India Railway, which latter method enriches shareholders out of India, while the people of the land are famishing.

Very great benefits will be conferred on the people of the district and that without in any manner entailing expenditure out of Imperial Funds by adopting the following course:—

The rates paid at present for Palavaram stones are, "unbroken" Rupees 1-12-0, and "broken" Rupees 2-2-0 per ton. These rates will admit—

	RS.	A.	P.
Hire of two carts, at 10 Annas each	1	4	0
Fee to the Bishop of St. Thomé for quarrying on his property	0	2	0
Digging, blasting, loading, per ton	0	4	0
Tolls	0	0	6
Supervision, stationery, interest on advances, loss on advances, profits	0	1	6
Cooly for breaking it small	1	12	0
Total per ton for unbroken stones	0	6	0
Total per ton for broken stones	2	2	0

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The contract can be given on the guarantee that the above rate will be paid to the work-people.

The rate of 10 Annas per cart is that allowed in ordinary seasons, but the Government think that it would be humane to allow the work-people a higher rate, 2 Annas may be added to the rates stated above, and the same will be paid to them. Notices to that effect may, with advantage, be published in the villages through the Collector, so that the people will know what to expect before leaving their houses.

Employing carts is different from that of ordinary labor, and cannot be done without advances, as the men must first lay in a supply of fodder before beginning to work, and in nine cases out of ten their carts will require repairs to fit them for the work in hand. The mode suggested, viz., that of giving out the supply of the stones on contract with the stipulation of using carts and paying for them at fixed rates, will remove all risk to Government of loss from advances, save supervision charges, and at the same time secure immediate work to the ryots, and supply the means of retaining their cattle.

(Signed) E. G. CAMMIADE.

NOTE.—The quantity required for the south surf bank is about 90,000 tons.

SUBMITTED for the consideration and orders of Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 534.

ORDER THEREON 18th January 1877, No. 241.

Miscellaneous.

MR. CAMMIADE's suggestions do not commend themselves to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Public Works Department.

Erd. T. O'Connor.

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No. 452

From

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Dated

13 January,

1877

FOR ORDERS.

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This does NOT come near by
to me - we have already
arranged this & we cannot
risk break down of cattle
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In Sept 1876 the Board of Revenue
at the Presidency

FOR ORDERS.

No 2141

18 Jan 1877

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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Read the following

No 13

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Collector of the Chingleput Dist.

To

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Enclosures

Madras 28th Decr 76

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No 6

Chingleput District
Deputy Collector's Office
Camp Pallamarum 6/1/77

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 Allow for breaking it small. — "6-"
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