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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd August 1877, No. 2,438-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 41-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1877, No. 3,187.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd July 1877, No. 534:—

In forwarding copy of a letter, No. 111, dated the 16th instant, received from Mr. Oldham, in charge of the Adoni Taluq, I have the honor to state that I have requested him to address the authorities in His Highness the Nizam's Dominions with a view to the withdrawal of those of the coolies on our works who are inhabitants of the Hyderabad country.

2. At the same time it appears necessary that the Resident should be addressed on the apparent absence of any measures to afford village relief in those territories, as it would be cruel to send the people back if they are not to be relieved at home.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. E. OLDHAM, Esq., D.C.S., Taluq Officer, Adoni, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Adoni, 10th June 1877, No. 111.

As attention cannot fail to be drawn to the great numbers of recipients of relief shown in my returns submitted to you this day, I have the honor to report the result of my own inquiries while on tour this week into the subject.

2. Subjoined is a synopsis showing the total numbers on relief works in Adoni and the districts to which they may be assigned—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1. Adoni Taluq...	14,517	32,008	13,038	60,373
2. Nizam's country	1,300	2,700	1,200	5,400
3. Alur and Bellary Taluqs	700	3,000	1,500	5,200
4. Kurnool District and Devakonda Taluq ...	250	700	250	1,200
Total ...	16,767	39,418	15,988	72,173

These figures do not include children under seven.

No. 2. *Nizam's country.*—The figures are approximate, but the numbers given can be nearly all identified and individually counted. Were I to give an estimate I should add 2,000 more to the total.

No. 3. *Alur and Bellary Taluqs.*—These figures are also approximate, but the individuals can be counted and identified. These people are the laborers on the road from Adoni to Sirguppa. None of the work lies in this taluq, but it runs through the northern portion of the Alur and then of the Bellary Taluqs. At the same time a large number of Adoni people are employed on it. The charge of the work was undertaken by the Adoni Officers because it can be more easily inspected from Adoni than Alur, and the existence of these Alur and Bellary people on it has been always known and accepted by me.

No. 4. *Kurnool District and Devakonda Taluq.*—These numbers are an estimate only. Steps are being taken to identify the individuals who are much scattered.

3. Again, out of the number of 10,000 persons (exclusive of children under seven) borne on my charitable relief lists, I estimate 1,000 to be residents of the Nizam's country and 500 of the Kurnool District. I am now engaged in identifying and making lists of the individuals.

4. At the beginning of May the number of residents of the Nizam's country on our works was under 250, since then they have flowed across in an increasing stream, and although all the able-bodied have been refused work, their numbers have risen to over 5,000. They are kept apart from the other laborers, and I inspected them on the 13th and 14th instant, and found them in a miserable condition. This marked immigration has been confined to the north-east corner of the taluq and to the road between Emiganur and Naguldinna. I cannot take the responsibility of closing this work on which some 20,000 of Adoni people are employed.

5. The existence of these people in much greater numbers on our works may be guessed as from the way in which they have been receiving charitable relief. To get it they concealed the fact of their having come from the Nizam's country, and it has only been ascertained by the repeated attempts made to send them to the villages from which they represented themselves to have come. They now acknowledge that their homes are north of the Toongabudra and that they concealed the fact in order to get relief in British Territory.

6. I can devise no means for stopping this influx. Apparently no relief is being extended to the infirm and helpless in the Nizam's country, at all events on our border. The river is now in flood, but they come floating across, kept up by girdles of gourds. The commonest type of arrival being a blind old woman led by a little child. The male immigrants are few, and scarcely any of them are able-bodied. Those that do come are evidently firmly convinced of the hopelessness of expecting relief in the Nizam's country, as they refuse to return there, even when offered a month's supply to carry them back.

7. There have been since the commencement of operations a number of Kurnool people on our works, but within the last month the influx has become very marked. The new comers are nearly all women and children. They arrive in an advanced state of weakness and distress, and the cause they assign for coming is that relief has not been given in their villages. I am anxious to know if any residents of the Adoni Taluq and of the same class are found wandering Kurnool District.

The home relief system in this taluq would of course have attractions compared to one in which it was not resorted to. The only attractions which the works at Adoni hold out are the daily payments. I would draw your attention to the proportion given to women and children on my works as an index of the stringency with which admissions are allowed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with a view to the Resident at Hyderabad being addressed on the subject of the influx of paupers from the Nizam's country into the Adoni Taluq.

2. The attention of the Collector of Kurnool will also be called to the emigration from his district.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 41-D. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1877, No. 2,438-B.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to telegram, No. 507, of the 7th August 1877, to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated August 3rd.
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AUGUST.
Nos. 410—411.

MADRAS RULES, No. 1,015-A.

Revenue Departt.

No. 3187

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated at Ootacamund

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Read the following—

No. 634

From The Collector of Bellary

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Sir,

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I have &c.

2. At the same time it appears necessary that the Resident should be addressed on the apparent absence of any [redacted] Labbard village in [redacted] relief in those territories as it would be cruel to send the people back, if they are not to be relieved at home.

Bellanaglish Office
2nd July 1879.

I have &c
(Sd) J. H. Hunter
Collector

(Enclosure)

From W. B. Oldham Esqr. — Abbd Talk Office - Adoni

To The Collector of Bellary.

Sir, My attention cannot fail to be drawn to the fact in numbers of receipients of Relief shewn in my returns submitted

to you this day, I have the honor to report the result of my own enquiries while on tour this week into the subject.

2. Subjoined is a synopsis showing the total numbers on Relief Works in Adoni and the Districts to which they may be assigned —

	Men	Women	Children	Total
1. Adoni Talk.	1607	3208	1038	6073
2. Nigunni Country	1300	2700	1200	5400
3. Alur and Bellary Talk.	700	3000	1500	5200
4. Rumandrug and Dumbulla Talk.	250	700	250	1200
	3857	9618	3988	17873

These figures do not include children under 7.

As to Nigunni country the figures are approximate, but the numbers given can be nearly all

all identified and individually counted. Were I to give an estimate I should add 2000 more to the total.

No 3. Aluru and Bellary Taluks. These figures are also approximate but the individuals can be counted and identified. These people are the labourers on the road from Adoni to Singapa. None of the work lies in the Taluk, but it runs through the northern portion of the Aluru and then of the Bellary Taluk. At the same time a large number of Adoni people are employed on it. The charge of the works was undertaken by the Adoni officer hearing it can be more easily inspected from Adoni than Aluru and the agitators and Bellary [illegible] have been always known and consulted by me.

No 4. Rurmus District and Banaknole Taluk. These numbers are an estimate only. Steps are being taken to identify the individuals who are now employed.

5. Again into of the number of young persons (persons of children under 7) borne on my Charitable Relief lists, I estimate was to be residents of the Bijapur country and 500 of the Dumul District. I am now engaged in

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repeated attempts made to
send them to the villages from
which they represented themselves
to have come - they now state
openly that their homes are on the
Irrawaddy and that they
come to the coast in order to
get relief and [illegible] country -

6. I can devise no means for relieving this unhappy district promptly no relief is being extended to the infirm and helpless in the Negum country, at all on the Negum border. The immediate is now in flood but they come floating across left on by floating bodies of people. The common sight to be met with is a blind old woman led by a little child. The male principle are few and scarcely any of them are able bodied. Those that do come are evidently from long removed of the hopeless need of expecting relief in this part of the country & they refuse to

to return there, even when offered a months supply to carry them back.

7. There have been since the commencement of operations a number of Mohammedan people in our works, but within the last month, the influx has become very marked. The new comers are nearly all women and children. They come in an advanced state of weakness and distress and the cause they assign for coming is that relief has not been given in their villages. I am anxious to know if any residents of the Mohammedan and of the same class are found wandering in the Rural District.

The Home Relief system

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in this Collectors District of any have abstractions compared to those in which it was not resorted to. The only advantage from which the evils of Adoni hold out are the delay of payment. I would draw your attention to the propriety of an increased debit upon imported articles of the stringency with which advances are allowed.

Adoni
Jannie } Sd W.D. of Collectors Office
Office }
June 1st 1843

(True Copy)
Jos. J. Hunter
Collector.

Submitted to the Government with a view to

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Yule Clerk
Asst Secretary

For the Additional Secretary to the Govt. R.D.