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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th August 1877, No. 2,611-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 456-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1877, No. 3,878.

Read the following letter from Major C. D. BAYNES, on Special Duty, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Darampoory, 6th August 1877, No. 300—150.

In continuation of former correspondence on the subject of provision of labor for the people of this taluq, I have the honor to inform you that, beyond such petty work as the removal of prickly-pear, I cannot provide any employment for the large number requiring it.

2. The eradication of prickly-pear is attended with so many disadvantages that it is very much more economical to put on the gratuitous list those who would be employed on it, namely, the weak adults and children. The disadvantages connected with this employment appears to me as follows :—

1st.—It is not one adapted to able-bodied laborers, to provide whom with labor is our chief anxiety.

2nd.—As it consists of a small patch in numerous villages, it necessitates the appointment of a special range officer for payment of the scattered coolies employed on it; it entails a large expenditure for the pay of a head-cooly in every village; it affords such transient employment that it does not lessen the anxiety of the divisional officer in providing occupation for the laboring class; and its result is generally unsatisfactory.

3. Moreover a large sum has already been or is being spent on this work in numerous villages, so that I estimate I could not find employment in this way for one-third of my light labor gangs for a fortnight more.

4. I have, therefore, thought it best to eliminate the eradication of prickly-pear from the sources of relief except in a few itteries (village roads) which will soon be finished, and until some useful and permanent employment can be found by the Public Works Department for the working poor of this taluq, I must put on the gratuitous lists all those who being dependent on labor for their livelihood yet cannot find it.

5. This plan, though it may at first strike one as recklessly extravagant, will really be the most economical method of relieving distress, and as Government have authorised the issue of a daily money dole equivalent to the value of one pound of rice, its effect on the population will not be as harmful as it would have been when the dole was fixed without regard to its value in grain.

FORWARDED through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government. The Public Works Department hands must be strengthened in the Sub-division. There are already three large projects—

- (1.) The Pennagundapuram in Kristnagheri which has been begun but which from bad supervision is not affording the relief required, only some 200 being employed on it instead of 2,000.
- (2.) The Baroor anicut and channels, nine miles in length, on borders of Darampoory and Kristnagheri; the plans and estimates for which were promised in April, but have not yet been sent in up to date, and the District Engineer declines to put the work in hand without them; and
- (3.) The Marandahully (Sungambasavan) irrigation project to the north-west of Darampoory which would employ some thousands of people. I earnestly beg the Board to move Government to appoint some special and experienced officer and staff to carry out these three projects. It is apparently hopeless to expect the present executive to take up new works in the Sub-division.

SALEM,
9th August 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The lack of suitable work for the employment of relief labor in Darampoory and Kristnagheri and the inability of the Department Public Works to furnish estimates has been recently brought prominently to notice, and the Board trust that it will be possible to strengthen the staff of the district so as to admit of the projects referred to being taken in hand at once. In the absence of more suitable employment the Board can only suggest the storage of metal and gravel on the road sides for future use.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 456-D.

ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1877, No. 2,611-B.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED, with reference to G.O., of
the 18th August 1877, No. 2,535.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Revenue Dept.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 18th August 1877.

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Salem Collection Office
Salem 9th August 1917

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(J. M. Kompley, Retired)

Collector
Ag. Secretary

To the Addl. Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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