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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st August 1877, No. 2,618.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 471. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1877.

Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichinopoly, 10th August 1877, No. 287:—

In forwarding, herewith, copy of a letter received from the Civil Surgeon, Trichinopoly, dated 9th instant, I have the honor to request instructions as to what alterations may be made to the scale prescribed in G.O., dated 21st July last, No. 2,372, which was communicated with Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 1st instant, No. 10,690, for modifying the diet of patients as suggested by the Civil Surgeon.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon W. G. KING, M.B., Officer in charge of Famine Camp, Trichinopoly, to H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Trichinopoly, 9th August 1877.

I HAVE the honor to request information whether the scale of diet as laid down in G.O., * No. 2,732, as subsistence diet, is intended to be strictly adhered to, that is to say, whether a certain amount of license is allowed whereby certain other articles may be added.

*24th July 1877.

2. In G.O., † No. 1,648, it is laid down that care is to be taken that no able-bodied coolies are to be retained in camp. In this district, where relief-works are available for the demand of labor, a famine camp thus becomes a large hospital where men reduced by starvation are fed and brought to a proper condition to enable them to work, which accomplished they are discharged.

†5th May 1877.

3. The diet laid down in the Government Order referred to is literally a subsistence diet, one upon which existence might be held for a prolonged period, but certainly not one upon which persons reduced by starvation could be expected to improve. Indeed, the diet conveys a sufficient amount of carbonaceous and nitrogenous material, but it has no provision for the conveyance of many salts, which are equally essential for the due maintenance of health, the chief of which may be noted as the common adjunct of sodic chloride. Fresh vegetables and fatty matters are also absent. Without the former amongst people already reduced below the standard of health, infallibly scorbutic symptoms will rapidly become added to those of starvation, and the camp will become decimated by the most intractable forms of dysentery and diarrhoea.

4. Doubtless in camps in the open district vegetable matters would be supplied by the natives themselves by finding edible roots, &c., but here, in the midst of a large city, the camp inhabitants naturally diffuse themselves around the bazaars imploring the additional necessities to this diet.

Revenue Department, 31st August 1877, No. 2,618.

5. I should therefore feel obliged by your informing me as to the class of persons the diet is intended for, seeing that, able-bodied persons being carefully excluded, the whole inhabitants of the camp may be said to be under medical (dietetic) treatment; and whether, as I do not consider that without some additions of the character above mentioned the purposes of the camp would be served, I may be allowed to regard the subsistence diet as one which taken as a base permits modification at discretion.

THE Collector is referred to G.O., dated 8th August 1877, No. 2,473, which appears to meet the deficiency in the diet scale pointed out by the Civil Surgeon.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 472. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1877, No. 2,618.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Encl. A. S. Rodgers.

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Revenue Dept.

No. 3852

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
5/17 August 1877

Read the following

No. 287

From

The Acting Collector
Trichinopoly

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith
copy of a letter received from
the Civil Surgeon, Trichinopoly
dated 9th Instant, I have
the honor to request instructions
as to whether any additions may
be made to the scale prescribed
in Government Order dated

24th

Cost. of 1877) Mysore,

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy, Secy, Secy.

Dated August 31st.

Issued in MS. September 5th.

Printed 19th.

Recd.

Recd.

G.O., 31st August 1877, No. 2,018.

AUGUST.

Nos. 471-472.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1674.

Each of Dies to be allowed to Patients.—Recd.
the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relating
the Collector of Trichinopoly to G.O., 8th August
1877, regarding—

24th July last, No 2372, which
was communicated with
Board's Miscellaneous Proce-
dings dated 1st Instant No-
10690, for modifying the diet
of patients as suggested by the
Civil Surgeon.

Enclosed
Collector's Office } I have re-
10th August 1877 } S^t Henry Sewell
Ag^t Collector

Enclosure

From

The Officer

In charge of Famine
Camp

Trichinopoly

The Acting Collector

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to re-
quest information whether the
scale of diet as laid down in
G.O No 2732 as subsistence diet

7th May 1877

is intended to be strictly ad-
hered to; that is today whether
a certain amount of license
is allowed whereby certain other
articles may be added.

In G.O No 1648 it is
laid down that care is to
be taken that no able bodied
Coolies are to be retained in
Camp. In this District where
Relief Works are available for
the demand of labour, a Famine
Camp thus becomes a large
Hospital where men reduced
by starvation are fed and
brought to a proper condition
to enable them to work, which
is accomplished

accomplished, they are discharged.

The diet laid down in the G. O. referred to is liberally a substantive diet, one upon which existence might be held for a prolonged period, but certainly not one upon which persons reduced by starvation could be expected to improve.

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I have re
J. N. G. King M. B.
Surgeon
Famine
Camp Hospital } Officer
Trichopoly } in charge of
9th August 1877 } Famine Camp
Trichopoly

(True Copy)

J. H. Murray
Ag Collector.

The Collector is referred to
G. O. of 8th August 1877 No. 2473, which
appears to meet the deficiency in the
diet scale pointed out by the Civil
Surgeon.

(True Copies Sub. act)

J. B. Halliday
Ag. Secretary

To. The Collector of Trichopoly
(True Copy)

W. L. Cotton
Ag. Secretary

To. The add^l Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

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in Cherry Creek

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James General Wash-

St Andrew's Church

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