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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st September 1877, No. 2,620-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 2-C. From A. KISTNAMAH, Officiating Temporary Deputy Collector, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Trivellore, 14th August 1877, No. 357.

In carrying out your instructions in Takeed No. 125, dated 31st ultimo, as regards the able-bodied being placed on village-relief until work is provided for them, I have the honor to state that the Tahsildar here has informed those recently relegated from the Madras camps of the several localities where relief-works are now in progress without reference to the distance of the villages to which the paupers belonged. For instance, if an able-bodied pauper relegated from Madras belonged to Velliyur or Caricelavakun, in the immediate vicinity of which there is no relief-work in progress at present, he was told to go to the Cadambathur road, which is about twelve or thirteen miles, and I wish to know whether in doing so, he has acted up to the intentions of your order, or was it necessary that he should have issued a money-dole ticket until such time as work can be found for the pauper in his own village or close to it, which, I am afraid, is not always practicable. The able-bodied are generally averse to go to the works, unless they are within the limits of their own village or within easy distance, say, a couple of miles from it, so as to admit of their going home at nights. The earth-work of the Cadambathur to Tripasore road has been going on for the last one week or more, but the number of coolies employed on it is very small, and does not exceed 100, while there ought to be 2,000 or even more on that road alone. I am informed that some of the paupers lately relegated have gone back to Madras rather than work on the road, and that several of them have given fictitious names of their villages. In proof of this I may state that in the village of Cherivy and three others in Sattiaveda Division no less than sixty money-dole tickets had to be recently cancelled, because there were no people in existence of the names entered on the tickets. Again, the total number of men, women, and children recently relegated from the Madras camp by the Additional Sheristadar, Devaraja Modelly, is 3,701; of this only 3,020 people appeared before the Tahsildar, while the remainder (681)\*, immediately after they got down from the train, became quite unruly and dispersed themselves in all directions, and are now reported to have gone back to Madras. I suspect these people also gave feign names in Madras, and were afraid of being found out. It strikes me that the payment of batta in money to paupers is a mistake, and affords, in effect, a premium for fraud. I would suggest, therefore, that the system be at once discontinued; if necessary, batta will be paid at the prescribed rate for a day or two by the Tahsildar on arrival of the paupers here, care being taken to see that it does not exceed, in any case, the amount absolutely necessary to enable them to travel to their village or to go to the works.

\* Several of these are ticket-holders.

Madras

Revenue Department, 1st September 1877, No. 2,620-B.

No. 185.

SUBMITTED to the Additional Secretary to Government for information.

2. The Deputy Collector has been informed that the Tahsildar was right in directing able-bodied relegated coolies to the work nearest to their villages, with necessary batta, to enable them to reach it. The Collector is, however, anxious to open numerous minor works, as the best means of getting the agricultural laborers to settle down again in their villages.

SANDAPET,  
20th August 1877.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,  
Collector.

No. 2-D.

ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1877, No. 2,620-B.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are of opinion  
that the grant of batta in kind instead of  
in cash deserves consideration.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Chingleput.  
„ the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

2/20/77

Madras

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 6064

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From

Collector of Chingleput 3

Dated 20 August 187

FOR ORDERS.

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From

Chingleput Distt. Off<sup>r</sup> Temp<sup>y</sup> Dy

Coll<sup>r</sup> Office, Trivellore, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1777

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(signed) A. Kistnamach  
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August 1873

M. M. M. M.  
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