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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th September 1877, No. 2,663-A.

**Famine Relief.**

Read the following paper:—

No. 109-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1877.

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1877, No. 572:—

In order to carry out the system of village relief systematically, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Northern Range has suggested the employment of Deputy Tahsildars to relieve the Tahsildars of their ordinary work, and so enable them to supervise operations in the villages.

2. The number of applicants for gratuitous relief is unfortunately increasing in his division with alarming rapidity in spite of very considerable emigration, and his principal relief-camp became so unmanageable with a population of 2,500, that we have determined to relieve people *in their villages* as much as possible, and I have accordingly telegraphed to Government ju[illegible] sanction the appointment of *Ambatavans Ayyar*, now Taluq Sheristadar of [illegible]encarai Taluq, and *Sankaraiyar Row*, Head Clerk in the Sub-Collector's Office, as Additional Deputy Tahsildars and 2nd-Class Magistrates of Sattur and Strivilliputtur respectively. It is impossible for the Tahildars to get on any longer without assistance of some kind, and this seems to be the best away of giving it.

3. Moreover the supply of grain to these northern taluqs depends so entirely on what is brought day by day from Tuticorin by the railway, and stocks of home-grown produce are so extremely small that I propose, with the sanction of the Board, to advertise for tenders to supply 200 tons to Strivilliputtur and 100 tons to Sattur and Ettiapuram as an insurance against any temporary failure of supply. Not that I see any reason to anticipate any such failure as long as there is rice to be had in Bengal or elsewhere, but I think, with reference to G. O., No. 2,391, dated 27th July 1877, it is only a reasonable precautionary measure against accidents, and I may as well ask for sanction at the same time to purchase a similar amount for Sunkaranainarcovil, Ottapidaram, and Nanguneri in case it should seem expedient.

4. At present the general reports from all the taluqs except these two in the north are that private traders hold about a month's supply; but from the careful inquiries that have been made lately, I am beginning to think it extremely doubtful if any taluq in the district (except those in the river valley) has more than enough to feed its own population for a week.

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Submitted to Government.

2. As regards Mr. Pennington's proposal to lay in stocks of grain the Board doubt the necessity for the measure in a district like Tinnevelly which possesses a port of such importance as Tuticorin and is traversed by a line of rail and at this time when the crops raised under the south-west monsoon will be shortly coming into the market. Under the Government Order quoted in paragraph 3 the Collector is vested with sufficient authority, but the order is not obligatory as far as Tinnevelly-

is concerned (*vide* telegram from Government, dated 7th August 1877, No. 503,) and it is for the Collector to consider whether local trade is not more likely to be active if he abstains from laying in stocks himself.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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No. 109-B. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1877, No. 2,663-A.

Miscellaneous.

THERE is no necessity for laying in such large supplies of grain as the Collector proposes. A week's supply at a camp is allowable if there is any likelihood of supplies failing in its neighbourhood.

2. The Collector should have no difficulty in managing a camp containing only 2,500 persons, and must be careful to confine the distribution of village relief strictly within the limits laid down by Government.

(True Extract.)

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

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To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Revenue Department

No. 6067

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 2nd Sept 1875

Received from

No. 372

From J. B. Pennington Esqre

Collector

To

C. A. Crole an Esqre

Secrt. to the Govt Board of

Revenue, Northern

Sir

I am desired to acquaint

the Govt of this agency regula-

tion by the Deputy Collector

in charge of the Northern

range has suggested the employ-

ment of Deputy Pakeil dars

to relieve the Pakeildars of the

necessity to work on the east

there to superintend

in the villages.

I &c

(Govt. of India (1875) Proceedings, Revenue.)

REVENUE.

The Board of Revenue

&c. &c. &c.

Dated September 6th.

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G.O., 6th September 1875, No. 2462-A.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 409-A-420-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, &c. 1876.

Grant of Timely Relief—Instructions that there is no necessity for laying up much large sums of money for the purpose, but that the Collector should rely on his ordinary powers, supplemented by the Commissioner's power to draw on the Bank of Bengal, and that all that is required is a supply of small notes.

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for gratuitous relief is con-
siderably more numerous in the
Division with a stringency
in spite of which con-
siderable embarrassment and hard-
ship prevails. Camp be-
came unmanageable with a population of 2600 souls
and a population of 2600 souls
can have determined to relieve
people in their villages as much
as possible; and I shall
continue strictly to adhere to the
Government instructions re-
garding the appointment
of Ambalavanar Pillai, now
Police Station Master of Ka-
nagarayankulam and Sankarapillai
Veerappa Pillai Clerk in the Sub
Collector's Office as
Interpreters to the Police

and the Magistrate
of Vaddukoddai respectively. It is impossible
for the Police to get on
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any longer either with officers
of same kind and they are
to be the best way of giving
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Sir Arrack to these two Toddy
depots is entirely owing to
the very little duty paid for
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and stocks of Toddy
produced are so extremely
small that I propose
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to advertise for tenders
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[illegible] there in the Sun River valley
[illegible] more than one might be fed it
[illegible] application for a
[illegible]
Fort Shaw
26th August 1877

J. B. Pennington
Post Trader

Submitted to Government

2. As regards Mr Pennington's
proposal to lay in stores
of grain the Board does not
consider it necessary for the Reserve
as in a district like Sun
River [illegible] where [illegible]

[illegible] of such work
[illegible] Intricate and
[illegible] crossed by a line of rail
[illegible] at the time when the
Crops raised under the
South West Monsoon will
be chiefly coming into the
Market. Under the G. O.
quoted in para 3 the Collector
is vested with sufficient authority, but the
matter is not obligatory
as far as Finance is Con-
-cerned (Vide Telegram
from Government dated
7th August 1877 No. 503) &
A is for the Collector's
Consideration whether he can
Assess or not more

likely to be a loss of Rs
absteins from any levy of an
Abkari Income.

Copy & Extract
forwarded

Secretary

To
The Asst. Secretary to Govt. R.D.

Rec'd 1877 Dept
J No 7342

Proceedings of the
Board of Supervisors
Date 3d September
1877
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