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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,678-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 137-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1877.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cottoor, 13th August 1877, No. 654 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward the explanation called for by the Board in paragraphs 7 and 12 of the Proceedings, No. 3,284, dated the 13th July last, received from Mr. W. B. Oldham in charge of the Adoni Taluq.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. B. OLDHAM, Esq., B.C.S., Taluq Officer, Adoni, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 9th August 1877, No. 202.

I HAVE the honor to furnish the explanation called for in paragraphs 7 and 12 of the Board of Revenue Proceedings, No. 3,28[illegible] of [illegible]he 13th Ju[illegible] which [illegible] ...esterday.

Paragraph 7.—My statement that about 6,000 decrepit poor had deserted the village relief for the works, while the gratuitous relief statistics showed no falling off under the head of village relief and a very small decrease in relief-houses.

Explanation.—My statement did not apply to the past week, but was in the report for that week that I first found the opportunity for mentioning the fact. The decrease referred to in village relief had been going on for three weeks previously. In the week ending the 7th July it seemed to have stopped, and I then noticed it. I append the following figures :—

	Week ending 16th June.	Week ending 23rd June.
Adoni village relief	10,809	5,370

I allowed nearly 1,000 as the natural proportionate increase under the advancing pressure, and so reported that about 6,000 of the decrepit poor had left the village relief for the works. I reiterated this statement in my two subsequent reports, unfortunately without mentioning the exact period to which I referred.

Paragraph 7.—"The increase of about 2,500 3-pie children in Adoni in a single week calls for explanation." The increase of working people in the week had been 8,551. The men, however, had decreased by 492. The increase was 6,911 women and 2,127 working children. I now beg to return to paragraph 7. The gangs could not have been weeded further. In the return commented on there were only 18,516 men to 52,978 women and 20,573 working children. This proportion indicates the rigor with which people were excluded. This is a point on which I can write with very full confidence, and on which I can refer to any of the numerous officers who have inspected the relief laborers here.

The desertion of the village relief was an ascertained fact and was due to the higher rates given on the works.

This fact has been one of the chief influencing causes in making me resort to the extensive village relief and closing of relief-works which are now being carried out, operations under which will be separately reported to-day. The real chief cause of the vast numbers of relief recepients in Adoni has been the influx from the Nizam's dominions, from Kurnool, and from other taluqs which has been to a far wider extent than I have previously estimated. On a work close to Adoni there were 4,000 people employed, all of whom were supposed to be residents of the town. All were ineffective, and I chose this work to begin on it my new system of transfer from work

to village relief. On examination of each one of these supposed 4,000 residents of the Adoni Town I have just got the following results:—

Resident of the Alur Taluq	1,000 a little over
Gooty Taluq	2
Bellary d°.	50
Pattikonda Taluq, Kurnool District	500 a little over
Nizam's Dominions	76
	1,628

Residents of the Adoni Taluq 2,300 a little less. All the latter have been sent to their homes.

I have kept the former waiting for arrangements for their being taken over by the officers of the taluqs and districts to which they belong.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The report only partially explains the excessive numbers in Adoni, seeing that Mr. Oldham has never, as far as the Board are aware, claimed to have more than 35,000 strangers on his works out of a total of from a lakh to a lakh and-a-quarter. From the explanation now furnished the true cause seems to have been that the works were a refuge for women and children, the rigorous weeding alluded to being applied only to the men; this would sufficiently account for the vast crowds which have attracted attention for so long. The Board observe that from the returns for the three weeks ending 28th July, 4th August, and 11th August, the average number of women on the works and in receipt of gratuitous relief was 75,377 and the number of children 76,615, of whom possibly nearly half were females, whereas the total female population of the Adoni Taluq, according to the census of 1871, was only 88,293.

(True Copies and Extract.)

C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 137-B. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,678-A.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor observes that the excessive numbers on relief in Adoni are apparently being closely scrutinised, but while care should be taken that no removals are made without the precaution that those removed are within reach of proper relief in their own houses, the works must be carefully guarded from becoming a refuge for women and children or for the poor of the Nizam's or Mysore Territories.

(A true Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 7070

From Secy. of the Board of Revenue

Dated 27th August 1877

FOR ORDERS.

The letter shows that the question is of the necessity of closely scrutinising the officers claiming the benefit of certain privileges should be compelled to produce

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1871-A. 1877.

LETTER,

from the Board of Revenue,

dated the 27th August 1877.

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FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 27th August 1877

Read the following

No 654

From

The Collector Bellary

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Bellary Collector's Office
Camp Cotton Hill Light Taluq
13th August 1877

I have &c
(Signed) J. H. Master
Collector.

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Enclosure No 1 8 Pages

No. 202.

From

W. B. Oldham Esquire B.C.S.

Valley Officer

Adony

J. H. Master Esquire

Collector of Bellary

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taken

taken over by the Officers of
the Talugs and Districts to
which they belong.

[illegible] Finance Office
9th August 1877

I have &c
(Signed) W.B. Oldham
Talug Officer
Adoni

(True Copy)
(Signed) J.W. Masters
Collector

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9th August 1877

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Census of 1871 was only 88 2/3.

(True Copies & Extract)

A.J. Galton
Ag. Secretary

The Addl Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department

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Board of Revenue

Dated 27 } August 1877
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Submitting to Govt
letter from Coll.r of Bellary
forwarding one from Mr.
W. B. Oldham B.C.S. regarding
the excessive numbers of
relief recipients in Adoni
Taluq.

28-9-77

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His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased to observe
that the Statistics furnished in relief
Returns are very closely scrutinized and
While care is taken that no necessary ex-
penditure is made without sufficient reason that there
are within reach of proper relief in the various
Districts, the works built with careful
regard to economy & a reference to the
& the Revenue & the Servants
of Government.

8 September 1877

G.S.
6.9.77.

To Board of Revenue 11/9
Fuel Dept