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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

1st May 1877, No. 1392.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 7. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th April 1877, No. 63.

I have the honor to report that cholera has broken out virulently among the paupers on work in the Chepauk Camp. Fifteen have already died, and numbers are leaving the place and, must be, carry the disease with them. I enclose a demi-official note just received from Dr. Thompson which speaks for itself. I had already this morning issued orders that no further admissions into camps are to be given to paupers from the Chepauk Camp, and have since been compelled to close the other camps to every one seeking relief save those absolutely starving.

2. It seems to me the only thing now to do is to break up the Chepauk Camp and remove its residents to Yerrukencherry as speedily as practicable, in order to avert a cholera epidemic in the city. It would be hazardous in the extreme to send more paupers to Chepauk, and it is quite impossible to keep these we now have there (928) much longer, 250 having already absconded.

No. 8. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th April 1877, No. 64.

In forwarding the Weekly Famine Relief Returns ending Saturday 28th April I have the honor to report that 1300 paupers have during the week been transferred from different Town Camps to the new working camp at Chepauk, which is now completed, but cholera having appeared among the laborers nearly 300 have already absconded. There have been nineteen deaths from cholera among these people in the Relief Hospital at Royapettah.

2. I regret also to have to report that this disease has appeared for the first time in a Town Camp at the Monegar Choultry Camp this week (evidently carried there by an absconder from Chepauk), and that it has likewise shown itself in the Red Hills Camp during the last few days.

3. At this latter I have placed 1000 laborers on the waterworks under Mr. Jones. Paupers thus earning their own living on Relief works are not included in the totals shown as "Residents."

4. The admissions, I am glad to say, have decreased by 730 for the past week, and those seeking it were not generally in such terribly emaciated condition as hitherto.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1877, No. 1392.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Offg. Chief Secretary.

Sturtevant
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Commissioner of Police.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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The Board of Directors 11 May 77

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Dated May, 1877.

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Consent to the Board of Directors

11 May 77

Report of the Board of Directors regarding an outbreak of cholera in the camp at Chepauk, recorded.