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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,684-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—
No. 148-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1877,
No. 3,990.
From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Divisional Officer of Malabar,
dated Calicut, 1st August 1877, No. 1,174.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I yesterday inspected over 1,500 destitute people who have come into Calicut begging. The details are as per following statement:—

Statement showing the castes of the people who have flocked into Calicut to the places where conjee is given.

Taluk.	HINDUS.			MUSSULMANS.			TOTAL.		
	Male.	Female.	Children.	Male.	Female.	Children.	Male.	Female.	Children.
1. Other districts..	43	41	64	13	11	23	56	52	87
2. Palghat ..	12	12	15	2	5	11	14	17	26
3. Walluvanad ..	3	..	..	5	20	53	8	20	53
4. Ernad ..	3	1	2	63	171	323	66	171	323
5. Ponany ..	1	..	..	26	81	144	26	82	146
6. Wynad ..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	2
7. Cochin ..	1	1	4	2	3	3	3	4	7
8. Karambranad ..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
9. Kotayom ..	78	83	131	5	41	59	83	124	190
10. Calicut ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	141	140	217	116	323	619	257	473	833
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,565
Number of men able to work ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55

2. These facts disclose a state of affairs which deserves your earnest and prompt attention at the present time, for it is clear that people are leaving their homes and flocking into the large towns to beg. The very small proportion of the men who are fit for work is also to be noted, for it is one of the surest premonitory symptoms of severe famine setting in. The first to suffer are those who cannot work. High prices seem to "dry up" the ordinary springs of private charity.

3. Of course, matters may be expected very shortly to improve, for the first crops will be cut within a fortnight or so; indeed in some places reaping on a small scale has already commenced. The crop in Palghat, Walluvanad, Ernad, and Calicut (taking all things into consideration) is rather over than under the average. Elsewhere I have reason to believe that an equally good account of it may be relied upon; so that in the ordinary course of things, extreme pressure on the lower classes should not last more than a month at most.

4. At the same time it cannot be expected, unless prospects in Eastern Districts materially and quickly improve, that prices, even here after the new crop is reaped, will fall very much. The state of the people will require your anxious and constant attention for some time to come.

5. Meanwhile I think that efforts should be made to stop the helpless poor from setting out from their homes with a view to obtaining a share of the charity in large towns.

6. I hope and trust that the efforts will not require to be made for a longer period than one month at most, so that private charity may and doubtless will effect all that it may be found necessary to do. I beg, therefore, that through your Tahsildars you will stir up the rich people of your division to institute conjee-houses in the neighbourhood of their dwellings and so relieve for a time their destitute and helpless neighbours. Much, in this direction, can be done by an active and zealous Tahsildar who will go about from place to place and take a personal interest in the matter. The Deputy Tahsildars should also be requested to give assistance.

7. I beg you will at the very earliest moment communicate the contents of this letter to each of your Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars, and I beg that full particulars as to conjee-houses instituted and numbers of persons fed may be communicated to me from time to time. The names of the persons who open them and the numbers of persons fed will be published in the District Gazette.

8. You will see that what requires to be done should be done *at once* if it is to have any effect.

9. I do not think public meetings should be called to consider the matter, as I trust the pressure will not continue long.

From D. BUICK, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 14th August 1877, No. 562.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, No. 1,174, and to inform you that it was translated and circulated on the day of receipt to each Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar. Subsequent instructions based on your letter were also sent to each officer pointing out that the chief object he should aim at is the localization of relief so as to prevent the poor from flocking into the town. It is now my duty to report what has been done in furtherance of the work.

2. The Cherical Tahsildar has taken the matter in hand in the most enterprising manner and has shown himself to be most zealous in arranging measures of relief. He at once put himself in communication with the principal merchants in Cannanore and received from them very considerable donations in rice and money for the relief of the poor. Thus, Hadji Tar Elias gave ten bags of rice, Kasim Hadji Jumas eight bags, Devappa Shenoy three bags, Abdul Rahiman Kamiss, Kallanjee Danjee, Ananda Jiva Doss, Praj Jiva Doss two bags each, Purakotagath Mami Kutti, Edapagath Mamali, Kanichankandi Kunhi Moosa, Soopi Kutti Hadji, Korjee Embragee, Kochipalli Kunhi Kutti Hadji one bag each, and Hadji Josuf and Abdul Rahiman Jumas, Rupees 10 each. With these resources he opened two relief-houses on the 6th instant, one in the Moidin Palli for the Mahomedan poor and one in Tayil poor-house for the Hindu poor. On the 7th instant he opened another at the Kanatoor Pagoda in the cantonment, and on the 8th one in the Irinavu Amshom and one at Baliapatam. He has now forwarded to me a statement showing the result of the relief operations at these places from

the 6th to the 8th instant, and it shows that the distress among the poor at the present time must be very sore indeed. The statement is as follows:—

Amshom.	Locality of Conjee-houses.	HINDUS.				MUSSULMANS.				Date.	Remarks.
		Males.	Females.	Children.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Children.	Total.		
Cannanore.	Moidin Palli ..	..	..	..	..	68	51	148	267	August 6th	* These figures show the number of Native Christians.
	Do.	..	..	..	..	97	181	222	450	" 7th	
	Do.	..	..	..	..	155	135	230	520	" 8th	
	Tayil Poor-house ..	34	25	40	99	2	29	32	61	" 6th	
Puyadi ..	Do.	24	16	109	149	10	59	99	159	" 7th	
	Do.	52	79	72	194	17	15	100	132	" 8th	
	Kanatoor Temple ..	12	33	131	176	..	..	..	..	" 5th	
	Do.	9	48	145	203	5	6	28	39	" 8th	
Irinavu ..	Pudupura House ..	4	6	17	27	40	50	147	237	" 8th	
Cherical ..	Baliapatam Mosque.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..		135	248	506	889	394	458	1,006	1,858		
Grand Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,747		

3. The Tahsildar has proceeded on a rapid circuit of his immediate division and has arranged for opening additional relief-houses as follows:—

Amshoms.	Number of Relief-houses.	Amshoms.	Number of Relief-houses.
Puyadi ..	3	Mattool ..	3
Baliapatam ..	1	Kanhileri ..	1
Cherical ..	3	Morai ..	1
Kannadiparamba ..	4	Papinsbery ..	5
Cheleri ..	4	Ayikode ..	5
Edakad ..	2	Munderi ..	6
Muyapilangad ..	2	Maniyar ..	4
Irivari ..	1	Kuttiatoor ..	..
Makrari ..	3		
Mavilai ..	3		
Irinavu ..	..		
Total ...			56

4. I am particularly pleased with the energy and influence of Pydel Kurup, and trust they will meet with your approval. It may be thought that he is perhaps a little overdoing relief, but this is not my opinion, as I am aware that a considerable number of paupers have already flocked into Cannanore, and it is most desirable that this tendency to gravitate to this important military centre should be checked as much as possible.

5. In the arrangements above referred to, the Tahsildar has been cordially aided by the Deputy Tahsildar of Cannanore town, so far as his division is concerned.

6. The Taliparamba Deputy Tahsildar has opened two relief-houses in the town. He is also trying to organize more in his amshoms.

7. As regards Kotayom Taluq, I have much pleasure in acquainting you that Kunhi Ahmed Kayi has not been behind-hand in public spirit at the present crisis. As soon as the matter was brought to his notice, he arranged for opening at his own cost, on the 6th instant, two relief-houses for the Mahomedans at the Jemath Mosque and the Indukatil Mosque. The Hindus have also subscribed and opened one on the same date in Tiruvengad for their co-religionists. Yesterday, I am informed, the Moplah merchants subscribed about twenty bags of rice to enable them to open another relief-house at Ali Hadji Palli in the town.

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8. The Tahsildar, who has also acted energetically and to my entire satisfaction, has further been on circuit for the purpose of making arrangements for relief-houses, and I am happy to state that he has opened them at the following places:—

Amshoms.	Number of Houses.
Pinaroi	2
Kadiroor	1
Pancoor	2
Panianoor	2
Peingolam	4
Kotayom	1
Total ...	12

9. During the week 1,600 people were fed in the several relief-houses in this taluq.

10. The Deputy Tahsildar of Kutaparamba has collected Rupees 175 from ten individuals in the Kotayom bazaar, and I am directing him to expend it in a conjee-house in that locality to the best advantage.

11. From the Tahsildar of Kurumbranad I have not yet had any communication as to the steps he has taken in the matter, but I learn from other sources that a relief-house has already been opened in Badagura town and one in Puduapanom Amshom.

12. I forward herewith a list of the subscribers so far as they have been communicated to me, and I shall keep you informed periodically of the measures which may be inaugurated for the relief of the poor.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for information.

CALICUT,
August 1877.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for information of Government.

2. The Board consider the Collector's action judicious, and are glad to hear that private charity is active; they trust that the necessity for it will only be temporary. They request the Collector to keep them informed from time to time of the state of his district in this respect.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 148-D. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,684-B.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government have heard with pleasure of the public spirit and generosity displayed by the leading inhabitants of Malabar. It is hoped the pressure will soon cease.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. C. Howarth.

Rev. Department

Proceedings of the Revenue
Dated 22nd August 1877

Read the following
No. 1174.

From the Collector of Malabar

To Divisional Officer Malabar.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that I have
- today inspected over 1500 destitute people who
have come into Calicut begging. The details
are as per following statement.

Statement showing the facts of the people who have flocked
into Calicut to the places where Stamps is given.

Taluk.	Hindus		Mussulmans		Total				Children
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1 Other Districts	40	41	64	13	11	23	55	62	84
2 Palghat.	12	12	15	2	5	11	14	17	26
3 Mallawanad	-	-	-	5	20	63	5	20	53
4 Ernad	3	-	-	63	171	323	16	171	323
5 Ponany	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Wyznad	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	2
7 Cochin	-	-	-	2	3	3	3	4	7
8 Kuzumbanad	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	1
9 Kottayam	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Calicut	78	83	131	5	41	59	83	124	190
Total	141	140	214	116	333	618	257	473	823

Grand Total - 1565
Number of men able to work - 55

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 1174.

Dated September 8th.

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G.O. 5th September 1877, No. 2, 684-B.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 148 C-148 D.

PAVING RELIEF, No. 1765-B.

Opening of Office-hours in Malabar District.
Intimating that the Government have heard with
pleasure of the public spirit and generosity dis-
played by the leading inhabitants of Malabar in
connection with the —, and expressing a hope that
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zealous Tahildar who will go about from
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in the matter. The Deputy Tahildar should
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7. I beg you will at the very earliest
moment communicate the contents of this
letter to each of your Tahildars and
Deputy Tahildars and I beg that full
particulars as to Kimp houses, institutions
and numbers of persons fed may be
communicated to me from time to time.
The names of the persons who offer them
and the numbers of persons fed will be
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I have &c
Malabar Collect^r (By W. Logan)
Calicut 1 August 1873 Collector

N^o 562

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3. The Tahildar has proceeded on a rapid circuit of his immediate division and has arranged for opening additional relief houses as follows:

Amshome	No of relief houses	Amshome	No of relief houses
Puyadi	3	Spinam	3
Baliaputem	1	Mattol	3
Cherical	2	Kimhilar	1
Kimadiparamba	4	Morai	7
Cheleri	4	Papimshen	1
Edakad	4	Ajikode	5
Muyapilangad	2	Mundori	5
Siwari	2	Maniyar	6
Maikrari	1	Buttlaton	4
Marilai	3	Total	67

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Amshoms	No. of houses	Amshoms	No. of houses
Pinarvi	2	Poniamoor	2
Kadavoor	1	Ponigolam	4
Pamoor	2	Totayam	1
Total 12			

9. During the week 1600 people were fed in the several relief houses in this Taluk.

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I have &c.
 Malabar }
 Subd. office } C. J. D. Knick
 Tellicherry } Asst. Collector.
 14th August/77

True copies forwarded to the

the Board of Revenue for information

Calcutta 17 August 1817 } S. W. Logan
Collector

Submitted for the information of
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to time of the state of his District in this respect.

(True Copy Extract)

W. L. Logan
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The Additional Secretary to
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Preparation for the night