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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,685-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 151-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1877.
Read the following letter from C. A. BIRD, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 13th August 1877, No. 597.

I HAVE the honor to report that, in accordance with instructions contained in your letter, No. 896, dated 4th July last, I proceeded, on the 10th July, to Trinomalai *via* Gingi. I remained some days at Trinomalai inspecting the relief-camp there and the conjee-sheds in the neighbourhood, within a distance of four or five miles. I next visited Chengam, taking Kunnakurokai in my way. I stayed at Chengam some days and inspected the camp. I found it in frightful confusion. There was no system at all. The cooked food was distributed in a tope where the paupers could come in and go out freely. At about half past seven the whole affair ended in a scramble. I had the tope enclosed and a barrier with three gates for distribution of food put across in the middle. The paupers were admitted into the first enclosure by ticket and, then, receiving their food into the second, where I intended to keep them till the whole distribution was over. At that time, however, there was no water to be had, and they were necessarily allowed to go out. I gave orders to have a passage to the river, which is near, made to obviate this difficulty. I saw the food distributed the last day I was there, and it was finished early in the afternoon so far as the Pariahs were concerned. There were a few Sudras left, and rice had to be cooked for them when I left. I inspected several village-relief sheds in the vicinity, and then returned to Trinomalai; I thence proceeded to Vettavalam and on to Pennathur. At all the village-relief houses I revised the register of persons regularly receiving relief. I was unable to reject all the able-bodied, as I found they could not get work, and I have since instructed the Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar to re-open all sanctioned relief-works and to recommend others.

2. I found the poor at almost all relief-camps and houses in an emaciated condition, and I have an idea that in some instances the accounts do not represent the actual disbursement of food. I fear that less is given when there is no supervision, and have impressed on the minds of the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars the necessity for frequent and unexpected supervision.

3. In Chengam I have allowed relief operations to go on within five miles of the central camp until it is properly organised, as I have no doubt the numbers will be very large there on account of the number of populous villages clustered round it. I saw one corpse at Pennathur near the relief shed, but I believe it was a death from dysentery. The appearance did not lead me to believe that it was the effects of pure starvation.

4. I have directed the Additional Deputy Collector to proceed, as soon as he is relieved, to organise the camps at Trinomalai and Chengam, and when he has thoroughly started them, to go in for thoroughly overhauling the village-reliefs.

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5. I consider Trinomalai Taluq by far the worst, so far as the condition of the people is concerned; but unless great care is taken, Tindivanam and Villapuram will become as bad.

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No. 374.

SUBMITTED for the information of the Board of Revenue.

Cuddalore,
16th August 1877.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

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2. More supervision is evidently required in the taluqs under the Sub-Collector now reported upon, and arrangements to this end should be made at once.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 151-B.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,685-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government will endeavour to send some European Supervisors to the Collector, if they can be procured.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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10th July

No. 3995

Rev. Department

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Dated 28th August 1877

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Board's G.O. No. 9429

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SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 161-A-161-B.

FAMINE RELIEF No. 1797.

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