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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th September 1877, No. 2,758.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 310. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1877.

Read the following letter from H. M. KISH, Esq., Divisional Officer, Bellary Taluq, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hirahal, 1st September 1877, No. 1,537.

I HAVE the honor to report a very great improvement in the prospects of the Bellary Taluq. On the 29th and 30th ultimo, there was a total rain-fall of 1·575 inches at Bellary, and the fall was greater farther north.

2. That portion of the June sowings that survived the drought from the first week in June to the last week in July is now secured. The crops sown after the rain at the end of July are doing very well, and there is every reason to think that we have passed the period of greatest pressure.

3. During the past month I have sent to their villages nearly all the inefficients on works in this taluq, and have re-opened the works on the system of piece-work by village gangs. The result has been a very great reduction in the numbers on works in this taluq. Excluding the coolies on the Bellary-Hubli Rail[illegible] thousand on relief-works in this taluq, and this number will be still further reduced in the course of the next few days. The numbers on village-relief, including the recipients of gratuitous relief in Bellary Town, are now nearly fifteen thousand, and they will probably be still further increased. In a few weeks, however, should the prospects continue favorable, a considerable reduction in the numbers of recipients of gratuitous relief, both in camps and villages, may be expected.

4. My great object in abolishing the system of daily wages and in introducing that of piece-work by village gangs was to prevent the possibility of the people remaining on the works instead of ploughing. On the daily wage-system it is practically impossible to exact task-work, and the works, therefore, become too popular. On the system of piece-work by village gangs only those who are really in want are likely to go to the works, and from them real work is taken. The rest of the population, both those in receipt of village-relief and those whose means are sufficient to keep them away from the piece-work gangs, are free to follow their ordinary occupations.

FORWARDED with the weekly statement to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

BELLARY,
4th September 1877.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
For Acting Secretary.

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Revenue Department, 17*th September* 1877, *No.* 2,753.

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1877, No. 2,758.

Miscellaneous.

THE improvement in the prospects of the Bellary Taluq is satisfactory.

2. His Grace the Governor, however, desires to have a report at the end of the month as to the working of the system of piece-work by villagers, if any.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Bellary Revenue Departt.

No. 4191

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Proceedings of the Board of Rev.

dated the 5th August 1877.

Read the following.

No. 1537

From

H. W. Keith Esquire

Divisional Officer

Bellary Taluq

To

J. P. Master Esquire

Collector of Bellary.

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I have &c

Bellary Divisional Office 2/1 Sept. 1877 Camp Hirahal) /sd/ H. Wm. Keech

Divisional Officer

(True copy)

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Bellary — 4th September 77 } /sd/ J. H. Inaste Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True copy & extract)

J. Stewart

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The Addl. Secretary to Govt. R.D.

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Application for Renewal
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Receipt

Submitting for the
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