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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th September 1877, No. 2,761.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 316. From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 3rd September 1877, S. N. No. 489-2,550.

In reference to the G.O. of the 13th August 1877, I have the honor to forward a report from the Divisional Officer, Deputy Collector Rajagopala Achariar, in whose division the state of things which I allow, as represented by Dr. MacDonald (who, with the best intention, is apt, I am afraid, often to be misled), appears unsatisfactory. As a rule, all the parents of children fed in kitchens were in receipt of the money dole; but, as my Deputy Collector has shown, adults as well as children are *now* fed at these kitchens, which have since been turned into feeding-houses for *village indigents*. Tramps and wanderers are sent to camp. As to work, there has always been plenty for all (weakly and able-bodied) who would work in the Rasipur Division, and the statement made to Dr. MacDonald that no work was provided is simply untrue. Dr. MacDonald's letter is herewith returned.

Enclosure No. 1.

From P. T. RAJAGOPALA CHARRY, Special Deputy Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 1st September 1877, No. 297.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 13th ultimo, on the report of Surgeon MacDonald, Special Sanitary Inspecting Officer of this district, calling for report, first, as to the relief in children's kitchens, and, second, to the insufficiency of relief generally in the case of adults under the contract system, I have the honor to submit regarding the first that under your instructions children's kitchens have been established in convenient centres in this taluq with view to feed children on finding that money-dole payment to these children did not improve their condition, and that they have been fed twice a day with nearly the same scale of ration sanctioned by G.O. of the 24th July last previous to its receipt and since with the prescribed quantity. In these kitchens children of the destitute people alone were admitted. These parents, if unfit for work, were gratuitously relieved, and others provided with employment. These kitchens have, under your orders, been since converted into *feeding-houses*, wherein *both the adults* as well *as children are now being fed.*

2. With regard to the second, I have to submit that under the contract system, which chiefly forms the irrigation and road works, both the able-bodied as well as pretty middle class are being employed by the contractors, as it is under any system difficult to expect the work being turned up by middle class alone; and as the proportion of the middling is larger than that of the able-bodied, the rest of the former class, unprovided by contractors, have been employed till very recently on light works, which consist of the levelling of village sites and removal of prickly-pear, &c.; but as it had been found that the admission to the gratuitous relief of such people fit for light works only would in the end be cheaper than their employment on these light works, and as such works of useful character having been almost exhausted, these people have been taken under your orders to the gratuitous relief, which has been quite in accordance with the views of His Grace the Governor expressed in his minute recorded in the Proceedings of Government, dated 24th July 1877, No. 2,371, subsequently received. From this it would be observed that adequate measures have been taken to relieve all classes.

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when there was no work, for in the Rasipur Division, to which the Surgeon particularly alludes there were several irrigation and road works in progress; and, with due deference to his professional opinion, I should state that most of those whom he considered unfit for work and suggested for admission into the gratuitous relief during his tour of inspection have been found on my inquiry earning their livelihood by working. Should such admissions be permitted, I am afraid that nearly one-third of the population of the taluq, which is more than four lakhs, will have to be brought on to gratuitous relief. This course, besides indulging the unnecessary relief to those who would have otherwise inclined to exert themselves for their maintenance, will also encourage indolence.

4. In conclusion I beg to state that all that possibly could be done has been done towards relief of the really needy, as I have already explained.

No. 317. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1877, No. 2,761.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The matter is now, however, of little importance since the transfer of the execution of relief-works in Salem to the professional department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Salem.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF SALEM.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 17th.

Printed 19th.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 17th September 1877, No. 2,761.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 316-317.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,629.

Relief in the Special Deputy Collector's Division, Salem District.—Recording, with remark, letter from the Collector submitting report on the subject of—reported to be unsatisfactory.

Salem Collector's Office

Salem 3d September 187

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C. Lumsden

Collector

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Salem Spl Dy Coll's Office

1st September 1877.

No 297.

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/Signed/ P. S. Rajagopalan
Spl. by Collector

/True copy/

C. Loveless
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Fwd letter from the Collector of Salem to the Additional Secretary to Government, dated 3rd September 1877

P. to R. No 489/2550

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Report of the Special Deputy Collector in reference to G.O of the 13 August 77

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F No 7399

From

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of Salem

To

The Addl Secretary

to Government

of Madras

Dated 3rd } September 1877

Rcd 5th }

R/ No 489/2550.

Enc. 2/-

Forwarding report from the Spl Dy Collector in which relief was reported unsatisfactory, in reference to G.O of the 13th August 1877

No 2737 Received 4th Sept 1877

G.O.

The relief of the Poor in Kittampatti has not been reported to be sufficient as mentioned in G.O. No dated.

2. From a report &c. of Mr James Salem and forwarded in G.O. No. dated it appears that the Contractor has not ~~yet~~ completed ~~the construction of relief works~~ the piece of Road between Kattampatti and Kattamalai in the District from which it appears that the Collector ~~has not transmitted the~~ has not reported on the matter in your Letter of 13th August since the transfer of the duties of relief works in Salem to the Superintendent Dept. 17 Sept 77

Ch. Hague 5-9-77 Dy Sec to Govt

Collr of Salem Superintendent of Roads