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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th September 1877, No. 2,773.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 340. From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Masulipatam, 1st September 1877, No. 1,812.

Referring to Mr. Davidson's letter to your address, No. 730, August 10th, 1877, I have the honor to forward you copy of my letter to him on the same subject.

2. I do not think that the marching the large number of 150,000 people is so feasible as he deems it. For the plan to be of any use they must come soon, which will also entail large numbers at one time, but such large numbers will require special feeding arrangements that, if waited for, will render the whole scheme abortive.

3. The chief difficulty is in the commissariat, and I have suggested the number to be sent here being limited to 50,000, and to the people being drafted at the rate of 1,500 per diem. If this be agreed upon, I shall at once take steps to appoint a camp officer to buy and store grain at the various halting places.

4. The staff I shall propose for each camp—they will be seven in number—is a Superintendent Rs. 50, Storekeeper or Gumastah, Rs. 30, five camp peons —one for every 300 persons—five scavengers, and a guard of five Policemen.

5. If more than I propose come, more works must be sanctioned, for, in their Public Works Order, No. 197-I, July 31st, 1877, the Government observe that the works therein permitted to be taken in hand will afford employment for 48,000 only.

6. With reference to G.O., No. 2,464, August 7th 1877, Mr. Grose informs me that large numbers of coolies now at work on the Buckingham Canal will be soon out of employ, and inquires what arrangements are feasible for their march to the Kistna Delta Works. More than 6,000 people have already (prior to the making of any arrangements) come to work in this district. Mr. Grose says he does not think I should expect many; but, if no work is provided elsewhere, I take it they must come, and I fear there is not work for both the Kurnool and Nellore coolies in the number the Government seem to anticipate.

7. There are now 15,619 people at work here; and, even if the limit I propose for Kurnool is kept as nearly as may be and Nellore sends no more people than we have now, our working people will number more than 70,000.

8. These will be in the Delta, and it must be borne in mind that, though there is ample work for all the men, the Government propose in the dry weather that, while it is wet and cultivation going on, the possible work is very much curtailed.

9. It has been ordered that no works are to be commenced until the land has been duly transferred. I must, therefore, ask the Government to allow me an extra Deputy Collector for the purposes of taking over the land and settling compensation for the Delta Works.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated Masulipatam, 28th August 1877, No. 1,771.

I HAVE perused your letter to your Head Assistant, No. 1,786, dated 10th August 1877, but I do not think the scheme is so feasible as you fancy.

2. The movement of 150,000 people is a very serious matter.

3. You give no idea of the number of people that will move in one batch; and, unless I know that, I am in difficulty as to the size of the camps if they be really necessary, and the quantity of provisions.

4. There are but two rivers—the Gundlakamma and perhaps the Kistna—to be crossed.

5. I can provide sangadies at the first, boats at the latter; but, as the former is generally fordable, I do not see any necessity for the sangadies: they can in any case only take about ten men per trip.

6. If the Kurnool coolies are like the Masulipatam District people I doubt if camps are really wanted; it is usual for them, when there is no famine, to be sleeping out in the open fields at this time of the year watching their crops, and they would come to no harm without a camp.

7. The most serious matter to me is the feeding. If you send more than 500 a day I must have special commissariat officers, and shall have to make most careful arrangements to provide food at each halting place; and I do not think it is possible I can arrange for more than 1,500 per diem. At this latter rate it will take you 100 continuous days to get all the people down; and if, as I expect, it takes over a month to prepare the way, your last batch will only arrive here at the end of the year, when, please God, the north-east monsoon will have set in and the famine be nearly at an end; but judging by analogy and G. O. No. 1,788, 22nd May 1877, I suppose the Government will not let them march on Sunday, and then the 100 days will become 115.

8. The only route (that is at all direct) by which your people can come is through Vinukonda, Narasarowpetta, and Guntoor Taluqs. Vinukonda and Narasarowpetta are nearly as badly off as your own distressed taluqs, and Guntoor has suffered. I do not think either can provide food in addition to the ordinary demands of the locals for more than 10,000 of the people you propose to send. I shall, therefore, have to provide food, *i.e.*, upwards of 1,800 bags of rice in seven different places, or 12,800 bags in all. This amount I can neither get here, nor, if I did, could I get it carted to the depots without very serious delay indeed.

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13. As it is, the sanctioned works will only require 48,000 work people in all.

Revenue Department, 17*th September* 1877, *No.* 2,773.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1877, No. 2,773.

Miscellaneous.

THE appointment of an Additional Temporary Deputy Collector to dispose of land compensation claims is sanctioned. The Collector will submit a nomination for the approval of Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Kistna.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To
The COLLECTOR of KISTNA
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Kistna District Collector's
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1st September 1877
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Kistna District Collector's Office

No. 1771 Masulipatam 28th August 1877

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Enclosure in letter No. 1812 dated 1st September 1877 from the Collector, Kistna to the Additional Secretary to Government Revenue Department, Madras

Copy of letter to Mr. Davidson

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