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No 4218

Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue of 10th September

Read the following

No 906

From

Geo No 92 of 16th Collector

of Coedkaple

To

Geo No 7 Collector of Coedkaple

Sir.

No acquaint you forwa-

No 1496 of 17th Instant, I have

the honor to forward for the infor-

-mation of His Grace the Governor

in Council further particulars

regarding the system of teaching

to 3 free children in this Division

called for in G.O No 2390

of 27th July 1857

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2. From the time when the hours of labour were limited by Act of Parliament the number of children under 9 years of age employed to work on Relief works had been the practice to muster them daily on the works just in the same manner as adults

under 16 of each sex were mustered previously to the rolls of working parties in each gang. The absence or presence of each child was daily marked and the profits or receipts the hours accordingly. Their system were considered necessary to ensure the attendance of parents by personal application and re-registration once in three gangs after three months.

3. In practice, however, it was found that the great number of children thus brought on the roads seriously interfered with the industry of work by their parents. In some cases there were as many as fifty of such children to one hundred workers. The "Boy Cooley" were constantly playing with their younger brothers and sisters, (the 6 pie children) while the mothers lost as a consequence of

had an attendant attend to the wants
of these small children collecting
it gave the whole mass of the
[illegible] people access to the
highroad of Cooking and game
many of the children to the cake
at the expense of the hard working
[illegible] By the cooks also the
[illegible] were denied. Com-
plaints were very frequent that
a great addition to their labour
was caused by having to cook
these children daily to and from
the work. One reason for many
thousands of persons at Madras
Calcutta, Chitaroil and
Rajmundry walk five and
six miles every day to work
and back to their homes in the
[illegible] preference to carrying
the food cooked through back to enable
them to do so were provided. No
one responsible for children
under seven to walk each dis-
-tances and the only alternative
was to leave them at home and
forfeit the labour or to carry them
[illegible]
also said that exposure to the
hot winds and sun brought
on fever and other sickness in
the children

5. Under these circumstances I intro-
-duced a system of tickets on the 2nd
June on all works in the
Dindigul. These tickets were numbered
consecutively on each work, they
were

Schedular and signed by the enfa-
-cultivation of the work. The name
of the parent and the child with
their village clearly entered on the
ticket. The same particulars
must entered in the counter foil
of the gang. The Medical officer
-ser whose the majority of the
cases came as usual required that
[illegible] for vaccination [illegible]
other (superior) village should to
identify all persons claiming the
bonus. A separate enquiry was
held into each claim by the
Superintendent himself and no
case unless the attendance of the
Medical could not be proved.
A certificate from was accepted
as

claimant. Where cases had
arisen from [illegible]
of [illegible] more miles no [illegible]
were [illegible] made the bonus
was [illegible] the child [illegible]
attended except the [illegible]. The
Amount [illegible] the child
and [illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible]
of the gang and the bonus paid.
The success of the system adopted
is proved by the fact that
as soon as it was made and the fact known
frequent [illegible] borrowed children
from [illegible] the register and
these carried with the [illegible]
and

As the whole however the result was satisfactory. There was no considerable increase in the number of [illegible] work was expedited and the coolies were satisfied.

6. The system remained the same as recommended the 21st July 1877

2/3rds Salt was received directing the non-issuance of the same that 3 pie children should be produced on all works and measured daily. Therefore the favor of the ticket system may I did not consider it right to any longer to ask that it should

Office Superintendent of Stores
Office Superintendent P. W. Stores
Letter dated 7th Oct. 1877 forwarding

(Enclosure)

No. 491

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue &c.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 11th Oct. 1877.

Enclosure.

Enclosure to letter dated 3rd Oct. 1877. } Copy of letter from Special Commissioner for Salt Duties

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O. of 27th July 1877 No. 2391. B.

2. The practice of permitting

the enclosed Certificate for
absolute allowance with the
benefit as to absolute Certificate
daily attendance while the work
has been discontinued, in order to
enable the applicant to procure
to have been taken to present
Board.

(Two copies & Extracts)

Yours
Asst Secretary

To
The Official Secretary to Upton Park