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I HAVE the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 3,411, dated 21st July 1877. I need not remind the Board that the state of the district is much improved since I wrote. The aversion to come to work was, I imagine, chiefly due to the hope the people had that some work nearer than the Delta work or the Commamur channel might be provided for them.

2. There has been a large increase of number on the work in Bapatla Taluq, and there are now nearly 20,000 people at work in the district, one-third being Nellore or Cuddapah people.

3. Beggars and loafing wanderers are as bad as ever, and Guntoor town and the Delta villages are said to be full of them. They will not work.

4. I would request orders whether all applicants for work on the relief-work should be received if able to do a fair day's work. Many persons not absolutely in want, for instance respectable, well-dressed women, whose husbands are at their ordinary labor in the village or fields, apply for work where their villages happen to be adjacent to some relief-work. They are unused to work, and, being without a man to assist, these are especially helpless. Should they be rejected or not?

5. Major Hasted and myself have decided for the present to allow them to work if they will take a contract but not otherwise; such females placed on ordinary gangs may cripple the gang entirely.

6. Is any discretion left to the officer in charge of the works to reject applicants without sending them to the officer in charge of relief measures (*i.e.*, the Collector or one of his subordinates)? I certainly would not allow such as I have described to come on the list of recipients of village dole.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector inquires whether he is bound to take on the works all applicants capable of performing a fair day's work; he is not obliged to admit such as are not in need of relief and have other means of subsistence as appears to be the case with the women alluded to, who should be supported by their husbands. There

appears to be no objection, however, to the course stated to have been decided upon at paragraph 5. Such persons should certainly not be admitted to village relief.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 702. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1877, No. 2,951.

Miscellaneous.

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2. Destitute persons who can work but will not work must go without relief.

3. The women alluded to by the Collector in paragraph 4 appear to be certainly not destitute, and therefore not entitled to relief.

4. The responsibility of deciding whether persons are fit, through destitution, for admission to relief-works rests with the civil officers of the district. The Department of Public Works Officers in charge of works are not authorised to admit to such works any persons not sent to them by the civil authorities.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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4. The responsibility of deciding whether persons are fit, through destitution, for admission to relief-works rests with the civil officers of the district. The Department of Public Works Officers in charge of works are fully authorised to refuse admission to such works to any persons not sent to them by the civil authorities, but may exercise their discretion about admitting such persons where it is sufficiently obvious that they are destitute.

(True Extract.)

Additional Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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No. 4220 Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 10th September 1

Read the following

Extract No. 16

From

The Collector of

Kistna District

To

The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings No. 3411, dated 20th Oct. 07. I need not remind the Board that the state of the District is much improved since I wrote. The aversion to come to work, was I imagine, chiefly due

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Yours &c
Collectors Circuit
Vouchers at Guntur
Guntur 20th August 77

I have &c
sd/ G.D. Leman
Collector

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Sd/ Secretary

To
The Addl Secy to Govt RD.

Encl 4

Rec'd 17 Dec.

No 7227.

Recd 11 Dec. 1777

Board of Admiralty

Sir

Sending for the orders
of Genl Burgoyne
a letter from the Commissioners
of Sick & Wounded
Prisoners
Dec. 11. 1777

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Read 13 Dec. 1777

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must go without relief.
3. The power allowed to the Commissaries
appointed by
Board of Admiralty to contain and
direct them in the
distribution of relief
4. Where persons relieved - Power to
and fit, may be directed, in addition to
their other duties, to the Civil officers
who make the Returns in charge of the
the Dist. -
fully authorized to grant passports to any persons
to leave
Act but to be taken by the Civil authorities - but
not to permit
exercise their discretion about admitting
when it is sufficient Cautions that the
may have appeal to Privy Council - 13/9/77

Mr Crawford's Letter 12 Dec.

Sir

I am commanded by the Commissioners for
Sick & Wounded Seamen to transmit to you
the inclosed Letter from Mr Commissary
Wilkinson at Boston, with Copies of
Letters from Mr Commissary Loring
and Mr Commissary Bowdoin, and
Copies of Letters from Mr Commissary
Loring to Mr Commissary Wilkinson
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