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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th September 1877, No. 2,969.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 736. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collr. of Bellary, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 13th September 1877, No. 731.

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2. On receipt of a copy of Mr. Puckle's diary, No. 19, dated the 30th July, but before receiving the Government Order* which was passed upon it, I addressed Mr. Glenny pointing out what I considered to be certain defects in Mr. Puckle's system.

* *Vide* G.O., dated the 7th August 1877.

3. Mr. Puckle's remarks were (*vide* paragraph 5)—

"The Munsifs will not pay any stranger who may produce a ticket, or any person whatever without a ticket."

Upon that the Government subsequently remarked:

"The power of the Munsif in respect of paying money-doles is to be strictly confined to residents of his own village, whose names are on his register, but wanderers and wayfarers from a distance coming to the village and in need of food should be fed and passed on to the nearest relief-camp."

4. Mr. Puckle remarks again in paragraph 7:

"A ticket-holder who has lost or parted with his ticket must forego batta until the Inspector visits the village."

The Government remarked:

"If a ticket is *bona fide* lost, the Munsif may continue the payment due on it till the Inspector's arrival."

5. Mr. Glenny objected to do what I asked him, referring me to Mr. Puckle's orders.

6. Just then the G.O., No. 2,593, dated the 28th August, arrived, and in sending it on I asked the Sub-Collector to observe that the Government themselves insisted on the primary responsibility of the Reddy of the village in relieving distress, and requested him to modify his orders accordingly.

7. He again submits that there is no reason to do so.

8. Meanwhile, I am publishing the Government Order in the District Gazette for the guidance of all village officers, but in the sub-division it will, I am afraid, be of little avail with the subsidiary instructions of the Sub-Collector.

9. The Government Order is so clear on the point that there can be no mistake.

Revenue Department, 26*th September* 1877, *No.* 2,969.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, dated 18th August 1877, No. 2,621.

I have received for information a copy of Mr. Puckle's Diary No. 19, dated the 30th ultimo, relating to the sub-division of this district.

2. Mr. Puckle's system seems defective in the following particulars:—

He would allow biweekly payments in place of daily payment. This would seem to create an opening for fraud; in that a man might possibly be on receipt of wages on works for some days as well as in the receipt of "batta."

3. He does not seem to allow Village Reddies to pay the dole to new applicants pending the arrival of the Village Relief Inspector. Much suffering might thereby be caused, and although he advised the same course in the taluqs in the west of the district, it has been found necessary to issue orders that Reddies are to relieve new-comers on their own responsibility, and from this responsibility they never should be absolved.

4. He would allow no new admissions on works. This, it has been found, is impracticable to be carried out. The sickly in receipt of the village-dole may recover their strength, and should then be transferred to works, or able-bodied in private employ may lose that employ, and have to go to the Public Works, &c. In such and like cases arrangements must be made for employing them.

Enclosure No. 2.

Official Memorandum from W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 24th August 1877, No 317.

Your letter, No 2,621, dated the 18th instant.

Has the honor, with reference to your paragraph 2, to point out that in the cover containing your letter has been received Mr. Puckle's letter to you of 14th instant, announcing that Government have ordered daily payments. The Sub-Collector passed orders accordingly on the 14th instant.

2. *Your paragraph* 3.—Sub-Collector has the honor to refer to paragraph 2 of Mr. Puckle's letter, and to say that the Sub-Collector has provided for the visit of an Inspector once a week to every village. Begs to submit that, under this arrangement, it will suffice to allow the Inspector and not the Reddy the power (subject to check by superiors) of granting tickets to new applicants. It seems inconceivable that any appreciable number of persons who, up to the present, have lived on their own resources should not be able to hold out for a week longer. Here and there such a case may occur. But in view of the magnitude of the public disaster it does not seem worthwhile to make provision for a minute number of cases of some hardship that may occur. To entrust the Reddies with tickets would be to put them in a position, as regards their villagers, objectionable in many obvious respects. Finally, Government have approved of Mr. Puckle's proposal on this head.

3. *Your paragraph* 4.—Submits that, unless Dr. Cornish and all the theoretical and empirical supporters of his views on the "pound of grain" question are utterly wrong, the contingency of anybody recovering strength on the money-dole alone may be put out of the range of possibility at once. As to persons at first supplementing the money-dole by the wages of private employment and afterwards thrown out of such employment, the Sub-Collector can only remark that if such persons are on demand to be furnished with employment on our public relief-works, the object which is avowedly the main object of Mr. Puckle's scheme now (approved by Government) is at once absolutely defeated. Mr. Puckle is most careful to point out that he wishes the very name of the "*Oscar batta*" to indicate that it is intended not as a substantive subsistence allowance, but as supplemental to what the recipients can earn in private employment.

4. The Sub-Collector awaits any distinct orders which the Collector may be pleased to pass on above points.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, dated 5th September 1877, No. 2,781.

Your docket, No. 317, dated the 24th ultimo, paragraph 2.

As regards the responsibility of Village Reddies, I have the honor to draw your attention to G.O., No. 2,593, dated the 28th ultimo, in which the principle is adhered to. I request, therefore, you will be good enough to modify your instructions on the subject accordingly.

Revenue Department, 26*th September* 1877, *No.* 2,969.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 6th September 1877, No. 336.

With reference to your letter, No. 2,781, dated 5th instant, I have the honor to submit that there is no call to modify my orders. Side by side with the "money-dole" scheme the former arrangement for casual relief in cooked food to strangers continues (as I have already informed you) to exist; and Reddies show by their action that they are well aware of the continuance of undiminished responsibility for the relief of distressed wanderers. I must earnestly beg that you will not insist on my mixing up the two co-existent systems of relief,—a proceeding which would lead me in utter confusion, and would obviously be less effectual towards saving life than my present system, besides taking away the only check which gives me a chance of working the money-dole system without giving the *rein* to fraud. I mean check of the indents, the tickets, and the actual disbursements by reference to the Nominal Register.

No. 737. Order thereon, 26th September 1877, No. 2,969.

Miscellaneous.

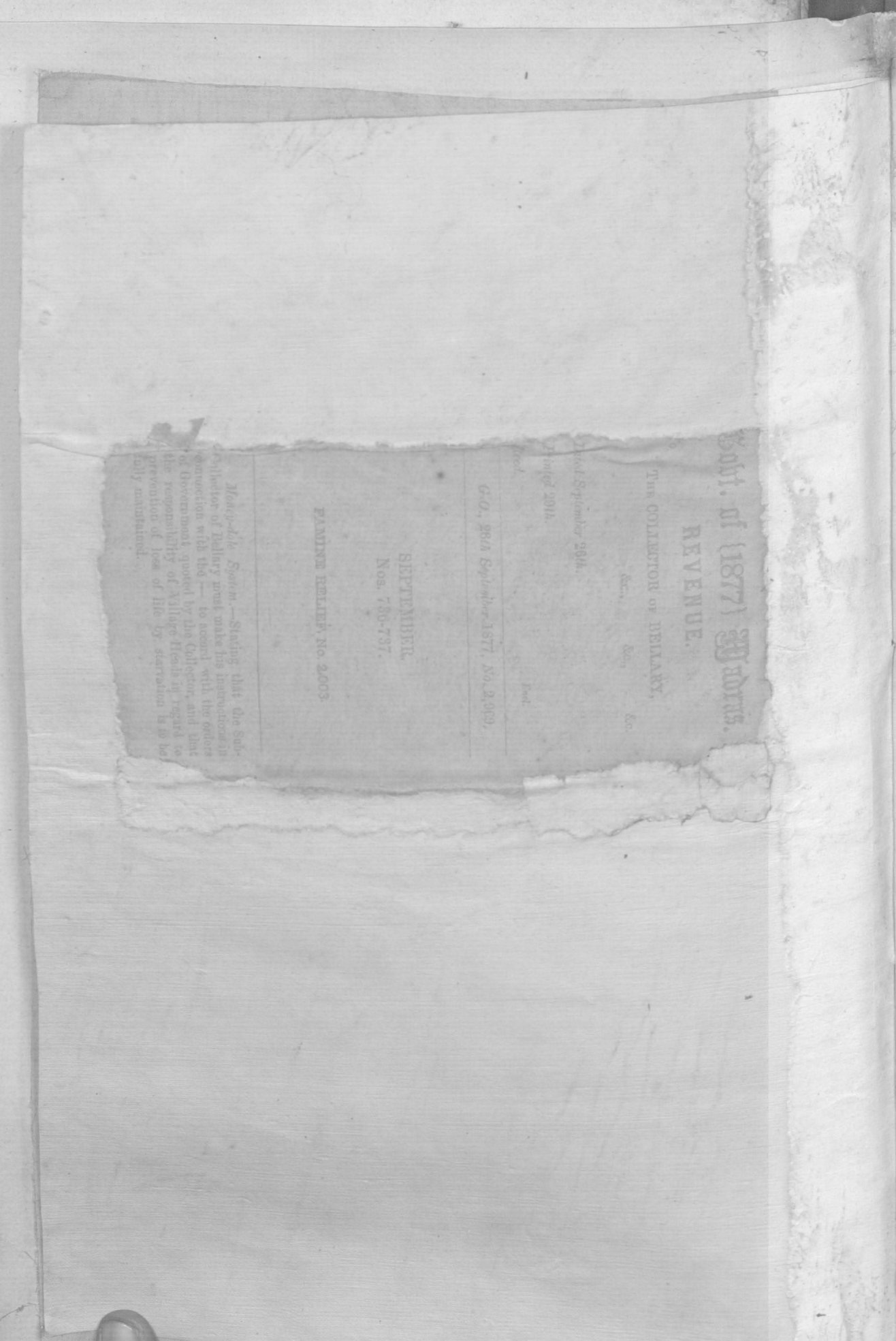
The Sub-Collector must make his instructions to accord with the order of Government quoted by the Collector. The responsibility of Village Heads in regard to prevention of loss of life by starvation is to be fully maintained; resident paupers unable to do any work and without means of subsistence being maintained by the money-dole, and casual wanderers being sent to a relief-camp with, if necessary, a meal of cooked food, or disposed of by the Inspector.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Bellary.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



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THE COLLECTOR OF BELLA
&c.,

Dated September 29th.

Received 30th.

G.O., 28th September 1877, A
Read

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 730-737.

FAMINE RELIEF: No. 24

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No 2621

Bellary Collector's office
Dated 18th August 1877

From.

The Collector of Bellary

To.

The Sub Collector of Bellary

Sir,

I have received for information a copy of her Pucklis Diary No 19, dated the 30th ultimo, relating to the sub Division of this District.

2. Her Pucklis system seems defective in the following particulars.

He would have [illegible] payment in place of daily payment. This would seem to create an opening for fraud, in that a man might possibly be on receipt of wages on works for some day as well as in the receipt of "batta".

3. He does not seem to allow village Reddies to pay the dole to new applicants pending the arrival of the village Relief Inspector. Much suffering might thereby be caused, although he advised the same course in the

Taluq in the west of the District, it has been found necessary to issue orders that Reddies are to relieve new comers on their own responsibility & from this responsibility they never should be absolved.

4. We would allow no new admissions on works. This, it has been found, is impracticable to be carried out. The sickly in receipt of the village dole be transferred to works, or able-bodied in private employ may lose that employ & have to go to the public works &c. In such & like cases arrangements must be made for employing them.

I have &c.
(sd) J. H. Masters
Collector.

No. 317. Dated 24th August 1877.

From,
The sub collector of Bellary

To,
The Collector of Bellary

Official Memorandum.

Your letter No 2621 dated the 18th

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4. The sub collector awaits any distinct orders which the Collector may be pleased to pass on above points

(sd) W. H. Glenny
Sub Collector.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

No. 731 Dated { 13 September 1877

From,
THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To,
The Additional Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Sir

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2. On receipt of a copy of Mr Buckle's diary, No 19, dated the 30 July, but before receiving the Govt Order which was passed upon it, I addressed Mr Glenny pointing out what I considered to be certain defects in Mr Buckle's System

Vide G.O. dated the 7 August 1877

3. Mr Buckle's remarks were vide para 5.

"The Municipals will not pay any Stranger who may produce a ticket or any person whatever

without a ticket"

"Upon that the Government subsequently remarked ——

"The powers of the Almoner in respect of paying money doles is to be strictly confined to residents of his own village, whose names are on his Register, but wanderers and wayfarers from a distance coming to the village and in need of food should be fed and passed on to the nearest Relief Camp."

4. Mr. Prickle remarks again in para 7 ——

"A ticket holder who has lost or pocketed with his ticket must forego batta until the Inspector visits the village"

The Government remarked

"If a ticket is bona fide lost the Almoner may continue the payment due on it till the ticket's arrival"

5 Mr. Clemy objected to this [illegible]

I asked him, referring me to the Order [illegible]

6. Just then the Government Order No 2593, dated the 28th August arrived and on sending it on, I asked the Sub Collector to observe that the Government themselves insisted on the primary responsibility of the Reddy of the village in relieving distress, and requested him to carry out the orders accordingly

7. He again submitted that there is no reason to do so

8. Meanwhile I am publishing the Government Order in the District Gazette for the guidance of all Village Officers but in the Sub Division, it will have afraid be of little avail with the subordinate staff of the Sub Collector

9. The Government [illegible]

Clear on the front that there was no
mistake.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant
W. Master
Collector

Rec'd 6th Sept 1877 Dept

F No 7865 DEPARTMENT.
BELFAST COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 13 Sept 1877 No 2781

To
THE Inland Rev: Surveyor
Belfast

Belfast Collector's Office
5th September 77

No 2781.

To
The Sub Collector
Belfast

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Sir.

Your docket, No 317, dated the 24th
Ultimo came to
hand regarding the responsibility of
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your attention to L.B. No 2593, dated the
28th Ultimo in which the principle is altered &
I request therefore, you will be good enough
to modify your instructions on the Subject
according.

I have &c
(Sd) J. A. Master
Collector

No 336.

6th September 77

To the Inland Revenue Surveyor
Belfast

Sir

With reference to your letter No. 2781, dated 5th Instant, I have the honor to submit that there is no alteration in my orders. Side by side with the "Money dole" Scheme the former arrangement for casual relief in Cooked food to strangers continues (as I have already informed you) to exist; and the Orders there by mention that they are well aware of the continuance of undiminished responsibility for the relief of distressed wanderers. I must earnestly beg that you will not insist on my working up the two coexistent Systems of relief, a proceeding which would land me in utter confusion and would obviously be ineffectual towards bringing home to my present System, recorders taking away the only check which gives me

without giving the rein to fraud — I mean check of the Tickets and actual distribution of by reference to Nominal Register

I have &c

(Sd) W Hennessy
Sub Collector

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