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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

27th September 1877, No. 2,994.

**Famine Relief.**

Read the following paper :—

No. 785. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1877, No. 4,343.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1877, No. 3,106 :—

With reference to your Official Memorandum of the 7th September 1877, No. 1,474, I have the honor to inform you that the returns for the two weeks ending 25th August and 1st September were already despatched on the 11th instant. The delay in their submission is chiefly due to the delay in the receipt of information from the taluqs. Arrangements have now been made to secure punctuality in future.

2. The number on works, 719, referred to in the Memorandum represents the number of persons employed in clearing the Tanjore Relief-camp. The number of children is made up as follows :—

472 belonging to men and women employed in the Tanjore Relief-camp.

1,956 are children relieved by money-dole in the Mayaveram Taluq. These appear to have been paid 6 Pies each at the old rate, but instructions have been since issued to pay them the value of ½ lb. of rice at the cusbah rate.

11 are children relieved by money-dole in the Nannilam Taluq. These appear to have been paid at 3 Pies each instead of the value of ½ lb. rice.

The Tahsildar has been directed to correct the mistake.

3. The falling off in the general total under relief in the second week after the commencement of operations is believed to be the result of improved arrangements.

4. I had directed the purely account work of tabulating returns to be done in the Account Department of my office, to wit, the treasury ; but as it has failed I have taken it into my own office.

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The Board observe the submission of returns relating to the weeks ending 25th August and 1st September on the 11th of September is useless ; the statements must reach the Board's office not later than Thursday in the week following that to which they relate, as the general review has to be submitted to Government on Friday evening. The returns from Tanjore for the week ending 8th instant were not received till Friday morning and grave inconvenience was caused thereby as the figures cannot be totalled until the statistics are complete. The Board rely on the Collector to issue such orders as will secure punctuality, completeness, and accuracy.

2. The children alluded to in the Board's Official Memorandum and Collector's reply not being the children of laborers on the works entitled to a subsistence

allowance under G.O., dated 22nd May, No. 1,788, should not be shown in the season telegram separately, but should be included in the total for camps or village relief as the case may be. The head "children" in the specimen telegram circulated for adoption applies only to children of laborers on the works in receipt of subsistence allowance. It is observed that the return of gratuitous relief for the past week furnished none of the information provided for except as to numbers, and even in this particular totals only were given; the returns must be rendered more complete.

G.O., dated 15th August 1877, No. 2,502.

3. With reference to the non-entry of laborers, the Collector is requested to state whether it is a fact that no relief-works had been commenced before the 8th instant; it is observed that sanction for the execution of tank repairs in Pattucottah was accorded as long ago as 2nd August, and subsequently funds have been allotted for the Adappar straight cut.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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Enclosure No. 1.

No. 1,474.

*Official Memorandum.*

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| On works ... | 719 |
| Children ... | 2,439 |

(By Order.)

Madras,
7th September 1877.

(Signed) C. A GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 786. Order thereon, 27th September 1877, No. 2,994.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council regrets to observe that the incorrectness of returns from Tanjore is very grossly conspicuous in the last telegram from the district. The prices of all the grains were wrongly given, and an error of about 80,000 persons on gratuitous relief was made. Such carelessness is very reprehensible and throws grave discredit on the Collector's administration. Mr. Thomas will see that it does not recur.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. A. Grubert.

No. 4,343.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

Copy to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with copy of Board's Official Memorandum, 7th September 1877, No. 1,474.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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# Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH SEPTEMBER 1877, No. 4,343.

Dup 22 Sept 1877

Encl.

Received 24 September 1877

SEPTEMBER.

No. 4,343.

*Famine Relief in Tanjore District.*—Relying on Collector to issue such orders as will secure punctuality, completeness, and accuracy of weekly returns relating to—, and requesting that officer to state whether it is a fact that no relief works had been commenced before the 8th September 1877.

No 1474

Official Memorandum

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On works 719
Children 2439

(By order)

Revenue Board Office
Madras
7th September 1877

(Signed) C. A. Galton
Ag Secretary

(True Copy)

C. A. Galton
Ag Secretary

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Enclosure in Board's Proceedings to the Addl. Secretary to Govt. R. D, dated 15th September/77 No. 4343.

Copy of Board's C. M. dated 7th September 1877 No. 1474.