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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

REVENUE-DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	3038	Press.
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Famine Relief.

Revenue Department, 29th September 1877, No. 3,038.

Salem Taluq alone. Both adults and children are now being fed in these relief centres (with the exception of the halt, the blind, and the sick unable to come to a centre; these are still relieved by money-dole in their villages). The number of the last mentioned, however, bears an infinitesimal proportion to those fed in camps and relief-houses, the two being respectively 117,804 and 157,222.

4. Sheds are erected at each relieving centre, where children and adults can, if they chose, remain the day instead of returning after the morning meal. The ration given in these houses is respectively 16 oz per diem of grain for adults and 8 oz. per children.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. As regards children's kitchens the Board observe that the Government have, in their order of the 8th September, No. 2,680-C, separately communicated, directed their discontinuance. As regards the substitution of a system of central relief-houses, where cooked food is distributed for the money-dole system, the Board observe that the order quoted (12th June, No. 1,968) relates only to Kurnool, and that discretionary power as to the form of relief to be adopted has not been conferred on Collectors generally. The system which the Collector prefers is, however, similar to that prevailing in Coimbatore, in which district the Board have recently recommended that existing arrangements should not be disturbed; they think the same latitude might be allowed in Salem.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 873.

ORDER THEREOF, 29th September 1877, No. 3,038.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to G.O.,
No. 2,847, of September 24th, 1877,
which must be carefully carried out in
Salem in all its details.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

29th Sept 1877. No 3058
N^o 4422

Rev: Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 20th September 1877

Read the following

S. N. 509
2658

From

The Collector of

Salem

To

The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir

N^o 376 dated 10th
August 1877
N^o 3839 dated 17th
August 1877

In reference to the Proceedings
of the Board marginally noted para
12, I have the honor to report that
the persons stated to have been trans-
ferred to camps and Relief Houses
were those whose Village money sale
was commuted into food in Relief
Houses and Childrens kitchens opened

in the several Taluqs referred to in the
Proceedings. My reasons for this change
are given in my letter ^{no 508}₂₆₅ dated
11th Instant. The Head Assistant
Collector reports that some distressed
wanderers who were improperly
placed on the Village money dole list,
were relegated to camps - but these
form a small proportion only.

Salem Collector's office } I have &c
11th September 1877 } J. C. T. Langley
Collector

S. ^{no 508}₂₆₅ Salem Collectors office
Salem, 11th September 1877

Yours

The Collector of
Salem

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir With reference to the
Board

Board's Proceedings dated 1st September
1877. I have the honor to state that
there is no gainsaying the fact that the
money dole issued to children is mis-
appropriated by their mothers for
their (mothers) own support. My
experience of the famine for the
last 10 months has convinced me that
such is the case. Major Baynes, with
my permission, first began these
children's kitchens for feeding
emaciated children at Convalescent
centres in the Taluq. The children
were not separated from their
mothers but were brought by the
latter (who received the money dole)
to the Kitchens where they were fed
under the personal Superintendence
of the Relief Inspector.

2. Wherever the Kitchens were
opened.

opened the money dole for children was stopped and as the experiment has proved successful, the system has been extended throughout the District. The result is that the children have decidedly improved in condition and do not now look like mere skeletons.

3. The system of paying money dole to adult paupers has been found a failure. It failed prominently because of the difficulty of getting grain in out-of-the-way villages. The Government having in G.O. No. 1968 dated 12th June last, left it discretionary with collectors to give either money dole or cooked food, I have gradually commuted the money dole into cooked food, which

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which is given at Com-
centres not more than 3 miles apart in all Taluqs except Coimbatore and Kottayam, where however, it will now be carried out. There are 47 centres in Salem Taluq alone. Both adults and children are now being fed in these relief centres (with the exception of the halt, the blind and the sick unable to come to a centre; these are still relieved by money dole in their villages). The number of the last mentioned, however bears an infinitesimal proportion to those fed in camps and relief houses the two being respectively

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#7222 and #7224

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I have fear,
Sd/ C. J. Longley
Collector

Submitted for the information
of Government

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the same latitude might be allowed
in Salem.

(Three Copies & Extract)

W. H. S.
By Secretary

To The Adlt Secy to Govt. B. D.

John Avery

Sam. all day

20/15
H. C. M. & Co

27/9/17

29/9/17

J. H. J.

Sept 24 5/17

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Remitted with return to 6

No 3038

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Recd 21 - do -
20th Sept 1877
No 8248

Recd 1877 Dept

Submitting a letter from
the Collector stating that
feeding operations in various
on the grounds of the
masonry state of that village
making dole was somewhat
in need of some work

5 7th 1877
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