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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th September 1877, No. 3,046.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 888. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1877.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madrantacum, 15th September 1877, No. 689.

In acknowledging Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 12,468, dated 10th instant, communicating G.O., dated 25th ultimo, No. 2,573-B, I have the honor to report that I have already issued instructions in accordance with G.O., Revenue Department, No. 2,518-B, dated 17th August, but shall now repeat them and stop the further erection of any buildings not absolutely needed for the purposes detailed.

2. As regards Mr. Philips's remarks on the preponderance of the native element in the establishments of the camp, and on various other matters in no way connected with his medical charge, and more especially as to his strictures on the Superintendent regarding the class of persons fed, I would observe that Mr. Salfeldt had only been appointed to the camp a few days prior to the date of Mr. Philips's letter, before which the relief-house had been under the private management of the Rev. J. D. Thomas, so that the Superintendent had had no sufficient time to inaugurate much change; but, under any circumstances, Mr. Philips must be viewed as a subordinate officer to the Superintendent, except as regards the treatment and dieting of patients, and such criticism of his superior on matters not appertaining to his profession is subversive of all discipline in camps and can only produce ill-feeling and confusion.

3. I enclose an extract showing the portions to which I refer. Mr. Philips is here criticising what passed on the 6th instant, or four days after Mr. Salfeldt took charge; and I think it right to mention, in justice to the latter, that he had received my orders to make no *sudden* changes,—a course which might involve grave hardship to individuals, till he had ascertained exactly what Mr. Thomas's practice had been, and then gradually to assimilate the arrangement at Guindy to those existing at our other camps.

Enclosure No. 1.

Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 12,468 Miscellaneous, dated 10th September 1877.

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On the 6th idem, a host of Brahmins, about two or three hundred in number, perhaps more, had raw rice issued to them from 2½ to 10 and 12 measures each, some of them was hardly able to carry the load; and it was surprising to see such fat, strong, healthy-looking individuals, treated with so much consideration, while hundreds of the poorer classes were literally starving. Physically and medically not one of them deserved even a grain of rice. In my opinion, I considered their conduct as down-right imposition; some of them are residents of Sydapett, and others told me that they come from the suburbs, miles away. At this rate, they could take to a profitable diet-ration by going from one camp to another on certain days of the week, and thus convert the

greater portion of what they get into cash. None of them, to my knowledge, had tickets authorising the disbursement, but simply from previous usage presented themselves. Once a week, I believe, this kind of expenditure is incurred. On the day in question 31 bags were expended on them, about four hundred rupees in money-value.

From what I could observe, there is more attention paid to the caste-people than to the pariahs or the poorer classes who unfortunately constitute the largest portion of the indigent mass. This is easily accounted for; there is too much of the native agency here. Beyond the Superintendent there is no other European to supervise and direct the issue of food; his two clerks are natives,—one a Hindu and the other a Brahmin; these two look after the distribution respectively, with the aid of native cooks. The infusion of more European element, say, able-bodied pensioners, employed as Overseers, will tend materially to improve matters. Since coming here I have seen many on parade in a state of exhaustion from long starvation; they have not had a morsel perhaps from one day to another. How can they? They have to wait for hours and hours, and when darkness sets in, the expectation for the day is gone.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., 25th August, No. 2,573-B.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 889. Order thereon, 29th September 1877, No. 3,046.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Revenue Departmt.

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No 4457

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
22d Septr 1877

Read the following;

No 689

From R. W. Barlow Esquire
Collector of the Chingleput
District

To C. A. Gallon Esquire
Ag Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, Madras

Sir,

In acknowledging Board's
Miscellaneous Proceedings No 12468
dated 10th Instant, Communicating
G.O. dated 25 Ultimo, No 2573 B,
I have the honor to report that I
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Sd R W Bailes
Collector

Chingleput Dist.
Collr's office
Madrastaram 15
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Enclosure

Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No 12068 Mis. -
Collectors

pellaneous, Dated 10th Octr 1877.

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True Extract

pd. R. W. Barlow
Collector

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O. 7/5th August No. 9593.

True Copy thereof

A.G. Secretary

To

The Addl. Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

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I do not think the matter has been sufficiently inquired into or can be satisfactorily disposed of by the Secretary's or with Mr Philips alone. At the distant places at the Windy Camp & if they took place Mr T acted I think quite correctly in Chingleput the Collector & Mr Ashley & Town Investigation Board followed - but in the Cuddapah & Nellore Districts where & from the Members & Board were near Mr Sadasivaloo-kar only recently been attached to Mr Smyth

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