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Mysore Chief Commissioner's Office
Bangalore 6 April 1877

From

Major, T. G. Clarke
Officiating Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysore

To

The Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

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With adavance to the Proceedings of
the Madras Government No. 117, dated 31st
March 1877, copy of which has been com-
municated to this Office, I am desired to
intimate to you, that under the circum-
stances reported by you, in your telegram
of the 3rd inst. to Sir R. Temple, to the
effect that there are now no more people
in the Wynad, in need of relief, and that
they have left or are leaving for their own
homes, in consequence of improved prospects,
the Chief Commissioner deems that no
action on his part is necessary or desirable
for the purpose of giving effect to the ar-
rangements proposed by him to the Madras
Government and assented to by it. Mr.
Saunders is, however, in the interests of the
planting community in the Wynad where

whose supply of labor is so largely dependent on the Mysore population, that no course should be adopted which might act prejudicially on the freedom of the intercourse which has hitherto existed between the laboring population of the province and their Employers in Wynaad, as well as elsewhere. If for reasons unexplained in your telegram to the address of Sir R. Temple however, the aid of an Office of this Administration should be needed for the purpose referred to in the order of the Madras Government above cited, I am to request the favor of your communicating at once with the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, giving particulars as to the numbers of Mysore people to be withdrawn and the locality where they can be conveniently collected for transmission over the frontier.

I have &c
of J. Clarke
Officiating Secretary

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Major J. Clarke
Officiating Secretary

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*Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department,
5th April 1877.*

From the Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Financial Department, Famine Relief No. 1118, dated Fort Saint George, 31st March 1877.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 19th March 1877, No. 12926-48, and to forward, for your information, copy of the Proceedings of this Government thereon, with the request that the communication desired in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings may be made direct to the officers concerned, so that no inconvenience may arise in the matter.

Government of Madras, Financial Department, 31st March 1877, No. 1117, Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 8th March 1877, Nos. 986 & 987.

From Major T. G. CLARKE, Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Bangalore, 19th March 1877, No. 12926-48-G.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 987 of the 8th instant (received only on the 16 idem), forwarding a proposal made by the Wynaad Planters' Association to the effect that the Mysore people who have migrated to the Wynaad should be employed on works in coffee estates and maintained by a joint contribution, of which four-fifths would be paid, in equal proportion, by the Madras and Mysore Governments, and inquiring whether the Chief Commissioner is prepared to join the Madras Government in accepting the proposal.

2. The proposal of the Planters' Association is made in a letter to the Collector of Malabar, dated the 21st January last, and from the tenor of this communication the Chief Commissioner infers that the abundant labor supply should be utilized in the execution of needed public works in the Wynaad district. The subject appears to have since engaged the attention of the Government and of the Board of Revenue, and, though Mr. Saunders has not been furnished with any portion of this correspondence, he gathers that the proposal under reference is based on the circumstance that the laboring population has not been furnished with any portion of this correspondence, and others from this Province have continued to migrate into the Wynaad after the means of earning a livelihood on estates had ceased.

3. The position, as the Chief Commissioner understands, is this. The Wynaad is dependent, wholly or almost wholly, for its labor on the Mysore people of the Ashtagram Division, which adjoins it. The ordinary rate given by the planters for labor is 4 annas a day for an adult laborer, and, though some times this rate during the past season, the distress in the Wynaad has led much larger numbers than usual to flock into the Wynaad. The subject appears to have since engaged the attention of the Government and of the Board of Revenue, and, though Mr. Saunders has not been furnished with any portion of this correspondence, he gathers that the proposal under reference is based on the circumstance that the laboring population has not been furnished with any portion of this correspondence, and others from this Province have continued to migrate into the Wynaad after the means of earning a livelihood on estates had ceased. The coffee-picking season closed, and of coolies were found returning to their villages; but, notwithstanding that no employment could be found for them in the Wynaad, they evidently preferred that description of work to any that the local officers were willing to offer. They were assured that they could earn reasonably good wages, and that they were unfit for labor at the relief kitchens; but, for reasons which they could not be divined, they persistently rejected these offers, and up to last month parties of them continued to travel westward through the Mysore District. More recent reports show that they have begun to travel westward, and, as the Government have been informed, all practicable arrangements have been made to provide for their wants. The stages along the main lines of road leading from the Wynaad to the Mysore District have been established at regular intervals, and special officers have been appointed to see that the people are properly cared for as they pass. It is more than probable that the bulk of them who are fit to labor.

4. The Chief Commissioner has no information as to the numbers of Mysore "coolies" congregated in the Wynaad. The Association's letter states that the circumstances must have considerably altered, and unless they are given to the people to be left the district.

5. It will be evident, however, to the Government, that this Administration has no interest in adopting a course of action which will encourage those working population which are still in the Wynaad.

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Wynaad to remain there. It is of importance, on the contrary, that these people, who evidently belong to the agricultural classes of the population and do not constitute the ordinary labor supply of the Wynaad coffee estates, should return and find employment in the neighbourhood of their own houses until the cultivation season commences.

6. The proposal of the Association has reference solely to the employment of able-bodied persons among the emigrants, and for these, as I have already remarked, ample provision has been made, as the Government will be made aware by reference to column 7 of the enclosed condition statement of the Province for the week ending the 3rd instant. As regards, however, those of the Mysore population remaining in the Wynaad who are unfit for work, and from physical infirmity or other cause are dependent on charitable relief for their subsistence, the Chief Commissioner will be prepared to give effect to the wishes which the Madras Government may desire to communicate, in accordance with the offer made, in paragraph 6 of my letter, No. 12335—G 44, dated 6th instant, to the address of the Chief Secretary.

Order thereon, 31st March 1877, No. 1117.

The Chief Commissioner of Mysore having consented to depute an officer to conduct back to Mysore all laborers belonging to that Province, who are without means of support in the districts attached to this Presidency, the Collectors of Malabar, Bellary, Cuddapah, North Arcot, and Salem, and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, will be directed to ascertain, with as little delay as possible, the numbers and localities of all Mysore laborers within their respective districts, who have not the means of support or who have no guaranteed work upon an estate, forward them by some responsible person, and inform the Mysore authorities. They will also warn the laborers that they must (except where they have a secured maintenance) prepare to return to their own country.

2. The Chief Commissioner will be directed, communicating the same direct to the relief works for Mysore laborers.

3. The Collector of Malabar will see that stock of food-grains for supply to the laborers at any bazaar for their supplies.

4. He will also inform the Wynaad authorities for the reasons assigned by him, to accept of the proposal.

(True Extract)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To The Collector of Malabar.
" " of Bellary.
" " of Cuddapah.
" " of North Arcot.
" " of Salem.
" Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.

From the Offg. Chief Secretary to the
Financial Department, No.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication with the Head Assistant Collector of Mysore who may be receiving relief in the District.

2. I am to state with reference to me be obliged by your deputing an officer to the districts (to which also, as well as to Bellary, for the removal of such persons; and to prevent any further migration of a similar

3. The Governor in Council observes laborers, and desire the return of these laborers of this Government which accords conformity with your wishes.

of Madras, To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore,
Fort St. George, 31st March 1877.

our Secretary's letter No. 12335—Genl. 44, dated the 6th of the Mysore Administration, to arrange, in connection with Bellary, for the removal of all persons belonging to the districts of Hindupur, Muddusira and Pennacondah in that

of this date No. 1118 that His Grace in Council will direct to the Wynaad, and to the other bordering districts, that laborers have migrated in search of relief to a large extent, and trusts that you will direct measures to be taken to prevent

you object to any system of joint relief of distressed laborers to their own country. It will be seen from the Proceedings of the Government above cited, that instructions have been issued in

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5th April 1877.

No. 62—Genl. 2, DATED BANGALORE, 5TH APRIL 1877.

ORDER THEREON.—In accordance with the request of His Grace the Governor in Council, the Collectors of Bellary, Cuddapah, North Arcot and Salem, and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris have been informed that the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts in Mysore which border Her Majesty's Territory, will arrange for the return of all destitute persons of the Mysore population, whose removal is desired, subject to the provisions contained in the order of the Madras Government under reference. The Chief Commissioner is unable to fix on any specific date on which this arrangement will have effect, as the action of the Deputy Commissioners must be necessarily dependent on the information they may receive from the Officer of the Madras Government; but Mr. Saunders desires that an Officer in each District may be warned to proceed, as soon as definite information has been furnished, to the locality that may be indicated, and take charge of all Mysore people who may be handed over to them. The Officer so deputed should be provided with funds proportioned to the numbers requiring to be removed, and should superintend their return into Mysore Territory, special arrangements being made for provisioning them at easy stages en route, and for their ultimate distribution to relief works or feeding kitchens if necessary, as circumstances may shew to be necessary.

Ordered, that the following letter be addressed to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

To—The Commissioners of Divisions.
" Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldroog.
" " " Tumkur.
" " " Kolar.
" " " Bangalore.
" " " Hassan.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
GENERAL.

To

THE COMMISSIONERS OF DIVISIONS.
DY. COMMISSIONERS OF CHITRALDROOG,
TUMKUR, KOLAR, BANGALORE AND
HASSAN.

Dated April 5th.

Despatched

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No. 62.
Genl. 2.

Issuing instructions for the supervision
of the Mysore people deported to the Pro-
vince.

No. 174.
Genl. 1.

FROM

MAJOR T. G. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary to the

CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
(DATED BANGALORE, 5th April 1877.

Commissioner
of Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govern-
ment of St. George.

SIR,

Adverting to your letters Nos. 1118 and 1119 of the 21st ultimo and the Proceedings of the Madras Government which accompanied the former, I am desired to enclose for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, copy of an order issued to the local officers, for the purpose of effecting the withdrawal of such destitute persons belonging to this Province as may still be seeking relief in the adjoining districts.

2. From information very recently furnished by the Collector of Malabar to Sir R. Temple at his request the Chief Commissioner has learnt that there are no Mysore people now in that district "in need of relief." With the improved prospects afforded by the recent fall of rain these people are stated by the Collector to be all returning to their own country. The numbers who have resorted to the Wynad and of whom there may still be some remainder are estimated by the same authority to be greater than usual; but as none of these is in need of aid, no action on his part is not called for and might indeed be prejudicially in the matter of the labor supply hereafter or even now, inasmuch as the coolies are in the habit of returning for weeding operations the present month.

3. Acting on this view in which, he feels assured, the Governor in Council will coincide, the Chief Commissioner will take no steps, unless the evidence proves such to be necessary, as regards the deputation of a special officer to the Wynad. A letter addressed to the Collector on this date is annexed.

4. In respect of the other districts of the Malabar Presidency, mentioned in your letters, the Collectors have been addressed from this office and informed that though no precise date can be fixed for the withdrawal simultaneously from all districts of destitute persons as may be still in them, the Deputy Commissioners have been authorized immediately on receipt of the information which will admit of their acting, to arrange for their prompt removal.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Offg. Secretary.

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GENERAL.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Dated April 5th.

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J.H.P.
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