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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd January 1877.*

No. 707. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1877:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1877, No 200-11 S.N.

I HAVE the honor to state that the sum of Rupees 6,000 sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 3,172, dated 13th ultimo, for gratuitous relief in this district was distributed as below:—

	RS.
Salem Taluq	1,000
Namkul	500
Trichengode	1,000
Utenghiri	1,000
Dharampuri	1,000
Oossoor	1,000
And Kristnaghiri	500

2. According to the last Saturday's return, the expenditure up to that day was Rupees 2,500, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,500 in the hands of Tahsildars. The number of persons in receipt of this relief on Saturday was 7,500, and taking an average of 1 Anna per head, the daily cost amounts to Rupees 500 nearly; the total for a week is Rupees 3,500; the balance in hand will then be spent by the end of this week, and the Tahsildars should *at once* be placed in funds. A large relief Camp, by Mrs. Doak's suggestion, being established near Salem, and it is proposed to receive into it all wandering destitutes in the district, and a large sum of money will be required for the maintenance of this camp. I have the honor, therefore, to request that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to sanction a further grant of Rupees 15,000.

3. I beg to state that I have, in anticipation of Board's sanction, placed at the disposal of the Tahsildars of Ahtur and Tripatore, where the necessity for gratuitous relief was reported, Rupees 500 each; and the Head Assistant Collector now reports that the allotment to the Tripatore Taluq has been almost expended and that Rupees 2,000 are required. The Namkul Tahsildar has also been supplied with an additional grant of Rupees 1,000.

THE Board sanction a further sum of Rupees 5,000 for gratuitous relief in				
Salem	9,258	2,151	the Salem District; but from the num-	
Trichengode	682	556	bers in receipt of this relief as com-	
Namkul	12,041	501	pared with those resorting to the relief-	
Utenghiri	2,203	652	works and from the system as described	
Dharampuri	4,540	264	in the Collector's instructions published	
Oossoor	7,138	2,181	in the District Gazette, it appears to	
Tripatore	220	1,278	the Board that there must be consider-	
Kristnaghiri	6,229	39	able abuse.	
	42,311	7,622		

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be more than nominal, of Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars. The orders are that only the aged and infirm are to be fed, but the proportions of men, women, and children show that abuse prevails. The wholesale distribution of cooked food throughout the district will cause paupers from all sides to flock into it, and the expense will be enormous. From the nature of the case there cannot be in every village agency which can be relied on to separate from among the applicants those who are able to labor, and the result will be great abuse and demoralisation.

3. The Collector should at once recall the orders which have been issued, and should arrange for concentrating the gratuitous relief in a few well-selected localities, under trustworthy supervision, and in the immediate neighbourhood of which relief-works on an adequate scale are in progress. Great care should be exercised in the admission of applicants, and all those able to labor should be directed to the relief-works. It is the desire of Government that gratuitous relief should be restricted as much as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 708.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1877, No. 325.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Financial Department.

„ the Accountant-General.

„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
Dated 16th January 1877. —

Read the following:—

S. No. 202

From The Collector of Salem,

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Dated Salem, 10 January 1877.

I have the honor to state that the sum of
Rupees 6000 sanctioned in Board's Proceedings No. 3172
dated 13th ultimo for gratuitous relief in this Dis-
trict was distributed as below:—

Salem Taluk — Rs. 1000
Nankul " — Rs. 500
Trikengode " — Rs. 1000
Uthengheri " — Rs. 1000
Darampuri " — Rs. 1000
Cossoor " — Rs. 1000
and Krishnagheri " — Rs. 500

2. According to the last Saturday return, the
expenditure up to that date was Rs. 2500 leaving
a balance of Rs. 3500 in the hands of Tahsildars.
The number of persons in receipt of this relief

To
Govt. of (1877) Madras.
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 23rd.

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G.O., 23rd January 1877, No. 325.

JANUARY.

Nos. 707-708.

Gratuitous Relief in Salem District.—
According to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
sanctioning a further sum of Rs. 5,000 for —

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3. I beg to state that I have, in anticipation of Board's sanction, placed at the disposal of the Tahsildars of Ahtur and Tripatore where the necessity for gratuitous relief was reported Rs 500 each, and the Head Assistant Collector now reports that the allotment to the Tripatore Taluq has been almost expended and that Rs 2,000 are required. The Nankal Tahsildar has also been supplied with an additional grant of Rs 1,000.

Salem Collector's Office,
Salem, 10th January
1874.

I have H^{rs}

Wm. C. J. Longley
Collector

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The Board sanction a further sum of Rs 5,000 for gratuitous relief in the Salem District, but from the members in receipt of this relief as compared

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Triebengode—	682	556
Nankal—	12041	501
Uthungarai—	2203	652
Dhorampur—	4540	264
Ossoor—	7138	2181
Tripatore—	220	1278
Kithupheri—	6229	39
	<u>42,311</u>	<u>7,622</u>

with those resorting to the relief works and from the system as described in the Collector's

instructions published in the District Gazette, it appears to the Board that there must be considerable abuse.

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/True Copy and Enacted/
1891 J. H. Stokes
City Secretary
To the Collector of Salem.
/True Copy/

Wm. W. Stokes
City Secretary
To the Secretary to
Government. R. D.

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