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*Proceedings of the Madras Government; Revenue Department,
26th January 1877.*

No. 826-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1877:—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tripatore, 10th January 1877, No. 25.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board and for transmission to Government, copies of two reports received from Major A. G. Murray, Special Relief Officer, regarding the camps at the Red Hills and Koratoor.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major A. G. MURRAY, Special Relief Officer, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Chingleput, dated 1st January 1877.

I HAVE now the honor to report upon the working up to date of the relief camp here.

The camp was opened with hutting accommodation for 500 people on Friday the 22nd ultimo; kitchens, grain and tool stores, police huts, a hospital sufficient for 50 inmates, together with hospital kitchen and Hospital Assistant's hut, were ready at the same time. Since then the hutting accommodation has been largely increased, and we are now prepared to feed and shelter 2,000 inmates. A smaller hospital hut for contagious or infectious diseases has also been added.

22nd December 1876	...	...	200
23rd "	"	"	454
24th "	"	"	603
25th "	"	"	750
26th "	"	"	900
27th "	"	"	1,050
28th "	"	"	1,185
29th "	"	"	1,385
30th "	"	"	1,594
31st "	"	"	1,525
Total...			9,989

The north road from the Nellore direction was closed on the 22nd ultimo to all persons passing inwards to Madras merely in search of food, and the numbers since the above date received and sheltered at the camp each day are shown in the margin.

The very great proportion of the inmates receiving relief are women and children, with a fair share of worn-out old men unfit for labor.

The number of able-bodied males fit for work is only about one-eighth of the whole.

The camp on the whole is healthy, and since its opening there have been only three deaths from absolute starvation and these cases were brought in too far gone for food to be of any use.

The other cases of death have been chiefly from choleraic diarrhoea brought on doubtless by long want of proper and sufficient food.

* I enclose hospital returns up to date.

There is no real cholera in camp nor is there any small pox.*

The camp is working well and Tahsildar Boojunga Row has done his best.

I enclose general accounts of money and grain receipts and expenditure.

All the able-bodied are at work quarrying gravel and are being paid in money or in grain in accordance with the Government orders on this subject. I would, however, with reference to the order directing that an able-bodied laborer is to be paid, if paid in grain, at the rate of 1½ lbs. of rice per diem, ask what amount of rice per day is to be given to an adult inmate who is unfit to work. One and a half lbs. of rice is half a Madras measure, and the Hospital Assistant in charge of this camp declares that a smaller amount of rice would be insufficient food for an adult in camp even though doing no labor.

On the other hand the able-bodied laborer grumbles that for his labor he receives no more than the man who does no work.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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In my next weekly letter I will give you a more detailed report of the inmates of the camp, of the numbers doing work and of the work done; also a memorandum of all classes receiving relief.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Major A. G. MURRAY, Special Relief Officer, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Chingleput, dated Madras, 4th January 1877.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. I will be ready to take over charge of the Palaveram relief camp at the time you name.

I have just returned from an inspection of the relief camp at Koratoor and of the road (relief work) between Tinnanore and Koratoor.

The camp is clean and in fairly good working order; but the Sheristadar in charge, though doubtless doing what he can, is certainly not the most able administrator that I have met, and I agree with you that, if it can be arranged without inconvenience, another man with more authority and energy would be a decided change for the better.

There is undoubtedly both cholera and small pox in the camp. There were yesterday five deaths from the former disease and two fresh admissions this morning. The Hospital Assistant calls it choleraic diarrhoea rather than actual cholera; but if death ensues within a very few hours after admission and almost all die, it appears to me that but for the name of the thing there is not much difference.

Doubtless the cases may arise, as the Hospital Assistant believes, from utter want and misery.

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There are two* fresh admissions from small pox.

The hospital but for infectious and contagious diseases is up and ready; so is that for the hospital kitchen and Hospital Assistant.

I have directed all bushes and clumps of prickly-pear in and close about the camps to be cut down and burnt, and I have seen that all possible sanitary precautions are taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The road is progressing well and rapidly, and the people employed on this relief work appear to be doing with good heart a fair day's work for their wage.

About one hundred men and women at Tinnanore came to me this morning and complained that the Overseer superintending the road work refused to take them on and that they were starving. The Overseer on being questioned seemed to think he had no authority to take on more than he then had at work.

I directed him to take on all the able-bodied and to send those unable to work over to the camp at Koratoor.

Returns of all employed on relief work, of all fed and unfit for work, together with the hospital return of this camp, will be forwarded to me to-morrow, when I will send them on at once to you.

From the condition and appearance of those now seeking relief at this camp, I should say that the distress in the district is either much on the increase, or that persons from greater distances and who have held on to the last are now coming in.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The recent orders of Government, G.O., 12th January 1877, No. 108, Revenue Department, settle the question as to the allowance of grain to able-bodied persons, but some orders are wanted as to the ration to persons who are unable to labor.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th January 1877.*

No. 826-B.

ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1877, No. 373-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial and
Public Works Departments.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 826 A. Read the following Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 14th January 1877.

Read the following

No 26. From R.W. Barlow Esquire
 Collector of the
 Chingleput District

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
 As Secretary to the
 Board of Revenue
 Madras.
 Dated 14th January 1877

I have the honor to forward
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Chingleput District, Collector's Office I have &c.
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 Relief Camps at the Red Hills and Korattur
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Sd. A. G. Murray, Major
Special Relief Officer

(Enclosed)
Sd. R. W. Barlow
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Sd/- A. G. Murray Major
Spl. Relief Offr.

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/One copy & Extract/

W. L. S.

Acting Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

12 January 1777. M-108.
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20th 1st Aug 1877.

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Submitting for the

information of Genl. Philipps

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