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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd June 1877, No. 1756.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 173. From Major T. G. CLARKE, Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 12th May 1877, No. 1508-19-G.

I am directed to forward, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a copy of the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings under date the 7th instant, No. 1288-18, relative to the removal of Mysore paupers from the relief kitchens in the Nilgiris and Wynnad, which has formed the subject of previous correspondence.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, dated 7th May 1877.

From the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, to the Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, dated Gundlupet, 28th April 1877, No. 57—General 27.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to state that I telegraphed and wrote to the Collector of Malabar requesting information regarding the number of coolies that might be expected and on what roads they would be sent, but I have as yet received no reply.

No. 13,151-222, dated 26th March 1877.
" 62-2, dated 5th April 1877.
" 475-27, dated 12th April 1877.
" 578-9, dated 14th " "

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, was directed to make preparations to receive them on the boundary, where an officer was to meet any official deputed by the Madras authorities to make over the coolies; but, as it would appear from the enclosed* correspondence with the Commissioner of the Nilgiris that the latter expect a Mysore officer to assist in hunting up the coolies on each estate, I request to be informed if the Chief Commissioner wishes this to be acceded to, or if it will be sufficient for the Mysore officer to receive the coolies at the boundary as proposed by me.

* No. 68, dated 23rd April 1877, from Deputy Commissioner, Mysore.
No. 125, dated 19th April 1877, from Acting Commissioner, Nilgiris, to Deputy Commissioner, Mysore.
Circular No. 32, dated 23rd April 1877, from Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, to Messrs. Shanmugavelu Pille, Krishna Murti, and Lawrence.

Memorandum from the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, to the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, dated 23rd April 1877, No. 68.

Has the honor, in continuation of this office No. 56, of 19th instant, to forward, for information and approval, copy of circular letter to the Assistant Commissioners and of the correspondence from and to the Commissioner, Nilgiris, on the subject of receiving Mysore coolies at the border.

From the Acting Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore, dated Ootacamund, 19th April 1877, No. 125.

With reference to G.O., No. 1117, of 31st March 1877, I have the honor to inform you that nominal rolls of destitute coolies have been called for and will be sent to you as soon as received.

2. To save time, however, I have the honor to state that there are some destitute coolies in the Ouchterlony Valley, and to suggest that you should depute an officer to proceed to that locality (it is near Gudalur) to take the people back to their villages.

3. On hearing from you that the officer has started I will send a Revenue Inspector to meet him at Gudalur and proceed to each estate in the valley and collect those that are to be taken away.

From the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated Mysore, 23rd April 1877, No. 94.

In reply to your letter, No. 125, of 19th instant, requesting that an officer may be deputed under the recent orders of Government to receive destitute Mysore coolies, I have the honor to inform you that officers have been already told off for the duty and will be ready to start when so instructed on receipt by me of detailed information from you or the Collector of Malabar: they will receive any coolies made over to them with the nominal roll on the Mysore border.

2. As there are three main roads from Mysore territory to Nilgiris and Wynaad, I must request you will be good enough to give me such timely notice of the strength of gangs and the dates at which they will be handed over the border as will enable the officer to be there with sufficient funds or provisions for the feeding of the party as well as guards to prevent the escape and return of any of those made over to them.

From the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, to Messrs. E. C. SHANMUGAVELU PILLÉ, P. N. KRISHNA MURTI, and LAWRENCE, dated Mysore, 23rd April 1877, Circular No. 32.

In continuation of my No. 20, of 17th instant, I beg to forward you further correspondence for your information, and, as apparently any day some coolies may be expected and I have not yet received sanction for the funds applied for, I send you an order to draw Rupees 500 from the Taluk Treasury as an advance, subject to future adjustment, for the feeding of coolies received, or the purchase, if need be, of grain, &c., to accompany the party or for the entertainment of such a number of men as guards at a daily pay as the strength of the gang of coolies may require, and which guards you may yourself entertain locally.

From the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, to the Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, dated Nanjangud, 2nd May 1877, No. 60—General 29.

In continuation of my letter, No. 57—27, dated 28th ultimo, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Chief Commissioner, copy of a telegram, dated 30th ultimo, from the Collector of Malabar, intimating that many of the Mysore coolies supposed to be lingering in Wynaad in a very destitute state have returned to their homes and that the remainder have obtained employment on estates.

2. There are none to be removed, and the deputation of an officer for that duty is unnecessary.

Telegram from the Collector of Malabar, to the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, dated 30th April 1877.

Your telegram 17th; no present necessity for deputing officer deport Mysore coolies from Wynaad. Improved prospects at home and outbreak cholera imported from Mysore have induced many people return home. Remainder get estate employment. Will inform you should future necessity arise.

No. 1288—General 18, dated Bangalore, 7th May 1877.

ORDER.—In compliance with the request of the Madras Government, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris and the Collector of the Madras districts bordering on Mysore Province were asked on the 4th April last to indicate the localities at which the destitute persons belonging to Mysore, whose removal is deemed expedient, could be conveniently collected, in order to their being made over to the officer deputed by the several Deputy Commissioners for that purpose.

2. From his letter, No. 125, of the 19th April 1877, to the address of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore it would appear that the Commissioner of the Nilgiris has misapprehended the intention of the measures adopted. He states that there are "some destitute coolies" (presumably belonging to Mysore) in the coffee estates in the Oucherlony Valley, and he proposes that the officer deputed from the Mysore District should accompany the Revenue Inspector and visit each estate in search of such persons.

3. The offer made by the Chief Commissioner to meet the views of the Madras Government as regards the removal of Mysore people did not apply to persons working or subsisting

by other means on coffee estates, but solely to those who had become wholly destitute and were in receipt of gratuitous relief at the kitchens opened by Government in the adjoining districts. As regards these, there will be no difficulty, it is presumed, in collecting them, as desired in this office letter to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris of 4th April last, at certain definite localities, whether on or near the frontier, whence they can be removed by an officer of this Administration.

4. In his telegram to the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, dated 30th April 1877, the Collector of Malabar has, after a long interval, confirmed the report made by him to Sir R. Temple that there are no persons whose removal to the Mysore country is called for, many having returned to their homes, while others have obtained employment on the plantations.

5. Ordered, that a copy of these Proceedings be communicated to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras for information.

(Signed) T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1877, No. 1756.

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D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

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missioner, Mysore, relative to the withdrawal of
Mysore paupers from the Mysore Districts.
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