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Read the following

From.

The Off^r Temporary Dy Collector
Chingleput District

To.

The Collector of Chingleput D^o.
Sir.

As directed in your letter official
of the 17th Instant, I visited the Tondliarpattu
Camp yesterday afternoon and found that
out of the 150 people, from whom the petition
referred by you purported to be, about a
dozen were present. The chief amongst them,
a Taluqdar of the village of Valuthalam
-bedu, Ponnery Taluq, told me that
he was one of those relogated by me,
while the others left the Camp of their
own accord after the late rains. The
Taluqdar's story is that he & others applied
to the Village Munsiff for work, but that
he said he had no work to give them
and

work for them the petition sent by
- He also stated that he & several
others applied to the Contractor of the
Fortelliar embankment for work; but
that he refused to employ them, as he
had more men than he had work for.

I have not had an opportunity of question-
ing the Contractor on the subject as he
is not here; but from enquiries made since
coming here, I have learnt that the state-
ment of the Taliamy is untrue; for it
appears that the Fortelliar embankment
work was stopped some two months back.

As for agricultural labour, the Taliamy
said there was none available in the village
as most of the Mirassidars were at Madras.
The result of my enquiry on this point
shows however that agricultural opera-
tions have been resumed in the peti-
tioners' village as in others, but that
the landholders are not in a position
to pay the labourers as well as before;
neither are they able to employ as
many as they did previous to the famine.

This

This is quite natural and I see nothing
very strange. Famine is a visitation of
Providence and every man according to his
station in life must suffer more or less;
but it is difficult to bring home this
lesson to the petitioners & their principal,
the Taliamy. If the various Madras Relief
Camps are open and they could get their
food there without the sweat of their brow.
It appears to me, that although the
petition contains very plausible assertions,
the writers who are to a man are only
farm-labourers and of the lowest class
without an inch of land, prefer the
comforts of a Relief Camp to living in
their village & earning their bread by
honest means. From what I observed
in the Camp the other day, I could
not help thinking that the Taliamy &
his family & the other people who
had lately returned to the camp were
in high favour with the Servants of the
Camp and had so much influence
with them that there was no possibility
of inducing them to keep to their
village. I admit that in the village
itself there is no relief work going on,
but

As there is nothing to prevent the
people going to work on the Periapolicum
road, if they were disposed to earn their
living by honest labor, as it is only 7 or
miles from their village. It is a thousand
pity that they have been received into
the Camp at all, but the Superintendent
told me that he did so under orders
from his Superiors. On Friday the 8th Instant
when I was last at the Camp, before
going to the Red Hills, there were hardly
any Chingleput people; but last Monday
the Superintendent told me he had over
five hundred and all had been sent
in since by the Police or Superintendent
of other Camps. When sending the people
away, I invariably told them that
there was plenty of work for them on
the road from Velliyur to Periapolicum,
so that their returning to the Camp
instead of going where work is to be
found clearly shows that they preferred
getting their food without having to
work for it. I even told the Talyang
and

and his followers that I would give them
tickets till such time as work can be found
for them close to their village, if they came
to the Fortelliar Camp, but they would do
nothing of the kind, thereby clearly
indicating that they preferred Camp life.

2. What the people want is, work
close to their own village and at their
own doors as it were. I beg therefore
to suggest that in addition to the Tadday
road & the Fortelliar embankment, a
portion of which, I see from recent
correspondence is to be executed under
the Supervision of the Rev. Department
and which ought to be started at once,
repairs of as many tanks as can be
undertaken should be put in hand,
taking care that such works are suffi-
ciently dispersed all over the Taluk.

I do not think that very many people
would go from Ponneru to the Tadday
road, but they would to the Fortelliar
embankment which is quite within
easy distance from the Cusab &
the distressed villages.

3. In the petition in question 3
works

works are suggested: - (1) The repair of
Village Tungal & the construction of
new sluice thereto, for both of which
estimates are stated to have been
already framed. (2) The clearance of
sickly pear on some Poramboke land
in the village already estimated for
by the Tahsildar. (3) The repair of certain
Cart-track which has been considerably
damaged by the recent heavy rains. At
same time I have taken upon myself
to call upon the Tahsildar to report on
each of the works above named at once
& will report the result shortly.

4. I enclose a draft of a Circular
Tahsil directing the Tahsildars to
recommend as many tank repairs
as possible to provide employment
for the large number of people that
are being relegated to their villages
from different Camps for your perusal
and adoption if you approve of it.

Chingleput District
Off^r Temp^y Dy Coll^r
Office, Fort St. George
19 June 1877

I have &c
B. A. Kistnamach
14th June 1877

P.S. The petition received with your letter
has been sent to the Tahsildar.

(Sd/ A. Kistnamach

N^o 490. (True Copy)

Submitted to the Board of Revenue
for information.

2. Irrigation repairs, well dispersed
are the best works to be undertaken
at present to afford employment
to the poor in or near their villages
till agricultural operations can fully
employ them, & on this Subject the Coll^r
has addressed the Board fully in his
letter N^o 479 A dated 28 ultimo.

Chingleput D^y } (Sd/ R. W. Barlow
Coll^r Office } Collector
Saidapet 5 July 1877 }

Recorded.

2. The Board will be glad to
learn that irrigation repairs have
been put in hand in a number
of villages

The

The Collector's letter of the 28th ultimo
was disposed of in Board's Proceedings
dated 9th instant N^o 3163.

(True copy & Extract)
[Sd] C. A. Galton
Asst Secretary

To
The Collector of Singleput.

(True copy)

C. A. Galton
Asst Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary to
Government R.D.

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