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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th February 1877.*

No. 147A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 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 Sydapet, 26th January 1877, No. 73:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board and Government, copy of a letter just received from the Temporary Deputy Collector reporting the refusal to work of a draft of coolies deported from the Red Hills camp to work in this district, with reference to G.O., Financial Department No. 73, dated 9th January 1877. Major Murray, Special Relief Officer, brought to notice a similar instance not long since prior to the transfer of the Red Hills camp of coolies sent there from Madras Conjee-houses refusing to work—*Vide* my letter No. 2, dated 6th January 1877.

2. It seems to me very desirable that, before drafting able-bodied coolies to the works in this district, it should be ascertained to what place they belong and whether they are anxious to return to their own districts and can obtain employment there.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From V. T. DORASAMI MUDALIAR, Officiating Temporary Deputy Collector, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Velliyoor, 25th January 1877, No. 12.

With reference to your dockets, Nos. 143 and 169, dated respectively the 20th and 22nd instant, on the copy of your letters to Captain

Males	138	Wilson, I have the honor to inform you that some of the coolies and their families as per margin arrived at Velliyoor on the evening of
Females	155	
Boys and Girls	100	
Children under seven years	45	

the 23rd instant in charge of the Police, who distributed rice to them for the night.

2. The Police Officer in charge informed me that a large number of coolies deserted while on their way to Velliyoor.

3. The coolies who were present refused to go to any work unless they were given their breakfast early yesterday morning, and after I arranged to give them some rice for one meal, they still refused to work all the next day, and the majority of them expressed a desire to go back to their own districts, such as Nellore, North Arcot, Cuddapah, &c., as they were given to understand that relief works have been opened recently close to their own homes. Late

Males	11	at night all the coolies, with the exception of a few who belong to Sattiavedu and other parts of the taluk, disappeared.
Females	5	
Children	10	

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. It seems very advisable that coolies belonging to other districts should be given the option of returning to them in lieu of being drafted to works in Chingleput. The Board, however, are of opinion that no payment in food or money should be made to able-bodied laborers who refuse to work.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3^d February 1877

Read the following

No 73.

From R. W. Barton Esquire

Collector of the Chingleput District

To H. E. Stokes Esquire

As Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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Yours

Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c,

&c,

&c.

Dated February, 6th.

Recd.

Encl

G.O. 6th February 1877, No. 587 A.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 147 A, 147 B.

Report of coolies to work in Chingleput -
Intimating that when persons who have received relief at the pauper camps in the vicinity of Madras are found fit for work should be allowed the choice of returning to their homes in preference to being drafted on to works in the Chingleput District.

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Chingleput St.

Off^r Temp^r Dy

(Mr's Office

Vellore 25 Aug 77

I have &c

(24) V. J. Geraswami Mudaliar

Off^r Temp^r Dy Collector

(True copy)

(24) R. W. Barlow
Collector.

Submitted to Government.

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(True copy & Extract)

A. S. Surtan

The Additional Secretary to
Government Rev. Depart^t

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Chingleput District
Collectors Office
Saidapet 25 Decr/77

I have, &c.
(By R. W. Barlow)
Collector

Enclosure

From
The Off^d Temporary Deputy Collector
Chingleput District
To The Collector of Chingleput District
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Males - 138
Females - 155
Boys & Girls - 100
Children - 45
running yards

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From
For over.

Whether coolies at the
Camps are here
shd. not begin the
option of going to their
own villages rather than
being drafted on to
work in Chingliant.
The last paragraph of
the 18th Feb seems
quite sound.

LLH

5/2/11

Japan? Some of
the Coolies shd. be
brought to their
villages and work

I do say if they had
to return to their districts
to work at home, or leave
by all means let them go
if they cannot be forced
to work anywhere but
refusing work, which of
course means refusing to work
+ thus shd be compensated
+ explained to them

Japan R.R. 1891

1891-1892
Proceedings of the
Board of Missions
Jan 15-31 Feb 1, 1897.
Jan 3-10
Jan 3-10
1897
Submitting report
after from the following
Chingliant regarding
the refusal of work
by coolies for West
Hill Camp.

few exceptions they were
fit to travel - the chil-
dren excepted -

How? allow all
who wish to go, if
passed as fit by
the doctor -

Condemned, can
only be met by a person fit
- but I do not carry this
out in the case of a woman
or children

8/2 MR

For others

Coolies upon
— track

— Chingleput.

In S. 271 N. 271
— 26 C. 271 N. 271
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180. 180. Feb 3/77.

No. 537A. 6 Feb/77

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to withdrawal of

Govt aid in food

or wages

6/2/11 J.H.

Scopus to C.H. Dune

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Bd. Reg 8 = 20/11

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Today we had
a call from
Mr. C. R. Dwyer
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