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From, R. H. Puckle Esq^r
M^r 3rd Member, Board of Revenue,
To, J. H. Gurney Esq^r
Addl Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

In the manuscript copy
of Government Proceedings N^o.
dated 28th Instant, passing
orders on my diary on the
Charampoor Salug of Salem,
it is mentioned that the
Government cannot approve
the Collector's arrangements
to admit all applicants
to relief camps irrespective
of their condition. I have
the honor to observe that
I

I am answerable for the
collector's arrangements
in this matter, as it
was only after conference
with me that the collector
relaxed his rule of ex-
cluding all but the ema-
ciated from camps. I
think, however, that the
subject is deserving of
reconsideration, for to
render the Village dole a
success, there must be, I
conceive, a camp of refuge
in each Saluy, in which those
who are discontented with
the amount of their dole, or
those who are unable to
buy

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buy grain with the dole,
or those who are unable
to cook their own meals
may find food & shelter
without any chance of
rejection. It may often
happen that one or more
members of a family receiving
the Village dole may not be
actually emaciated, and
it would be hard if
such a family, fleeing from
unfair dealing on the part
of a paymaster or from a
Village devoid of grain, could
not find food and shelter.
2. Among wanderers moreover,
there may often be a tolerably
stout parent with emaciated
children

children, or a helpless
woman who though not
greatly worn may yet
have no means of subsistence
left - for all such I would
have the camp open and
would prefer admitting
all comers for inspection
by the officers rather than
leave the power to admit
or reject to a peon or porter
as may be the case at present.

3. It does not follow that
all applicants admitted
within the walls of a camp
will be retained there, but
all applicants might be
allowed to enter and remain
until inspected by an officer,
and

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and I think it should
be widely notified that
there shall be such
a place of refuge in every
Taluk. This would at once
disarm one argument against
the dole system, as it is
often urged that the people
have no remedy against the
pay masters withholding their
money, and that the Inspector
employed as a check may
be in league with the pay masters.
4. Perhaps there may yet be
time to bring this subject
to the notice of Government
before the Proceedings are printed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedt Servt

R K Buckle -
Ag 3 member, Bd of Revenue

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