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8th February 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 223A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1877, No. 417:—

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, 25th January 1877, No. 68.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, copy of a letter dated the 16th instant, No. 12, received from Mr. Jones, Deputy Collector in charge of the Sydapet Taluq, reporting that he has delivered over charge of the Palaveram camp to Major Murray, and of a Memorandum prepared by him at my request for the information of the latter officer, explaining the system adopted in working the said camp.

2. I desire to bring to the notice of the Board Mr. Jones' valuable assistance in organizing this camp and other reliefworks, duties carried on in addition to his ordinary work. I inspected the camp just previous to its being handed over and found the sanitary and other arrangements, in my opinion, excellent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. M. JONES, Esq., Deputy Collector, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Palaveram, 16th January 1877, No. 12.

I HAVE the honor to report that I have, on the evening of the 15th instant (yesterday), made over charge of the Palaveram camp and quarryroad to Major G. A. Murray appointed as Special Relief Officer to this district. I visited the camp again this morning and gave Major Murray further information regarding the feeding and working arrangements of the camp. As you were present when I made over charge, it is needless for me to say that the camp is now handed over in a state almost of complete organization. A memorandum explaining a few particulars connected with the position and working of the camp, roughly drawn up for Major Murray's information, is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

2. I take this opportunity of stating that I acknowledge with thanks the aid given me by Kylasa Moodelliar, the Sheristadar, who worked under me in the formation of the camp and to whom the success, if any, is greatly due.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Palaveram camp is formed some two miles south of the town on the western side of the southern trunk road. It is on rising open ground, and is at a convenient distance from a tank which supplies good drinking water. Policemen have been placed on the road side near this tank to stop and turn back into the camp all destitute villagers going into Madras in search of means of livelihood, and to prevent any persons washing their bodies, clothes, or animals in this tank and fouling the water. The camp is formed of eight light thatched sheds 50 x 15 feet each, calculated to accommodate in all from 300 to 500 persons, of a hospital shed 50 x 15 feet, a kitchen shed, a shed for cleaning and pounding rice, a shed for the stores and Police, and a shed for the camp office. Food has been distributed daily to all distressed persons unable to work. Only one meal a day is served, and it has been left optional with those relieved to avail themselves of the accommodation provided in the huts or to return to their homes. As a rule no more than 300 persons have taken shelter in the huts, while the number served with food—men, women, and children—has ranged between 12 and 1,600: only persons having no homes have resided on the camp. A

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road has been made from the trunk road to the quarry; it skirts the camp, and all able to work have been employed on it, as well as the road being made from Eroombooloor to Palicarnai. Between 4 and 5,000 persons have been daily relieved by these works and camp. The camp is now enclosed on all sides by a light bamboo fence. An attempt has been made recently to make relief by feeding conditional or residence in camp, and this has had the effect of lowering the number applying for relief of this kind to within 500. This condition is relaxed in the case of persons regarding whose fitness for alms there can be no doubt, such as the blind, decrepid, or very aged, and these have been furnished with tickets entitling them to a meal a day between 2 and 3 p.m., and allowed to live in their homes.

The resident paupers are likewise furnished with tickets, and get an early meal of cold congee at about 9 a.m., and a hot meal of rice and pepper water at about 4 p.m.

As the paupers gain strength they are drafted for labor, the weakly and convalescent to light work in camp, and the able-bodied and those thoroughly recovered to out-door work, when they receive wages and cease to be treated as paupers.

All ticket-holders are registered separately.

All peons and servants employed in the camp wear distinctive badges.

PALAVARAM,
16th January 1877.

(Signed) A. M. JONES,
Deputy Collector.

RECORDED.

The Board are glad to hear of the good service rendered by Mr. Jones, the General Charge Deputy Collector, in starting the relief camp at Palaveram.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 223B. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1877, No. 563A.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council appreciates the good services of Mr. Jones and Kylasa Mudaliar in the formation of the Relief Camp at Palaveram.

(True Extract).

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

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

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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Dated 24 February 1877.

No 417

Read the following

No 68. From H.W. Parlow Esquire
Collector of the
Chingleput District

To H.E. Stokes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

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prepared by him at my request for the
information of the latter officer, explaining
the system adopted in working the said
Tank.

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REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated February, 8th.

Recd.

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O.O. 8th February 1877, No. 583A.

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No. 223A-223B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 447.

Mr. A. M. Jones, Deputy Collector of
Chingleput.—Appreciating the good services of
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Chingleput District Collector's Office.
Saidapet, 25th January 1877

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Sd/- R. W. Barlow
Collector.

Enclosure. 1

No. 12

Chingleput District
Deputy Collector's Office
Camp Pallavaram 16th Jan'y 77.

From

A. M. Jones Esquire
Deputy Collector.
Chingleput District

To R. W. Barlow Esquire
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Sd/- A. M. Jones
Dy Collector

/True Copy/

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16th January 1877 }
Camp, Palaveriam }

J. A. M. Jones.
Deputy Collector.

[True Copy]

J. A. W. Barton
Collector

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The Board are glad to hear
of the good service rendered by Mr. Jones
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/ True Copy & Extract /

J. H. E. Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To The Collector of Chief Dept.

/ True Copy /

J. H. E. Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To The Additional Secretary to Government.

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