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Read the following.

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From

W. Logan Esqr
Collector of Malabar

To

C. A. Galton Esqr
Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir

The Board are already aware that great efforts have been made in this Dist. by private charity to relieve the poorer classes of the population who at this season even in ordinary years have insufficient work to employ them and whose troubles are this year aggravated

relieving the poor people; a subscription list was sent round and Rs. 2,600. odd were collected. With this sum a Cunjee house was started on 3d. Augt. and it has continued up till now, but the funds have now run short.

3. One meal a day is given to all who come to receive it. This meal costs only a few pies per head, but it suffices to provide what is necessary for the classes who receive it, and who of course supplement it from their own small stores or by begging.

4. The cost per head is so trifling that work in return cannot be expected from the recipients. I subjoin a statement shewing the numbers relieved daily and the cost of their food.

Month & date			Number of poor fed	Expenditure			Total
1877	August	3	300				
		4	1100				
		9	3110	94	2	7	
		10	3850	112	6	7	
		11	3450	103	15	3	
		12	3250	93	11	1	
		13	2443	80	15	6	
		14	3546	109	6	7	
		15	3615	112	6	"	
		16	3621	130	5	6	
		17	4430	135	1	10	
		18	5317	146	9	2	
		19	5996	133	"	6	
		20	6217	147	10	9	
		21	4025	140	10	10	
		23	2123	79	7	3	
		24	2457	75	4	9	
		25	1970	75	4	9	
		26	2001	75	1	11	
		27	2050	82	8	"	
		28	1818	74	9	7	
		29	1000.	46	8	2	
		30	869	39	14	"	
		31	924	38	"	9	
	September	1	1056	38	2	9	
		2	731	38	10	7	
			945	44	"	"	
			Total 82091				2122

Of course the great bulk of them

5. The classes who suffer most are:-

I The toddy drawers whose occupation has been grievously disturbed by the new system of Abkarry. This is one of the talugs where apparently the Arrack and toddy Renters have combined; and the toddy drawers suffer proportionately. For further remarks in regard to them I beg to refer the Board to my Abkarry report for Fusli 1285.

II The weavers, basket, mat, and umbrella makers, potters, brass workers and some iron smiths are also suffering more or less. People cannot afford to employ them so extensively, and what they get being paid in money goes a much shorter way than usual prices being so high.

III Beggars and professional beggars

course badly off.

6. When harvesting becomes genera
the situation should I think improv
The people confidently expect that su
will be the case. Out of 17 Amsh
I find that in only five is reaping a
all general as yet. In the rest, reap
has begun in most, but general ha
-vesting will not ensue for 10, 12, or
days more. In this part of the D.
the harvest is later than it is on
coast.

7. Ten days more, therefore, o
relief already being given should i
possible, be continued, but as a
said Funds have run short, and
think the time has come for Govt

the Relief House which has been opened here should be kept open for 10 days more beginning from today that is till the 12th. After that I hope the prospect will have so improved that it will be unnecessary to keep it open any longer. To enable Mr. Johnson to do this, I beg the Board will be so good as to sanction Rs 1000/. In anticipation of sanction. I am placing that amount at his disposal.

8. The Board will be glad to learn that the crops in this neighbourhood are in excellent condition. I have just had an interview with the village officers and chief people of 17 Amshoms and the only complaint

crops. The Chamban crop is now being reaped, or is nearly ready for the sickle The Samalli crop is expected in about month; the Ariri crop about Nov. December, and the Mundagam crop January - February. We are thus the commencement of a long per when ample employment will afforded to all who can work, a women of the classes mentioned para 5 will then be able to obtain employment in the fields.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant

(signed) W. Logan
Collector

Malabar Collectorate Office
Palghaut 3d. Sept 1877.

(True copy and extract)
(Sig^d) C. A. Galton.
Ag. Secretary

To

The Collector of Malabar &c.

(True copy)

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Addl. Secretary to Govt R.D.

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Grant of an Allotment
of Rs 1000 to continue the
private charity for relie-
-ving the distress prevalent
Meghaur & Shahabad
Districts. Rg 5810

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