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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 267. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1877, No. 422:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1877, No. 39:—

In forwarding the map showing expenditure for relief for the week ending 20th January 1877, I have the honor to state that the number employed are according to my forecast; there is yet some agricultural work in some places, but this will end in a fortnight's time when numbers will probably increase.

2. The remarkable reduction in numbers of a previous week from 11,611 to 6,396 was owing to a transfer of coolies from finished work to other work to be commenced; if the day of report also falls on a market day when leave is given, it will not show the full numbers employed; a weekly average has been suggested, but I hardly think this will do; perhaps if the numbers last employed before the market day were given, it would afford a truer index than the exact numbers at work on a particular day in the week.

3. From personal inquiries in the taluq where most distress was anticipated, I am of opinion that the numbers to be employed will fall short of the rough guess which the Tahsildars and Division officers made months ago. Thus I reckon that Pulladam whose numbers were placed at a possible amount of 40,000 will not exceed the half or double of the present number employed. There has been a considerable emigration from the north part of the taluq to coffee estates where work is procurable for a few months. The sanctioned relief works are not opened unless there is actual need, and they are strictly confined to the able-bodied; a good amount of work is exacted under the careful superintendence of the European staff. The only exception was in the Udumulpettah Taluq where, before the advent of Mr. Cook, the Tahsildar had been paying for road metal above the Department of Public Works rates. Mr. Mackenzie was unavoidably absent in the Pulladam Taluq or he would have checked this extravagance. There are only some Tahsildars who are fit to be trusted alone, and the Udumulpettah Tahsildar is not one of these. Such extra expenditure, however, was not large before it was duly checked, and the works will not be allowed to exceed ordinary contract rates.

THE Board do not think the date of enumeration should be altered. When it falls on the day of rest, the numbers on the previous day should be entered.

2. Mr. Wedderburn's statement that he only employs able-bodied laborers requires explanation; although economy in expenditure must be kept in view, it must not be forgotten that the primary object of the outlay is the relief of distress which is likely to be more prevalent amongst those who would not come under the category of "able-bodied."

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2 *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
9th February 1877.

3. The Board feel assured that no person requiring employment as a means of subsistence is rejected unless totally incapacitated for labor, but the letter under notice conveys that impression.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 268.

ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1877, No. 585.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.



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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 2d February 1877

Read the following
No. 39

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Collector of Coimbatore

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
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Revenue expenditure in Coimbatore District. —
Approved on the report of the Board of Revenue
on the report of the Collector on — for week
ending 20th January 1877.

PAID BY THE BOARD OF REVENUE

FEBRUARY.
No. 207-208.

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By Order,
Secretary, S.A.

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(True Copy & Extract)
By H. C. Stokes
As Secretary

To
The Collector of Coinbature
(True Copy)

Wm Wm
Acting Secretary

To
The additional Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Revenue 1877 &c.

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Wm. J. ...
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Passing warrants on the
subject of ...
for week ending 20/Jan/77 -
Nominations &c.

N. 385

Approved

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Wm. J. ...

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