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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th February 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st January 1877, No. 380:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 28th January 1877, No. 53:—

WITH due deference to the Board's opinion expressed in their Proceedings, dated 24th instant, I have the honor to state that several thousands sick and infirm persons have now flocked into the town of Vellore which has a population of its own of upwards of 40,000. I do not think these people can possibly be drawn away to the Ranipett relief camp where crowds will assemble from the adjoining populous taluqs of Wallajah and Arcot, the greater portion of which lies to the east of Ranipett. The Vellore camp I propose shall receive the poor from that taluq and Gudiatam which lies more to the west of Vellore. Ranipett will be a far distant place to these people.

2. In the belief that the Board would not refuse their sanction to open the Vellore camp, and after demi-official communication with Mr. R. K. Puckle, I began the necessary preliminary arrangements, and the construction of the various huts to form the camp has now so far advanced that I proposed to open the camp about the end of this week. Operations however at the Ranipett camp are by no means in so forward a condition, and it will, I fear, be a fortnight before I am able to open it. Suffering is now so severe amongst the poor at Vellore that, in my opinion, not a day should be lost in providing them with proper relief. As I have already reported, no private charity of any kind is being shown by the Native residents at Vellore.

3. The site selected for the camp at Vellore is at a distance of $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the town, and the ground is high and dry. The various medical and military officers of Vellore have each fully approved of the locality, and are of opinion that on sanitary grounds the camp will be most advantageous. They concur in my opinion that the camp is an absolute necessity, and that its opening should on no account be deferred.

4. I beg respectfully therefore again to urge upon the Board the extreme urgency of this camp, and earnestly solicit the favor of their sanctioning the measure. If however when the camps at Ranipett and Chittoor have been opened, experience shows that the one at Vellore is really unnecessary, I shall at once take steps to close it. My present opinion however is that of all the three places named by me, the claims of Vellore to be relieved of its present prodigious mendicant population are paramount.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 24th January 1877, No. 285. Under the explanation now afforded, they withdraw their objection to the establishment of a relief camp at Vellore, and beg to support the Collector's proposal.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th February 1877.*

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1877, No. 630.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED, with reference to G.O., of
the 27th January 1877, No. 386-A, in
which the opening of a relief camp at
Vellore was ordered.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Ed. A. Raitt.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 31 January 1877.

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 12th.

Per.

G.O., 12th February 1877, No. 630.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 358-359.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 490.

Relief Camp at Vellure.—Recording Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue on the subject of opening
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North Arcot
Collectors Office
Chittoor 28 Jan'y
1877

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(Sd/ W. S. Whiteside
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Submitted to Government in con-
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(True copy & Extract)

H. W. S.

As Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to
Government Revenue Department

W. S. W.

