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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

29th January 1877, No. 307.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 364. From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 24th January 1877, No. 661.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that two numerous signed petitions from the inhabitants of Varada Muttiappen Street, and the European and Eurasian residents of the Big Parcherry, respectively, have been received in this office, complaining of the nuisance caused by the numerous beggars who congregate daily in the above localities to receive food at the houses of P. S. Ramasawmy Mudaliar of Varada Muttiappen Street, and of Cumbum Ramasawmy of St. Xavier's Street.

2. About fifteen hundred are said to be fed daily by the former, and about one thousand by the latter gentleman. Both express a readiness to discontinue the charity if desired to be so by the Government, but they say that they are not prepared to distribute food in any other place; so that the consequences of stopping the food distribution at the above houses would be that the beggars now fed there would have to be fed elsewhere.

3. I believe that about five bags of rice are cooked daily by Mr. Ramasawmy Mudaliar and a somewhat less quantity by Mr. Cumbum Ramasawmy; so that the extra quantity to be distributed from the Government Relief Houses at Washermanpettah and Tondiarpett would be somewhat less than ten bags of rice *per diem*.

4. The poor who congregate for food are mostly from villages outside Madras. Many of them are sickly. They are necessarily detained some hours in the streets, during which they occupy the pials of the neighbouring houses. Many of them commit nuisances by easing themselves in the side gutters and on the road-ways. After receiving their dole they do not speedily quit the place, but linger about in the neighbourhood which consequently never seems clear of beggars from morning to night.

5. There is much sickness in that neighbourhood, and the minds of the generally are uneasy and alarmed. I believe that the closing of these two private relief houses would be beneficial both in its moral and sanitary effects, and, although it is, *prima facie*, somewhat strange to recommend a discouragement of private charity in a season like the present, I trust that what I have stated above will be deemed a sufficient justification of my recommending that they be at once closed.

6. If Government are of opinion that it is desirable that these relief houses should be discontinued, I am sure that the charitable owners thereof will at once conform to the wishes of Government.

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7. As the Government are well aware of the amount of good which Messrs. Ramasawmy Mudaliar and Cumbum Ramasawmy have done in this season of want and distress it is unnecessary for me to say anything in their praise.

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1877, No. 307.

~~In the interests of the community the Government think it~~
the private relief in question, and desire that the Police Commissioner will make the necessary arrangements to bring the paupers there relieved on the Government Relief list so far as they may be deserving. The Municipal Commissioners will inform the charitable gentlemen concerned and convey to them the thanks of Government for their past action.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.

- „ Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Ramseswamy, Madras, to be discontinued, and the
Commissioner of Police to bring the paupers
relieved by them on the Government Relief List.

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