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No. 453.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd February 1877.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th January 1877, S. N. No. 441-63:—

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WILKINSON, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 26th January 1877, Season No. 80.

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4. In Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, 22nd instant, received this day, the Board condemn the system of village relief, and order relief camps to be established at the cusbah of the worst taluqs, and those incapable of working or supporting themselves to be sent there.

5. In your Circular order received to-day, dated 15th instant, you order the continuance of village relief for certain persons, and direct that certain others are to be sent to the camp.

The orders are that no gratuitous relief except camp relief be given on or after the 1st February.

6. Under these conflicting orders, I request definite and final instructions may be issued as to the distribution of gratuitous relief.

7. If the camp system is to be inaugurated, it is essential that there should be a Superintendent for each camp. This officer must be possessed of experience.

8. With my present staff, I cannot carry on the work of the division, as the following statement will, I hope, convince you.

Oosoor.—The time of the Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar is entirely taken up in superintending relief works. The new system of payment by results renders close supervision imperative, and these officers have no time for Revenue and Magisterial work. The consequence is that the whole of the Magisterial and Revenue work of the Oosoor Taluq, a taluq comprising 805,144 acres and a population of 190,424, is and has for the last month and more been in the hands of the Taluq Sheristadar who has more than enough to do with Treasury work alone. Moreover, the present Sheristadar, your nominee, Munisawmy Pillay has no experience

as a Sheristadar or as a Magistrate, and has not yet been invested with Magisterial powers. The Sub-jail is full of prisoners whose cases continue pending from day to day. Two additional Magistrates are absolutely necessary for this taluq, one invested with 2nd and one with 3rd-class powers.

The name of Balasundra Moodelly has been forwarded to Government for 3rd-class powers.

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He may look after the relief camp. Avanashilinga Moodelly, 2nd Clerk, District and Sessions' Court, North Arcot, who has passed all tests for Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate, may be invested with 2nd-class powers and sent to Oosoor.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

Copy to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with two original Statements to be returned, and copy of Sub-Collector's letter.

Exd. W. J. Lewis and W. H. French.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th February 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 643. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 453:—

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Gratuitous Relief—to be afforded to persons who are unable to work.—Passing orders, a letter from Collector of Salem forwarding from Sub-Collector applying for definite instructions on subject of — and for further assistance in superintending relief camps, &c.

With Order

Received with reference to No. 453 of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1877.

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Mr. Wilkinson's letter of 30th Jan 1877

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Acting Secretary.

No. 645. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1877, No. 761.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to G. O.,
Revenue Department, of the 5th February 1877, No. 515, which lays down

rules for the formation of relief camps and the distribution of gratuitous relief.

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Govt. of 1877
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rs. Rs. Rs.

Dated February, 20th.

For

For

G.O. No. February 1877, No. 701.

FEBRUARY.

No. 644-895.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 559.

Gratuities Relief to be offered to persons
on 15th 16 week. Below is a list of persons
Board's Proceedings on the Sub-Collector's applica-
tion for definite instructions as to relief of
and for further aid to superintend relief camps
with reference to Government Order, 1st February
1877, No. 516, laying down rules for the forma-
tion of relief camps, and the distribution of grain
and relief.