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**Famine Relief.**

No. 651-C. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1877, No. 684:—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sattur, 7th February 1877, No. E:—

I HAVE the honor to report on the relief-works of this district for the week ending the 3rd February.

I sent a telegraphic summary as it was not possible to get the returns in time for the post. It is necessary to post at 11 o'clock A.M. on Monday morning in order to reach Madras by Wednesday morning, as railway arrangements now are. I shall endeavour, however, to get next week's report in by that post, and when I am out in camp will arrange for the report being written by some one at head-quarters.

2. There has been no alteration in the state of the district; prices have risen a trifle, wages on relief works have remained at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Annas, resulting in a considerable number of coolies leaving. The reports from all the distressed taluqs show that the distress is not yet very severe. The rate of wages lately ordered by Government are now being introduced; it is a little higher than the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Anna rate, but, I think, is low enough to prevent large numbers resorting to the works when not absolutely obliged to do so.

3. Orders have been issued not to receive coolies unless in a depressed state, and arrangements have been made by providing each Revenue Inspector with four Carnums to watch every village carefully in order to ensure relief being given where really needed. The cost of this establishment will result in economy on the whole by enabling us to keep off the works many who are not in such a condition as to make relief absolutely necessary.

4. The Sattur Ghaut work is progressing but slowly on account of the feverish state of the hills and the difficulty of getting labor; I have been obliged to authorize an increase in the rate of wages for the coolies employed by the District Engineer on this work, and I anticipate that the cost of the ghaut will be in consequence double what was first estimated. The work is of such importance, however, that I have not hesitated to ask the District Engineer to push on the work, raising the wages as far as may be necessary. I trust the Board will approve of this; the extra cost will be met from the general allotment for famine works, and the probable total cost will be reported as early as possible—the District Engineer not being at present in a position to estimate this with any degree of certainty.

5. In some villages wells are beginning to fail. I am going to expend a part of the allotment already granted me for miscellaneous purposes in deepening them.

6. I yesterday received the Board's order authorizing advances for digging wells under the Land Improvement Act. Many applications have been already received; indeed, so impressed are the ryots by the present season with the advantages of well cultivation that they are in many places digging wells already without Government aid. It is impossible to say what sum will be required for advances for wells in this month, but I am telegraphing to ask for an allotment of Rupees 20,000 this month. I think at least a like sum will be required in March and April; good security will be

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exacted. I am writing to the Accountant-General to warn him that I may require Rupees 20,000 more this month, and as much next, for this purpose.

7. It is found exceedingly difficult to collect any rent in Ettiapuram, and there is no money left in the treasury. I have already applied to the Court to supply me with 25,000 Rupees either by a loan from the Madras Bank or by sale of Government Securities, but have received no orders yet. I am unable to make advances for wells though applications are numerous.

8. The quarantine arrangements made by the Ceylon Government have greatly checked emigration; the number of return coolies continues large. The greater part of them, however, are for Madura District.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Acting Collector's letter, the Board do not think that indications of distress or danger such as to warrant the adoption of the measures described yet exist. The Collector is requested to report on the matter in further detail.

2. He will also state what wages are being paid on the Sattur Ghaut work; and the final estimate of the cost of the work is awaited.

3. The sums available under Local Funds for improvement of water-supply and village improvements should be utilised.

4. Steps have been taken to sell securities belonging to the Ettiapuram estate.

5. The Board understand the Collector to mean that the return coolies spoken of in the last paragraph are men who emigrated this year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 651-D. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1877, No. 764-B.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. Paragraph 8 of Mr. Stuart's letter and paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings remarking thereon will be

communicated to the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 17th February 1877.

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Recd.

And

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FEBRUARY.

No. 651 C-651 D.

PAPER REVENUE, No. 60 E. 1877

Relief Works, Tinnevely District. - Record-  
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(Signed) H. E. Stokes  
Asst. Secy

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To The Asst. Secy to Govt. R. D.

Asst. Secretary

7. No. 658

Board of Revenue

Feb 2 17<sup>th</sup> February 1771

And 17. Dec 1912/13

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