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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st February 1877.*

**Famine Relief.**

No. 655. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1877, No. 611 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th February 1877, No. 542, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on Board's Proceedings in connection with the feeding of the children of the laborers employed on Famine Relief Works in Bellary District.

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COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Bellary and to Collectors of other distressed districts for information and guidance.

2. Adverting to paragraph 1 of the Government Order, the Board respectfully beg to point out that the action of the Collector for the disastrous results of which he is held responsible is strictly in accordance with the views of Sir R. Temple as recorded in paragraph 13 of his Minute, dated 20th January, on the Bellary District, published at pages 113-114 of the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*, dated 3rd instant.

(True Extract.)

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

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No. 656. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1877, No. 767.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council declines to withdraw the censure on Messrs. Master and Ross.

2. Sir Richard Temple has been deputed by the Government of India on a mission of inquiry into the condition of the Presidency and of consultation with, and advice to, the Madras Government; but in no single instance has he issued orders to the officers subordinate to that Government, and cannot, in any way, be held responsible for the action of those officers, who were bound to seek instructions from, and act upon the orders of, their own Government.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman,

Sunday

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
No. 511.

dated 13th February 1877.

Read letter from Madras
Government, dated 6th February 1877
No. 542, in connection with the
gratuitous feeding of the Children
of laborers on Bellary Relief Works.

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as

Code of (1877) Standing.

REVENUE.

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

Dated February, 21st.
Read.
Encl.

G.O. 21st February 1877, No. 767.

FEBRUARY,
Nos. 655-660.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 564.

*Censure on Messrs. Master and Ross, Bellary District.*—Declining to withdraw the — and observing that Sir R. Temple has, in no single instance, issued orders to the officers subordinate to the Madras Government, and cannot be held responsible for the action of those officers, who were bound to seek instructions from, and act upon the orders of, their own Government.

as recorded in para 13 of his minute dated 20th January on the Bellary District published at pp 113-114 of the Supplement to the Gazette of India dated 3rd instant.

(True Extract)

N Lushington

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Addl Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

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London.

The Bp in these Pets point out that Messrs Keates & Ross acted strictly in accordance with the views of Sir R. Temple as set out in Para 13 of his Minute on the Bellary Dist: which accompanied the Dist: Minute which is dated Jan: 20th Sir R. Temple distinctly records his opinion that the children of persons working on the relief works should not receive gratuitous relief - That day after, Mr Keates, writing to Messrs Ross, states his

Have not prepared Mr Keates's Letter - Does Mr Keates's duty & has taken the instructions of the Govt. on a point which it might have just involved danger to life - Sir R. Temple's real views with the instructions which were framed under -

Rec'd 18th Feb 1877
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Communicating to Collectors of Districts, for information, the Instructions issued by the Government of India in connection with the Prohibition of the Employment of Children of Relief Labourers on Relief Works.

opinion that it is sufficient
to support the averments
in the former allowance
in Mr Ross's bill
of specifications. If
it is not so. It is
more than probable
that Sir Richard
Temple's views have
been communicated verbally to
Mr Master & influenced
him in stating that he
did to Mr Ross.
The result was that
Mr Ross obeyed the
Resolution &
entered into the
contracts for which the
Govt have declared
that they hold Mr
Master & Mr Ross
responsible.
If Mr Master wrote
his letter to Mr
Ross, of the 23rd
Jan 1875 No 205, (marked

2. Questions of law
submitted & matters
upon which the Responsible
Officer expresses an emphatic
opinion - Should have been sub-
mitted for decision

Sir Richd. J is not responsible
for the Govt. but one of the
Officers is.

with civility) under the
influence of undue pressure
from Sir R. Temple, then,
it is respectfully submitted,
that there is committed
an error of judgment the
real responsibility for the
loss of the Rents with
Sir R. Temple, & that Mr
Ross acted against his
convictions, but (as
Govt knew) in
obedience to his Colleague's
orders, & therefore may
be exempted from the
blame in the matter, for
On the 7th inst. the
Master of the Mint
laid before the Council of persons
by whom he requested to
know whether relief was
to be given or not. Distinctly
declared that if it was
left to his own discretion he
would favor them all
gratuitously.
Both Mr Master & Mr Ross
will, no doubt, feel very
deeply the censure passed

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Mr Ross & Mr Thompson.

I wished to suggest that in Mr Thompson's case it might be modified & in Mr Ross's withdrawn, provided that in the latter case it appear that he had in his letter No 205 under the influence of Sir R. Temple's suggestion and instructions varied of his own motion.

J. S.
21/2/77

Mr Ross

Sir R. Temple has in no single instance issued orders to the officers subordinate to the Madras Govt. Sir Richard Temple can in no way be held responsible for the interpretation of his ministers by these officers, who must be informed that they must act in strict obedience to the orders they receive from their own Govt.

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Mr Ross

Sir Richard Temple is blameless. When he saw the effect of the order he did not act on his own responsibility & acted strictly in obedience to his instructions

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I would not withdraw the censure and I would tell the Board that their attention to Sir Richard Temple's views is understood & the case under review. Sir R. Temple has been deputed by the Govt of India on a mission of enquiry into the condition of the Presidency & of consultation with and advice to the Madras Govt.

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1. This from the Govt in Council declines to withdraw the censure on Mr Ross & Mr Thompson.

2. Sir Richard Temple has been deputed by the Govt of India on a mission of enquiry into the condition of the Presidency and of consultation with and advice to the Madras Govt in order to the issue of instructions to the Govt and communication in any way that will be responsible for the action of those officers who are bound to obey instructions from & look upon the orders of their own Govt.

21/2/77

Copy to the Board of Revenue 27 Feb
350 C of 4 July
The Honble Secy

Dep:

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