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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th February 1877.

No. 854. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1877, No. 852 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 20th February 1877, No. 753, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—Intimating, with reference to Sir R. Temple's telegram, pointing out that G.O., 31st January 1877, prescribing the Bombay rate of wages on relief works in this Presidency, is rendered nugatory in Bellary by the Collector adopting rice as the standard for commuting the price of 1 lb. of grain instead of the cheaper grain cholum, that the Government see no reason to interfere with the discretion left by the order to Collectors as to the grain to be selected as the standard for commutation of wages, &c.

THE Board observe that by G.O., Financial Department, dated 12th February 1877, No. 529, it is laid down that 2nd-sort rice is to be everywhere the standard, and Collectors have been instructed accordingly. They beg to be informed whether these instructions are now to be recalled, and revised ones issued in the terms of the latter part of Mr. Garstin's letter above recorded.

2. There is no doubt, the Board believe, but that 2nd-sort rice is now everywhere the grain most plentiful, and that which is consumed by the greatest numbers of people, and that this state of things will continue. There is, except in Bellary, scarcely any importation of cholum and ragi into the distressed districts, and as the crop of these grains in 1876 cannot have been more than a third of an average crop the markets, especially in outlying parts, cannot be fully supplied with these grains. The Board doubt whether, whatever may be the case in Bellary itself, the outlying markets of the district are sufficiently supplied with cholum, and the Collector is requested to make careful inquiry and report on the subject.

3. The Board think that grave danger is involved even in the reduction of wages resulting from fixing the rates with reference to the price of rice, and the financial consequences are not even in Bellary nearly so great as represented in Sir R. Temple's telegram. In Bellary, Cuddapah, and Kurnool, the difference is 2 Pies for men and women and 1 Pie for children, as between rice and cholum at present prices; in Salem, Madura and Coimbatore the same; and in Nellore and North Arcot 1 Pie all round. In Tinnevelly, there will be no difference, and in Chingleput cholum is not procurable. Seeing that on the scale applicable to 50 per cent. of task which will be the most general, the new rates will have reduced the wages of men coolies by 6 Pies or thereabouts, the Board strongly recommend that the orders of 12th February, Financial Department, and the Board's instructions thereon be upheld. Uniformity and simplicity in the matter will greatly facilitate and obviate difficulties which the Board foresee in working the new scale of wages.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 855. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1877, No. 857.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that the reference made by the Board in their Proceedings of 3rd February 1877, No. 451, and the order thereon, were overlooked in the reply to Sir R. Temple's telegram.

The instruction conveyed in that reply, which has been circulated to all Collectors, does not, however, require modification.

2. If the Board are correct in their opinion that rice must in many places continue to be the food of the people, then the Collectors have the discretion, and

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will make rice the standard for commutation of wages. Where any other grains, such as cholum or ragi, is plentiful and cheaper, then such cheaper will become the standard.

3. The instructions issued by the Board on G.O., No. 590, date February, will be modified accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. L. F. Zephir.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 24th Feb: 1877.

Read letter from the Additional Secretary to Govt R. D. to C. C. Bernard Esqre C.S.I. Secretary to Lieut R. Temple, dated 20th Feb: 1877 No 753.

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2. There is no doubt, the Board believe, but that 2d Sort rice is now every where the grain most plentiful, & that which is consumed by the greatest number

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 27th.

Read.

G.O., 27th February 1877, No. 857.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 854-855.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 606.

Grain to be adopted as the standard for commutation of wages.—Observing that the reference made by the Board in their Proceedings of 3rd February 1877, No. 451, and the order thereon, were overlooked in the reply to Sir R. Temple's telegram; that the instruction conveyed in that reply, which has been circulated to all Collectors, does not require modification; that, if rice should continue, in many places, to be the food of the people, then the Collectors will make it the standard for commutation of wages, but, where any other staple grain is plentiful and cheaper, such grain will become the standard; and directing that the instructions issued by the Board in G.O., No. 500 of 12th February be modified accordingly.

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(True Extract)

H Rudkin
Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary to
Govt, Rev: Departt.

No. 857

L.O 27th February 1877

The Lords observe that the reference made by the Board in their Rep. of Feb. 3rd 1877 No 467 and the order thereon have overlooked in the reply to Sir R. Temple's telegram -

That instruction conveyed in that telegram to all Collectors, does not, however, require modification -

2. If the Board are content in their opinion that rice and grain may please continue to be the food of the people the Collectors have the discretion and will

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Submitting Board's Instructions in Letter from Addl. Secy. of Govt. No. 5 C.S. dated 3rd Feby. 1877 regarding rate of wages on planting Coffee trees in the Wynaad.

Ans. C.R. 27 Feby/77

No 857 27/2/77

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