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Famine Relief.

No. 873-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1877, No. 727 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1877, No. 57 :—

With reference to the Proceedings and Order of Government, dated 31st January 1877, No. 329, I have the honor to request instructions on the following points :—

1. What is the description of grain of which 1 lb. value in money is to be given ?

2. Is the value of that 1 lb. of grain to be calculated in cleaned or uncleaned grain ? There is also a loss in cleaning about 12 per cent.

3. What is to be the allowance of grain value when the work executed is not below 25 per cent. of the Public Works Department rates, but equals them ?

4. Similarly, when the task-work executed is in excess of the local Department of Public Works rates ?

5. Whether contracts for work under unprofessional superintendence are to be calculated at the rate of 1 lb. grain and 1 Anna ?

6. This is a very important question ; Government most distinctly forbid any wage to exceed, under unprofessional superintendence, the 1 lb. grain value and 1 Anna.

7. The contracts I advert to have been entered into with the excavators of public wells which require deepening, in order to prevent a water famine.

8. Should the rates to which the unprofessional department are expressly restricted be enforced in regard to this class of contract, I anticipate a strike of the well-sinking class on public wells ; they are sure to get employment on private wells which at present, as well as public wells, require deepening for the continuance of cultivation.

The work is very severe and to some extent dangerous ; only one class can execute it, and they supply their own tools, jumpers, hammers, picks, and blasting powder.

9. I anticipate the most serious consequence from a failure of the water-supply in the ensuing months ; as it is, it is only by previous arrangements that I have been able to keep up a supply of water in the village wells. I have one before me for the deepening of which I made contract advances some time ago. It, as well as some others in the same tract, was excavated in former times at enormous cost, seeing that from the surface of the ground to the water-level is 90 feet, 1,300 people are dependent thereon for their daily wants—no other water within miles. The village cattle are all driven away to the banks of the Bowany river. The people, although they have lost their harvest, have yet grain stored up, but water is the all-important consideration at present.

As regards questions 1, 3, and 4, the Collector is referred to G.O., dated 12th February 1877, No. 529, on Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 451. As to question 2, the price to be taken into consideration must be that quoted for rice as ordinarily sold for consumption in the bazaars. The mode of regulating the wage is given in the Board's Proceedings above referred to.

2. The last question is important and will be submitted for the orders of Government. The Government have declared that they are averse to contracts and piece-work, and prefer tasks; so that the regulation of contract rates in ordinary cases need not be considered. As regards well-sinking, however, the Board are of opinion that an exception must be made to the rule. These works are undertaken not so much to relieve those who execute them, as to provide water-supply for the public, a matter of vital consequence; the work is very laborious and can only be done by a class specially skilled. The ordinary rates for relief work cannot be applied. The most suitable plan appears to be to permit the contract system in the case of such works as described by Mr. Wedderburn, provided middlemen are not allowed to intervene; and to settle the contract rates without reference to the scale of daily relief-work wages.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 873-B. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1877, No. 866-A.

Miscellaneous.

QUESTION 1 must be decided by the Collector himself, with reference to the instructions conveyed to all Collectors in the letter to Sir Richard Temple of the 20th instant, No. 753.

2. The Board's reply to question 2 is correct.

3. The reply to questions 3 and 4 is that the rate of allowance for grain-value, for work equal to, or in excess of, 25 per cent. below Public Works Department rates, or in excess of those rates, is the same as for work not less than 25 per cent. below those rates.

4. With respect to question 5, the Governor in Council is pleased specially to exempt all public wells in the Coimbatore District requiring a special class of men for their excavation, and not adapted for giving relief to large bodies of work-people, from the effect of the Order of the 5th February, No. 520-A, and to allow of their being carried out by contract.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Secretary

Revenue Department

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Collector of Coimbatore

To H. E. Stokes Esquire

Acting Secretary to the

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Madras

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 26th.

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G.O. 28th February 1877, No. 606-A.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 873-A—873-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 610-A.

Relief Operations, Coimbatore District.—Posting orders on certain inquiries made by the Collector, with reference to G.O., 31st January 1877, No. 329, as to the grain to be adopted as the standard for commutation of wages, &c., &c.

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Coimbatore Collector's Office 12th February 1877

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To
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Question ~~1 & 2~~ must be decided by the Collector himself. With reference to the instructions conveyed to all Collectors in the letter to Mr. R. Temple of the 20th Inst. No 753 ~~&c~~ 2. The 3rd reply to question 2 is correct.
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J. H. L.
28th February 1877

To Capt. the Board of Revenue
the Financial Dept
the P.W. Dept

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