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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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Famine Relief.

No. 51. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd February 1877, [illegible] 31 :—

In reply to your telegram of the 22nd February, I have the honor to state that the object of my telegram was to obtain early orders on the subject as to whether the rate of famine wages to be paid, viz., one lb. of grain and 1 Anna, was applicable to coolies executing task-works, equal to, and in excess of, Public Works Department rates.

2. The original orders* only referred to task-work not less than 25 per cent. below Public Works Department rates, but had no reference to a higher amount of task-work.

* G.O., No. 329, of 31st January 1877, Financial Department.

3. It was not considered necessary in this district, when it could be avoided, to have any task-work below ordinary rates.

4. A full detail of the information required is, in my letter to Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1877, No. 57, to which a reply has this day been received.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1877, No. 884.

Miscellaneous.

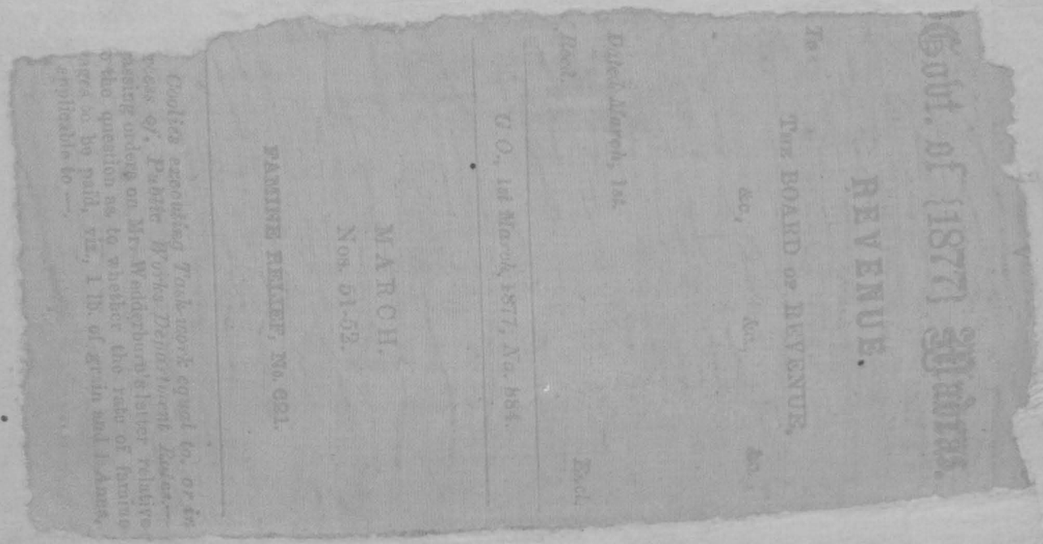
Mr. WEDDERBURN will be informed in reply to his letter that the scale of wages prescribed by G.O., No. 329, dated 31st January 1877, Financial Department, is applicable to all persons paid from famine funds. The reference to task-work, *not less* than 25 per cent. below Public Works Department rates, includes all rates above that standard. The quantity of task-work to be exacted is, under the Government Order quoted, to be suitable, and is to be settled by the Collector and District Engineer in consultation.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.


Govt. of [1877] March
REVENUE.
To
The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c, &c.
Dated March, 1st.
Read
G.O., 1st March, 1877, No. 884.
MARCH.
Nos. 51-52.
FAMINE RELIEF, No. 621.
Duties executed Task-work equal to
Duties of Public Works Department
ing on Mr Wedderburn's letter
the question as to whether the rate of
be paid, viz, 1 lb. of grain
to —

No 31 Coimbatore Collector's office
22d February 1877. -

From
A Wedderburn Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore -

To
J. H. Garstin Esquire -
Addl Secretary to Government
Revenue Department - Madras -

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant,

Alexander
Collector. –

Memo 848/56

The accompanying remarks of H.E. the Gov. are circulated for the perusal of the Members of Council.

His proposals differ considerably from those contained in the draft G.O approved by the Members with modification

20/2/77 H.B.S

as Saunders called the

principle of the administration of Famine funds in that relief to the poor to persons in danger of starvation only — accomplish a labor test — ~~Oberyn~~

Had there — the no exception unless special authority given — that for the task performed — which probably at Subsistence rates never should exceed a D.F.R. Task

Not adhere to our principle but make liberal special

exemption

Section 5 Would that his amendment Resp is sanctioned enough — If my opinion is correct — the principle I think open to great question

Brk

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in this District when it could be

Recd
to
Sir L. Robinson
to
Mr Ellis

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Rec. 1877 Dept
F. No 775

From
The Collector
Coimbatore

To
The additional Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 22nd
Rec'd 23rd February 1877.

No 31

Stating the objection
telegram of the 19th
instant —

It is in connection with Utter Cultivation
which is not to hand —

The Govt. late applies to persons found
from famine relief works. and to
persons executing tasks below ordinary
P.W. rates — It is not intended except
by Govt. to obtain more than ordinary tasks
from labourers receiving relief — in some
cases special permission has been accorded
to coolies on certain works earning piece
works. instead of completing a mere
ordinary task — it will depend on the
nature of the works & the particular
circumstances whether such sanction is
given — in such cases — it would be confined to
able bodied labourers who would thus be
expected to support their families as in ordinary
times — Bd. 27/2