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Famine Relief.

No. 117.

Miscellaneous.

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2. His Grace in Council attach of the relief operations. It is evident made to give effect to these inst organised and sufficient system of old, the very young, and the sickly cannot benefit by relief-works. Notices on the village headmen, so as to constant care in impressing their resp ensure systematic house to house vi districts. The village Taliares or wa the suffering poor who fall exhaust must miserably perish.

3. The assistance of the Police relies on must be enlisted to report Cases of way-side distress must be for headmen of a village, and the fact of the nearest Revenue or Magisterial reach, and should also form part of the Beat Constables should report the in villages to the nearest of Revenue European, as well as to their own Superintendent and Assistant Superi and Divisional Officers. Collectors the weekly returns by village headm relief is reported in villages, in tract prevails, the fact should at once ar While every encouragement should out to the fullest extent the order be taken of any neglect on their wilful disobedience of these orders.

ated 3rd March 1877, No. 917.

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y greatest importance to this branch less the most vigorous efforts are ere may be side by side with a well t, calamitous mortality among the reason of their age or infirmities, n really prevent this, but the most on the village headmen, so as to in every village in the distressed ould also seek out on the highways e way, and who but for such aid

he Governor in Council entirely stress witnessed by Beat Constables. ough to the notice of the nearest ing been seen should be reported to whether European or Native, within onstables' report. In like manner, nee of unrelieved distress occurring isterial Officer, whether Native or ers, and it will be the duty of the o communicate such to the District t upon the punctual submission of relief afforded, and where no such s known that wide-spread distress and receive prompt investigation. d to headmen of villages to carry ernment, very severe notice should xemplary punishment should follow

and such additional officer  
be required to ensure the most  
at the disposal of the Inspec-  
these subordinates to facili-

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J. H. GARSTIN.

G.O. No. 917 3 March 1877

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His Grace the Governor in Council, desires to call the earnest attention of all District Collectors, Divisional Officers, and Officers in charge of Famine relief operations to the instructions conveyed in paras 9, 10, and 11 of the Proceedings of Govt. dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 1877, No. 575 regarding the "residuum of the poor left in villages who cannot work and who would die if left unaided." It was ordered that "for the lives of these the headmen of villages must be held responsible." (They must again be instructed to feed these persons and cooked

Collectors

to direct the headmen

cooked

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cooked food on a scale similar  
to that supplied at the camp  
must be provided. <sup>21</sup> They  
must be furnished with  
funds to meet this charge  
and required to furnish weekly  
-ly accounts of the number  
fed." It was added "That  
every effort must be made  
for the verification of the returns  
given at villages, and it was  
pointed out that it would  
probably be necessary to  
appoint ~~a~~ special officers  
to take charge of the camp  
and village relief within a  
manageable area, and that  
the Inspecting Officers were to keep  
and furnish weekly returns.

His Grace in Council  
attaches the very greatest  
importance to this branch

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of the relief operations. It  
is evident that unless <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
most vigorous efforts are  
made to give effect to these  
instructions there may be  
side by side with an <sup>an</sup> ~~enor-~~  
<sup>organized & sufficient system of</sup>  
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tality among the old, the  
very young and the sickly  
who by reason of their <sup>age or</sup> ~~infer-~~  
~~mities~~ or ~~infancy~~ cannot  
benefit by relief works -  
Nothing can really prevent  
this but the most constant  
care in impressing their  
responsibilities on the village  
Headmen, so as to ensure  
systematic house to house  
visitation in every village  
in the distressed Districts.  
The Village Talukdars or  
watchmen

watchmen should also seek  
out on the highways <sup>912/6</sup> the  
suffering poor who fall  
exhausted by the way  
and who but for such  
aid must miserably perish.

The assistance of the  
Police which the Governor in  
Council entirely relies on,  
must be enlisted to report  
cases of distress witnessed  
by the Beat Constables when  
going their rounds. Cases  
of wayside distress must be  
~~promptly~~ <sup>speedily</sup> brought to the notice  
of the nearest headmen of  
a village, and the fact  
of such having been seen  
should be reported to the  
nearest (Native) Revenue  
(<sup>or</sup> and) Magisterial officer  
within

whether European or  
Native

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within reach. (It should) also  
form part of the Beat Constables  
report. In like manner  
the Beat Constables should  
report the occurrence of un-  
relieved distress occurring in  
villages to the nearest of  
(Native) Revenue and Magis-  
terial officer <sup>whichever nature of distress</sup> and to their  
<sup>as well as</sup> own superior officers for  
communication by the Supt.  
and Asst. Supts. to the  
District and Divisional  
officers. The strictest vigilance  
as to the punctual submission  
of the weekly returns by  
Village Head-men of the  
relief afforded, should be  
enforced, and where no  
such relief is reported  
in villages, in tracts  
where it is known that

And it will be the duty  
of

to communicate such

Collection must consist of

wide-spread distress prevails  
the fact should at once arouse suspicion  
and cause <sup>revenue</sup> prompt investigation. While every encourage-  
ment should be afforded to  
headmen of Villages to carry  
out to the fullest extent the  
orders of Govt., very severe  
notice should be taken  
of any neglect on their part  
and exemplary punishment  
should follow wilful disobey-  
-dience of these orders.

The Collectors + Divisional  
officers are empowered to  
increase the number of  
special <sup>Revenue</sup> subordinates such  
as Revenue Inspectors  
and others of like grade  
required to ensure the  
most exact supervision

The Board of Revenue  
are empowered to  
sanction such additional  
officers in each District  
as the circumstances may require  
as may be

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of Village Relief officers +  
to place at the disposal of  
the Inspectors of Camp and  
Village Relief a sufficient  
number of these subordinates  
to facilitate the thorough  
performance of their duty.

His Grace in Council  
considers that a sufficient  
time has <sup>now</sup> passed since  
the issue of the Govt. Pro:  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> February to enable  
District and Divisional  
officers to report on the  
results obtained, and he  
desires that these officers  
be called upon to submit  
with the least possible delay  
a clear statement exhibiting <sup>the results</sup>  
the results obtained. The  
numbers of villages in

which

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to transport

which effect has been given  
to these orders, the numbers  
received, and the amounts  
expended, should be clearly  
stated, and these facts  
should <sup>be</sup> find a place in the  
weekly reports furnished  
to the Board of Revenue.

The exact form in which  
this information should be  
submitted will be prescribed  
by the Board of Revenue  
who will carefully enforce  
the orders of Govt.

These Proceedings will be  
communicated to the  
Inspector General of  
Police, <sup>who will</sup> ~~with a view to his~~  
~~issuing~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the least~~

8 possible

9 9/12/11

possible delay, detailed  
instructions to the Police  
Force, to assist in giving  
effect to these orders -

JH

- 2 all Collection 2/7 March/77
- 35 Banded Keen
- 5 Fuel Dept
- 6 Audit Genl
- 5 Inspected Genl of Police
- 6 Comptroller of Police

To be paid to  
ascendants

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Mr. Kays

Please see that  
this is put in hand  
at once - JZ

Recd 3/3/77. - 6.30 pm  
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