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Famine Relief.

No. 154A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1877, No. 923:—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1877, No. 120.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, copy of a letter dated 12th instant, from the Rev. W. Schaffter, resigning charge of the Guindy Relief-house. Both he and his assistants have done excellent service in managing the same. I am glad to be able to further report that the Rev. Davies Thomas, who has succeeded Mr. Schaffter, has kindly offered his services, and will be put in charge.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Rev. W. P. SCHAFFTER, St. Thomas' Mount, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput District, dated 12th February 1877.

I REGRET to state that on account of ill-health I am obliged to proceed to England some time towards the end of this or beginning of next month.

2. I am therefore under the necessity of giving over charge of the Guindy Relief-house, and, with your permission, I shall do so on the 17th February. Being the end of the week it will facilitate the handing over of the accounts.

3. I am happy to state that the Rev. J. Davies Thomas, who has come to reside at the Mount as my successor in Mission work, and who has about twenty years' experience of this country, is willing to take charge of the Guindy Relief-house and to carry it on on the same footing as I have done, giving his services gratuitously to that work.

4. I therefore would request that the Rev. J. Davies Thomas be authorized to take charge of the Guindy Relief-house from Saturday the 17th instant.

5. On looking over my accounts I find that up to Saturday the 10th instant 51,542 persons have been fed at a cost of Rupees 2,356-0-1; this is at the rate of a little less than 9 Pice per person. In the grand total is included the whole of the expenditure connected with the Guindy Relief-house since my starting it, whether it be the erecting of sheds, expenses of servants, or the feeding of the poor.

6. I am truly thankful that I have been permitted to do this little in helping to alleviate the wants of the poor.

7. As far as I can see and judge I fear that distress is spreading. For some time, at first, only the poor came to the Relief-house for food, but now I see those present who have become poor through the famine. These feel their position much, and gladly would escape the shame of coming as paupers to the Conjee-house, as the Relief-house is called by natives; but want and starvation drive them to this extreme. The condition of the Mahomedan women especially strikes me as the most deplorable. They are unable and unfit to gain their livelihood by labor, partly because they have never been expected to do any work, and partly because hunger and starvation make them unfit now to begin; and for them to have to come to the Conjee-house to get relief is almost more than their pride can stand. But they have no other means of relief, and with down-cast looks hundreds of Mahomedan women daily throng to the Relief-house to get their food.

8. I would take this opportunity of bringing before your notice the labors of five of my Catechists who, without remuneration, have been at work day and night at the Relief-house superintending the cooking and distribution of food. It is mainly owing to their exertions that I have been able to carry on the work. To do the work properly requires close attention and hard labor, and this these men have bestowed looking for no other reward than that caused by the pleasure of

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seeing the starving have their wants relieved. Their names are Nathaniel, Arokkieam, Nallatambi, Guanavolivo, and Thomasen. The first three especially have done the most work at the Relief-house.

9. I shall need about Rupees 100 more to the end of this week, and would, therefore, request that you would kindly place that amount at my disposal. Whatever balance is left I shall hand over to Mr. Thomas, if you approve of his being appointed as my successor at the Guindy Relief-house.

10. An early reply is respectfully requested.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board offer to the Rev. Mr. Schaffter their cordial thanks for the aid he has afforded in superintending the distribution of food, and beg he will convey the same to the Catechists whom he names as having assisted him. They accept thankfully Mr. Davies Thomas' offer to continue the work.

3. The Collector should entertain any establishment that may be necessary to help Mr. Thomas.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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CHINA CHERRON, 5th March 1877, No. 935A.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council desires that the Collector will convey to the Rev. Mr. Schaffter the high appreciation by the Government of his services while in charge of the Guindy Relief-house, and their thanks to the Rev. Mr. Thomas for taking Mr. Schaffter's place.

2. The Collector is authorised to offer the Native Catechists who assisted Mr. Schaffter a suitable remuneration for their services.

3. Mr. Barlow's attention is drawn to the condition of the Muhammadan women alluded to by Mr. Schaffter, and he will report whether the aid given to them is sufficient.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Handwritten: Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 28th February 1877.

No. 925
Read the following:

No. 120

From

R. W. Barlow Esquire
Collector of the Chingleput
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To H. C. Stokes Esquire
Ag. Secretary to the Board
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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated March, 5th.

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G.O. 5th March 1877. No. 985A.

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Nos. 154A-154B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 636A.

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Enclosure.

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St. Thomas Mount 2 I have &c
12th February 1773 / Signed / William P. Schaffter
(True copy)

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Witness
Secretary -

To The Adm^l Secretary to Government R.C.

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