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Famine Relief.

No. 286. Read the following letter fro
Assistant Collector of Salem, to
Secretary to Government, Madra
No. 325 :—

With reference to your demi-offi
yesterday (3rd March), I have the honor
I.—The 26 cases referred to were
of which 26 died.
II.—The deaths which occurred upp
of food. The poorer classes
some food, such as prickly-p
actually sustain life, the syst
and what is now known as
suffering from this require
No provision had been made
dinates were afraid to take the
camp diet.
III.—The impression that the 26
Tripatore camp died of starva
a sufficiency of food, but
disordered digestions. I pr
the subject to the Collecto
at the time were. Owing
&c., having been made to me
responsibility in meeting the
for sanction.

2. I should mention that the fact of
Tripatore was not a ground of complaint, a
he should have made arrangements for the
medical supervision of the camp during
although he had returned, as he told me, a
set out to visit the camp until I was retur
points on which I thought him to blame.

Enclosure

Extract from the weekly Report of the Head
Salem, dated 7th

In continuation of my despatch of yesterday
my orders on the 26th ultimo, the relief camp here
I inspected it. All those who were attacked while
so only one free case brought in from outside
treating such cases outbreaks of that sort. I
you will approve and sanction, both retrospectively
diet and regulations here stated, hospital tents, &c.

H. LEFANU, Esq., Acting Head
H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional
ited Tripatore, 4th March 1877.

the 28th ultimo, received only
follows :—
the total of cases was 37, out

wing to exhaustion from want
seen largely partaking of unwhole-
lose-pith, roots, &c. Although these
much lowered by such nourishment,
rning diarrhœa" sets in. Patients
careful nursing and generous diet.
this in the Camp Rules, and subor-
sponsibility of exceeding the normal

as suffering from cholera in the
is not a correct one. There was
the food suited to enfeebled and
three extracts from my letters on
ich will show what my impressions
provision in the scale of camp diet
ach a case, I had to act on my own
mediately reported such deviations

Pandidar having been absent from
his duty to inspect his taluq, but
transaction of his work which
absence. This and the fact that,
as on the previous day, but did not
from it the next morning, were the

dent Collector of Salem, to the Collector of
ruary 1877.

I am happy to inform you that the result of
is been that there have been no deaths since
ases are convalescent still alive and there
ty-eight of these cases could not have been
ave been helped by ordinary rules and I trust
& progressively, such extra expenditure on
I have been compelled to make in order to

deaths have totalled up since then, and the medical o[illegible] at last promised has not come. Harur, the vaunted sanitarium of the Uttankarai Taluq, has 103 lives out of a little more than 2,000 in a few weeks. Fifty deaths at Kadathur; close [illegible]ity at the little village of Ananthur; fifty or more in Kammenellur; twenty-six in a week at Harore; and so on."

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(True Extract) H. LeFANU,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

No. 287. Order thereon, 8th M[illegible]

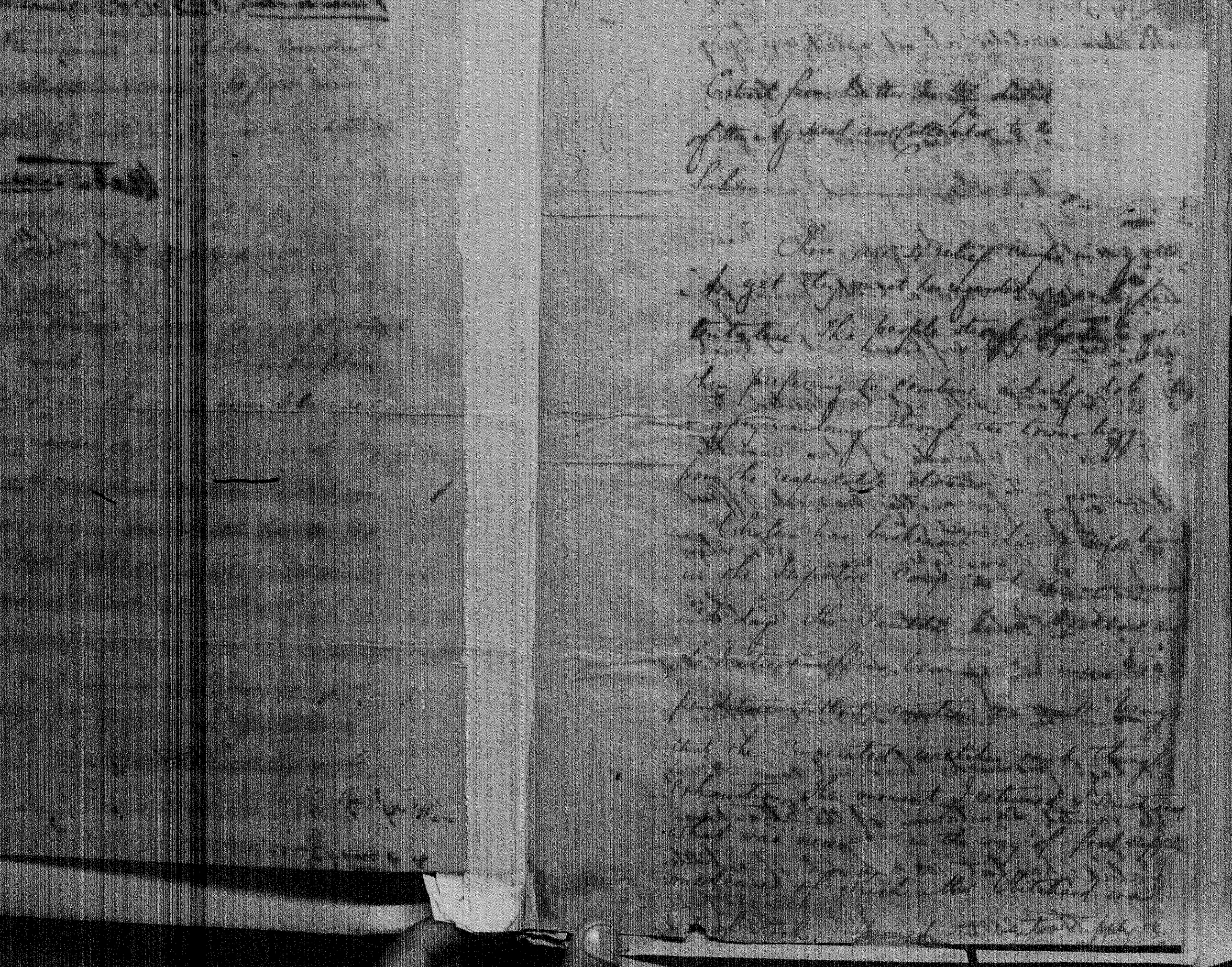
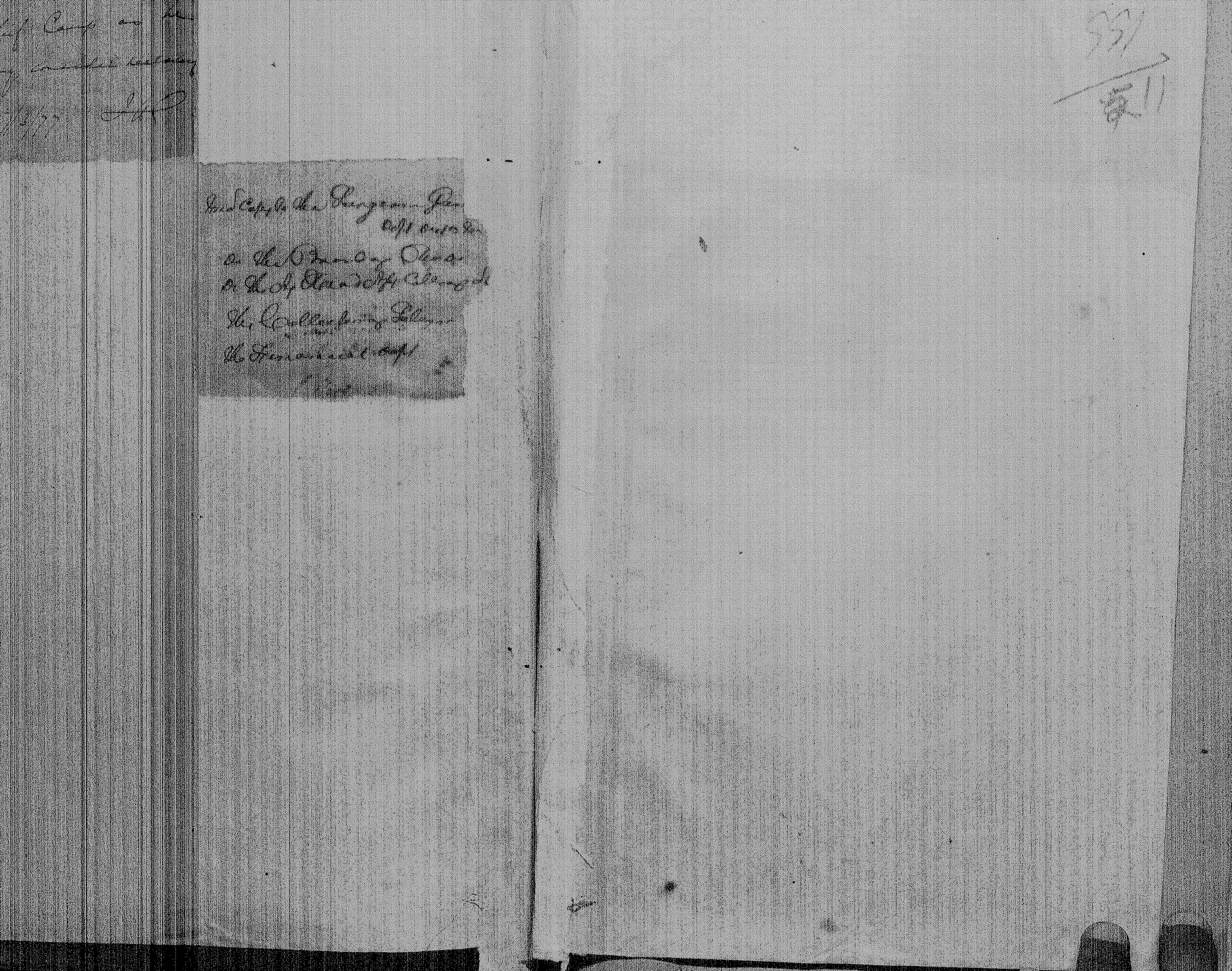
Miscellaneous.

No. 991.

Government have learnt the of the mortality which occurred to the of this case with much regret, and observe, however, with appreciation their ot but attribute a certain portion to the promptitude shown by Mr. LeFanu of the officers in charge. They

2. The papers above read will be communicated to the Revenue Board and to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department. A copy of the Revenue Board's Proceedings of the 14th ultimo will so be communicated to the latter officer, in view to such notice being taken of the conduct of the medical subordinates in charge of the Tripatoore Relief Camp as he may consider necessary.

(True Extract) J. H. GARSTIN,
(S. d) *Additional Secretary to Government.*

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department,
" the Board of Revenue,
" the Acting Head Assistant Collector at Salem,
" the Collector of Salem,
" the Financial Department.

[illegible] F. R. Hemingway.