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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th December 1878, F.R. No. 2,539.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 213. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary, dated Madras, 19th November 1878, No. 2,133.

Read the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. S. FENNELLY, D.D., Catholic Bishop of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th November 1878, No. 11.

I HAVE the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council a letter from the Rev. L. St. Cyr of Dindigul. Mr. St. Cyr has for many years maintained a very useful establishment, an Agricultural Orphanage, for native children at Dindigul. The orphanage buildings, which were intended for the accommodation of fifty children only, were found insufficient for the increased numbers who were maintained during the past year, and had to be enlarged at a cost of about Rs. 1,000. The cost of the buildings and the increased cost of maintaining so many children press heavily upon the slender resources of Mr. St. Cyr; he therefore appeals to Government for a grant-in-aid of the building outlay. He is encouraged to hope for a favorable reply to his petition by the general spirit in which a similar application from Pulney* was lately disposed of.

*G.O., F.R. No. 2,062, of 2nd October 1878.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Rev. LOUIS St. CYR, Catholic Missionary, Dindigul, to the Right Rev. Dr. S. FENNELLY, Lord Catholic Bishop of Madras, dated 11th November 1878.

I BEG to present to your Lordship, to be submitted, if you think proper, to the Government some considerations in regard to our Agricultural Orphanage of Dindigul. During the famine we maintained in our orphanage an average of 120 orphans or destitute children, and in the beginning of this month they numbered 118. They are fed and clothed in the establishment, and applied to agricultural works, according to their age and strength, so as to be accustomed to labor and be rendered able to support themselves hereafter. Six of them are taught carpenter's work.

2. From September 1877, we have received towards their maintenance grants from the Madras Famine Relief Committee, for which we are much thankful.

3. The original buildings of the orphanage were for an average of fifty boys. Their number having increased, some months to 130; and being now 118, we have been obliged to enlarge these buildings at an expense of nearly 400 Rs. Moreover, we have erected a new solid building measuring 102 feet by 14 feet which contains an infirmary for sick boys, a long open room which can be an eating and sleeping place, and a room for agricultural implements. This new structure costs about 600 Rs.

4. By the help of God the health of the orphans is good, and from September 1877 to the present time, only five of them, who came in a sad state of starvation, died.

5. If the Government would allow us some grant-in-aid towards covering at least a part of the expenses we have made in enlarging our old buildings and erecting a new structure, it would be a great help for us, for which we would be much thankful. Indeed, in these times of high prices we feel it much difficult to maintain so large a number of orphans and destitute children.

6. Therefore, I beg your Lordship to submit this statement and application to the Government with your Lordship's kind considerations.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 17TH DECEMBER 1878, No. 2,539.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department for disposal, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 2,062, dated 2nd October 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

F. No. 9,807.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th November 1878.

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

No. 214. Retransferred to the Revenue (Famine) Department with notes of Members of Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th December 1878.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 215.

ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1878, F.R. No. 2,539.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council regret that the curtailment of famine expenditure places it beyond his power now to make any further grant of the character of that applied for by the Rev. Mr. St. Cyr.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Garstin
Additional Secretary to Government

To the Revenue Department. ✓
" the Educational Department.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Right Rev. Dr. S. Fennelly.

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To

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THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated December 17th.

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Encl.

G.O., 17th December 1878, P.R. No. 2,539.

DECEMBER,
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