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Famine Relief.

No. 1-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1877, No. 1,242:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Yerradukera, 10th March 1877, No. 174:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd ultimo, requiring a report on the system on which gratuitous relief was being afforded in the several taluqs of this district, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. The Sub-Collector had for purposes of gratuitous relief cut up each of his taluqs into from six to twelve groups of villages and made one principal village a centre of distribution for each group. He had fixed 4 per cent. of the population as the maximum proportion of persons who might be gratuitously relieved. The rations were half a seer (about 1 lb.) of cooked food to each adult and a quarter of a seer to each child. No other form of gratuitous relief was afforded. He reports that the whole business was placed in the hands of the Reddy and that he had no staff to supervise their operations systematically, but he thinks that these Reddies may be relied on as for this particular matter as they are not likely to be very unreasonably, knowing full well that it would be a case of cheating the poor as well as Government.

3. The Head Assistant Collector reports that at the time to which paragraph 2 of the Proceedings refers, the system of gratuitous relief obtaining in his taluqs was to send grain to village officers in charge of relief kitchens who employed the necessary cooking establishment, made the distribution of cooked food, selected the recipients, and furnished the accounts and returns to the Taluq Cutcherries. The only check practicable was constant inspection. The quantities of cooked food to be distributed being fixed at $\frac{3}{4}$ seer (adults) $\frac{2}{3}$ seer (young persons) and $\frac{1}{6}$ seer (very young children); an arithmetical check of the accounts was also obtainable by comparison of the number of seers of grain used with the number of persons fed daily. He reports that this has been all changed, and the system now prescribed is that laid down in G.O., No. 515, dated 5th February 1877.

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5. The Deputy Collector, Anantapur Division, reports that there were three relief houses in his division under the daily supervision of the Revenue officials of the taluq. Old and infirm and destitute children under age and travellers without means of livelihood were the only persons admitted to the relief institutions and received cooked food at two balls daily for adults and one for children. The balls were made at four per seer, and distributed with a sufficient quantity of "Chatni." Cholum was used as food in the institutions. The quantity of grain was supplied daily by the taluq officials by means of purchases made in the local markets; the accounts of the daily receipts and expenditure were regularly kept.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd April 1877.*

6. The Deputy Collector, Bellary Division, had, with my approval, issued certain rules to the Tahsildars in his division for the management of relief houses, copy of which was submitted to the Board with my letter, No. 41, dated 24th January last.

7. These systems have all been superseded by that ordered by Government lately in G.O., No. 515, dated 5th February. It was impossible before that to have a uniform system when none had been prescribed either by the Board or by Government.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The diversity of system which prevailed is to be regretted; but clear orders as to the method of administering gratuitous relief having now been issued, uniformity and method will be introduced. The Collector is requested to see that the orders of Government are observed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 1-B.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1877, No. 1,286-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. F. R. Bantlemen

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.
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To
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Dated April, 2nd

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G.O., 2nd April 1877, No. 1286-A.

APRIL.
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FAMINE RELIEF, No. 877

Gratuitous Relief afforded in the Bellary District
—Recording Board's Proceedings submitting Col-
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 19th March 1877, No. 1242

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To
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