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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 380-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1877, No. 1,477:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kundurpee, 22nd March 1877, No. 218:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. —, dated the 7th, and No. —, dated the 9th instant, on the subject of the excessive number of laborers in the Adoni Taluq, I have the honor to forward copy of a report, No. 80, dated the 17th instant, from the Sub-Collector.

2. As the Board are aware Mr. W. B. Oldham, of the Bengal Service, is now in charge of the taluq. He has two officers under him, Captain Hamilton and Mr. Alexander.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 17th March 1877, No. 80.

With reference to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, of 8th instant, Revenue Department, paragraph 2, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.

2. In the first place the Board observe that the excessive numbers in the Adoni and Alur Taluqs were still not satisfactorily explained.

3. As to the causes of peculiarly wide-spread real distress in Adoni I have already written at length. As to the *increase of numbers* subsequent to the middle of January, I beg to state that on about the 20th January (as my file of orders is just now with Mr. Oldham I cannot give the precise date) I issued a Circular to Taluq Relief Officers, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, Superintendents, and Assistant Superintendents ordering immediate large reductions by weeding and describing the process. Nor did I content myself with written orders. I repeatedly lectured the Tahsildar on the subject. I had to leave Adoni on 2nd February.

4. On the 7th February at Gooty I received information which led to my despatching on that day the following telegram to Captain Hamilton:—

“Tahsildar reports 86,000 coolies, that is increase of 11,000 since reduction ordered. Enforce immediate large reductions. Prohibit Maistries and Revenue Inspectors from admitting coolies.”

5. Yet after *this*, though duly communicated to the Tahsildar, the numbers ran up within a few days to 88,000.

6. Secondly, the Board remark that it was evident that there had been much fraud.

7. To show that I had done what I could to awaken the Tahsildar, the Superintendents, and Assistant Superintendents to the risk of fraud and to make them take the right way to check it, I submit the following extracts from Circulars dated only a few day before (on the 17th February) I began my own extensive raids in person upon the Maistries. Be it noted that here again I had not confined myself to written orders, but had scores of times lectured the Tahsildar, the Superintendents, &c., on the necessity for frequent scrutiny of gangs and books.

I.—Extract from Circular to Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. Copies to Taluq Relief Officers and Tahsildars, dated 26th January 1877.

“Paragraph 2. You must make a point of occasionally mustering a gang and seeing that all are present If you detect a Maistry in any tricks suspend him and enter the circumstances in your diary. Any dishonesty on the part of the paying establishment must be the subject of an immediate brief report to the Tahsildar. Notice the circumstance in your diary.”

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II.—*Extract from Circular to Taluq Relief Officers, dated 30th January 1877.*

"The Sub-Collector requests the special attention of the Taluq Relief Officers to the necessity of taking strong measures simultaneously every where with the Maistries. Of all classes that we have had to deal with, the Maistries have been found the worst. They have generally been drawn from the classes * * *. Most prone to trickery of all sorts. * * *. There is no doubt that they have in many cases been guilty of corruption."

8. I humbly trust that it is clear that I am not fully responsible for the two successive increases in numbers. I passed a clear and emphatic order. The reverse of what I ordered was done. I remonstrated by telegraph and repeated my order. A second time the reverse of what I ordered was done.

9. As to the fraud on the part of the Maistries, my warning was emphatic, and recent, and was a repetition of very many previous warnings. The efficacy of the check I prescribed and the fact that it had never been applied were sufficiently proved by the circumstance that when I myself applied the check to eight Maistries' gangs (about 2,000 people) in order, on a work taken at random, I detected seven Maistries in two kinds of fraud, for one of which they are now committed to the Court of Session.

10. I respectfully submit that strengthening a staff composed of men like the Adoni Tahsildar Pampapathy Row, and Pensioner Dore on whose road I detected the frauds above mentioned, is a multiplication of broken reeds to lean upon. A very able Bengal Officer is now in charge of Adoni Taluq. Previously Sir Richard Temple's two visits had galvanized even Pampapathy Row into exertions which led to reductions of numbers. Moreover, Captain Hamilton, Mr. Oldham, Public Works Department, and I had made our raids upon the Maistries, so that when I gave over charge of Adoni Taluq a good deal of the rough work had been done. I trust I shall be excused for taking this last opportunity of attempting to show that it was not for want of exertions on my part or because I was over-trustful that in my time at Adoni numbers rose excessively and fraud was rampant.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for information of Government, with reference to G.O., dated 20th March 1877, No. 1,161.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 380-B.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1877, No. 1,453-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government do not consider Mr. Glenny's explanation satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Financial Department.

Ed. T. D. Ryan.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 2^d April 1877 No. 1477.

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G.O., 17th April 1877, No. 1453-A.

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PAHINE KELLEY, No. 977-B.

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Submitted

Submitted for information of Government
with reference to Government Order 20th
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Secretary

To, The Additional Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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C. P. M.

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