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Famine Relief.

No. 392. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1877, No. 1,576 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 19th March 1877, No. 551.

With reference to Board's foot-note, dated 10th March 1877, to G.O., No. 917, dated 3rd March 1877, I have the honor to report that, in consideration of the existing state of this district, I do not yet consider that the system of village relief should be introduced throughout the whole district.

2. The persons who chiefly demand relief are those that immigrate from the adjoining districts of Nellore and Kurnool, where distress of a more severe type is prevailing. A large number, estimated at from 150 to 300, of these famine-stricken people, have gathered at Guntoor, and, as has been reported, I have made arrangements for their relief under the supervision of the Sub-Collector, which, I believe, are similar to those

of Repalli to the effect that a few village relief works were at once started in their neighborhood, to be done out of Local Funds, for those who were able to earn their livelihood by labor. The aged and infirm are relieved by private charity at the poor-houses established at Nizampatam and Kaitépalli. There is also a poor-house established by private charity in the town of Masulipatam.

4. The people from Nellore and Kurnool come straggling by roundabout ways to Guntoor, passing through several villages of this district. It is this class of people that are at present in need of relief; and under the spirit of G.O., No. 515, dated 5th February 1877, I have requested the Sub-Collector to advance the Munsifs of villages, on the lines by which from inquiry, he may find people come, 2 Rupees each at a time to be replenished by a similar advance as soon as it is expended. I have also issued orders to the Acting Head Assistant and General Deputy Collectors to make similar advances to the Munsifs of such villages as may require relief, more especially the villages which are on the lines of road from famished districts, when they find a necessity.

5. I do not desire to place Village Munsifs in funds, unless there is really a necessity for it in a village or group of villages, lest I should be holding out a premium to needless expenditure and fraud.

6. Taking into consideration the present state of the people, I have not thought it necessary to entertain an additional establishment of either Revenue Inspectors or

Deputy Tahsildars* for the supervision of village relief. Should there be any occasion for it, I shall make the necessary

arrangements according to the instructions laid down by the Board and Government.

* Except for the Commamore Channel Extension Relief-house.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board agree with the Collector in thinking that there is no necessity to organize extensive village relief in the Kistna District. Measures to relieve the starving immigrants from other places are alone wanted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 393.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1877, No. 1,459.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the
Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN

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

Ed. A. Grubert and A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 9th April 1877

Read the following:—

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From,

G. B. Lemau Esquire

Collector Kristna District

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the Board of
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Nos. 392-38

G.O. 17th April 18

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THE BOARD OF

REVENUE

Govt. of 1877

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arrangements to start a relief camp there, under the supervision of the Sub-Collector, which I believe is now complete. In no case in this District are the circumstances similar to those spoken of in the G.O.; for, at both works the pay is more liberal than the bare subsistence allowance of the Southern Districts. At the camp near Santaravur there is a relief House under the supervision of the Tahsildar of Baptha on special duty to

to which all the people
of the neighbouring villages
can resort.

3. I have not received
any reports indicating that
the villages any where are
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Kistna District Collector's
Office
Maulipatana
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W. H. Leman
Secretary

To

The Adly Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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