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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 686A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1877, No. 1,815:—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq. Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Manamadura, 9th April 1877, No. 218.

* 6th April 1877, No. 119.
7th " " " 225.
6th " " " 46.

I HAVE the honor to submit the progress reports* of relief-works in Ramnad, Madura, Tirumungalum, and Pereacolum for March.

2. In Ramnad all alarms regarding the return of the emigrants have proved groundless, and Mr. Lee-Warner is disgusted at the small numbers on his works. The numbers could be increased by offering work very close to every village in South Ramnad. Good work has been done, and there are still several months to pass before the famine here will be at an end.

3. The work done by the Deputy Collector in Madura is as usual quite satisfactory. The wages for men may be 1 Pie too high if prices in Madura town be taken, but we are doing the Public Works Department work 16 per cent. below their regular estimates. The real secret of limiting numbers on relief-works is not in starving the laborers, but in making them do hard work for a wage sufficient for their maintenance. In speaking of relief-works the Deputy Collector follows the persons.

4. In Tirumungalum the work is done at or about the rates entered in the regular estimates. In Madura Taluq the people are allowed to form their own gangs, while in Tirumungalum they are organized for them. The advantage of letting them form their own gangs is that the strong do not complain of having to work for the weaker in order to complete the gang's task, but when numbers are large it is impossible.

5. In Pereacolum it is now nearly certain that nothing will be necessary except gratuitous relief to the ordinary poor of the country.

6. The work done shows that the condition of the people on the works is good.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 4.—Progress Reports.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 to 6.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. It is clear that distress in the district is not nearly so severe as was at one time anticipated would be the case, and it is to be hoped that it will not now increase. If the people were in serious want they would come in larger numbers to the relief-works.

3. These are evidently being fairly well managed, and tasks are rigorously exacted. But the scale of wages in the Deputy Collector's division is not in accord-

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27th April 1877.*

ance with that sanctioned, though the rates are probably not in excess of those that would be paid under the orders issued. In the Tirumungalum Taluq piece-works seems to be in force. The Collector should cause the orders to be exactly followed.

4. The periodical report for the sub-division is awaited.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 686 B.

ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1877, No. 1,583 A.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are glad to find that there are grounds for hope that the anticipated increase of distress is not likely to be realized in Madura. The Collector's ideas on the subject of relief-works are sound.

(True Extract.)

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

Govt. of 1871
REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
Do, do, do.

Dated April, 21st.
Recd. End.

G.O. 21st April 1871, No. 1,583A.

APRIL
No. 683A-683B.

FARMING REVENUE, No. 1,011A.

Relief-works to Farmers' Madras District.
Expressing gratification at there being grounds to
hope that the anticipated increase of distress
not likely to be realized in Madras, and observing
that the Collector's ideas on the subject of relief
works are sound.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of
~~Madras~~ - Revenue

Dated 20th April 1877

M. G. R. No. 3948 Read the following No. 218

From W. M. L. Dubae Esquire
Collector of
Madras

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

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W. D. M.
Secretary

To add see? to Govt. B. D. with 6
original encls? to be returned.

W. D. M.

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Board of Revenue
dated 20th April 1877
Aug 21
Sep 20
on 6 Oct

Submitting for the
information of Govt
letters from the collector
of Madras submitting
the progress reports
of the lieutenants in
Ramanath de. for hand
1877.

With Order

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