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Famine Relief.

No. 698-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1877, No. 1,799 :—

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sidhout, 2nd April 1877, [illegible] No. 539 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward a copy of a letter* received from the Acting Sub-Collector and to earnestly beg that the Board will be pleased to allow us in this district to return to the system of paymasters which I had introduced and which was working very well.

* Dated 30th March 1877, No. 662.

2. There is but one opinion amongst the officers who have spoken or written to me on the subject, and it is one in which I fully concur, viz., that the system of paying through gangsmen, though theoretically simple enough, is, in regard to famine operations, practically exceedingly troublesome and unsatisfactory and no saving to the coolies.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapally, 30th March 1877, No. 662.

REFERRING to your letter, No. 493, dated 24th and 27th March, I have the honor to state that all my subordinates agree with me that it is perfectly impossible to pay the wages to the different gangsmen unless paymasters are entertained.

2. The gangs are at work at distances varying from one to thirty miles from the Taluq Treasury. If payments have to be made every second or third day there must be sums of money kept on the spot where the gangs are working. If there are no paymasters, who is to take charge of this money? Again, the money comes out to the gang in a lump sum: if there is no paymaster, who is to distribute it to the different gangsmen? Your orders are that the Superintendent who certifies to the measurement of the work is to have nothing to do with the payment. The practice hitherto has been to entrust the payment to Revenue Inspectors and Taluq Gumastahs or village servants. A large number of the first class of servants are now in custody or in jail on account of peculations connected with these payments, and the remainder you have suggested should be withdrawn from famine work in view to the approaching Jamabundy. As regards the second class of servants I am continuing to use them as paymasters, but they cannot be spared. They are all urgently required in the taluq offices, and their absence only entails arrears of office work. As regards the village servants, with a few honorable exceptions, I believe there is not an honest one in the division; we could of course revert the system of paying through them, but in that case I hope I shall not be held responsible for the frauds which I know will be committed.

3. I am aware of the scattered nature of my works adds greatly to my difficulties in seeing that the pay is regularly distributed, but it is too late to alter that now. The works are there and the money has to be got out to them.

4. I am really sorry to seem obstructive in this matter, and it has the appearance as if I were unwilling to carry out your orders, but after much anxious discussion with several of my Assistants I can honestly arrive at no other conclusion than that without paymasters it will be impossible to pay the gangs.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Special Assistant Collector,
for Acting Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th April 1877.

THERE are no orders that the Board are aware of for making gangsmen paymasters or for doing away with the latter class of officers. The orders referred to are apparently those directing payment to be made to a representative of a gang; and by G.O., No. 1,241, dated 26th March 1877, the adoption of this plan is left to the Collector's discretion.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 698-B. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1877, No. 1,589-A.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Encl. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated April, 1877.

Read.

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G.O., 28th April 1877, No. 1,038-A.

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APRIL.

Nos. 608-A—608-D.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,047-A.

Making Gratuitous Payments in Guddapah District—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on letter from the Collector on this subject.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dt. 20th April 1877.

Read the following

Extract No. 639.

From. J. F. Price Esquire
as Collector of Cuddapah

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

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter* dated 30th March 1877 No. 662 received from the Asst. Collector and to earnestly beg that the Board will be pleased to allow me to alter this District to return to the system of Paymasters which I

I have introduced and which was working very well.

2. There is but one opinion amongst the Officers who have spoken or written to me on the subject, and it is one in which I fully concur, viz. that the system of paying through gang men though theoretically simple enough is, in regard to Famine operations, practically exceedingly trouble-some, and unsatisfactory and no saving to the Public.

I have &c.

Addapah
Collectrs Office
Camp Sidhout
2d April 1877

Sd/ J. B. Macbarkie
Special Asst Collector
for As Collector

Enclosure

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No 662

From, J. B. Gribble Esquire
as Sub Collector of
Cuddapah

To. J. F. Price Esquire
as Collector of
Cuddapah.

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Cuddapah
2nd Collectors
Office
Camp. Madanapalle
27. 30th March/77

I have &c
(Sd) J. D. B. Gribble
Asst. Sub Collector

(True Copy)

(Sd) C. F. MacCartie
Special Asst. Collector
for Asst. Collector

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(True Copies & Extract)

/Sd/ H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To. The Collector of Cuddapah

/True Copy/

H. Stokes
Secretary

To. The Addl. Secretary to Govt.
R. D.

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28 April 1877

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