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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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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, No. 139:—

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

* Dated 30th March 1877, No. 662.

district to return to the system of paymasters which I had 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 gangsmen, though theoretically simple enough, is, in regard to famine operations, practically exceedingly troublesome and unsatisfactory and no saving to the coolies.

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or in jail on account of peculations connected with these payments, and the remainder you have suggested should be withdrawn from famine work in view to the approaching Jamabundy.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 now 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 these 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
27th 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. GARSTEN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

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

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

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 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 20 April 1877
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Extra No. 639.

From J. J. Price Esquire
 Ag Collector of Cuddalore

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
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Cuddapah
Collector's Office
Camp Siddhant
2^d April 1877

Edw. J. Macbarrick
Special Asst Collector
for As Collector

Enclosure

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Cuddapah
Sub Collector's
Office
Camp. Madanapally
8/30 March/77

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Asst. Sub Collector

(True Copy)

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(True Copy & Extract)

Sd/ H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To. The Collector of Coimbatore

[True Copy]

W. H. S.

Secretary

To. The Adl. Secretary to Govt.
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Proceedings of the

Board of Messrs

of 20 April 1877

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Submitting Letter

from the Collector

and the State

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for making surveys
any more than the
other States is left to
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W. H. Wood
28 June 1877