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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
30th April 1877

Famine Relief.

No. 727. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1877:—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vrdupatti, 27th March 1877, No. 191.

IN reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 15th March 1877, I have the honor to state that I think that relief-works might be closed in this district for the present, at all events from the 1st April. I have ascertained from the District Engineer that he will be able to go on with a larger number of irrigation works from the ordinary grants than are now being executed as relief-works after the 1st of April in the ordinary way, and I think this will suffice for the present. A large number, probably not less than 70,000 to 1,00,000 of the poorest of our population have emigrated to Ceylon, and unless they return there is no probability at present of any large number resorting to relief-works. It is not improbable, however, that many of them will now return as employment is becoming difficult to obtain in Ceylon, and cholera has broken out there. The Ceylon Government are considering the propriety of opening relief-works for the employment of South Indian emigrants.

2. I would ask permission to open relief-works again, whenever I find that step necessary, and to continue the system of village inspection as proposed by the Board and the relief-camps for those who are unable to work; and I request instructions whether I am to carry out the Government Order to advance money to every Munsiff for village relief, or to continue the present system under which Munsiffs are bound to relieve, for the few days necessary before they send to a relief camp, any persons without food, submitting a bill to the Tahsildar for recovery of expenses. I fear a considerable waste of money if the Government Order is carried out literally.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., 3rd March 1877, No. 929.

2. The Board are of opinion, notwithstanding the increase in number on relief-works since the Collector wrote, which is ascribed to return of emigrants, that relief-works might be safely closed in Tinnevely. The recent rains have much improved prospects, and there is sufficient provision in the ordinary public works for which no means are now available. The relief-houses which have been opened and the village inspection afford ample provision for relief of the destitute and security against deaths by starvation; and the Board do not think that there is any necessity for advances of funds to village Munsiffs for village relief.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
30th April 1877.*

No. 728.

ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1877, No. 1,500-77.

Miscellaneous.

The Government consider that under the present circumstances of the district there is no longer any reason for maintaining relief-works in Tinnevely, as the ordinary agricultural works of the year will afford employment for those needing it.

2. Advances of money need not be made to Village Munsiffs as the Collector appears to consider them unnecessary.

(True Extract.)

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

Board of Revenue.  
Accountant-General.  
Financial Department.  
Public Works Department.

R. Bantleman.

Relief works in Travancore District. - Indicating that under the present circumstances of the district, there is no longer any reason for maintaining as the ordinary agricultural works of the year will afford employment for these men.

EXAMINE ELLIOTT, No. 1084-C.

APRIL.  
Nos. 797-728.

6th April 1877, No. 1600-C.

Dated April 30th.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue  
Dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 1877.  
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Acting Collector  
To Mr. E. Stokes Esquire  
Secretary to the Board of  
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I am very  
Sincerely, Col. J. J. Stuart  
Cutchery, Verdupati  
27<sup>th</sup> March 1877 Acting Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference  
to G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1877, No 929.

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W. J. J. Stuart

Secretary.

To the add. Secretary to Government Rev. Secy.

W. J. J. Stuart

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Dr. J. M. Boardman  
Oct 17 1877  
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Submitting to Rev. Boardman  
Oct 17 1877 stating that the money  
was in the office of the  
Rev. Mr. Boardman and should  
again when it is necessary.

With order  
Oct 30 1877 12 1500

Oct 30 1877  
6 3500  
5 2500  
21 2500  
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