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**Famine Relief.**

No. 745. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1877 :—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. R. FARMER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Cumbum, dated 3rd April 1877, No. 829.

In letters from this office, dated the 17th and 20th ultimo, numbered 679 and 685 respectively, you were requested to give effect to G.O., dated 31st January, No. 329, by introducing the lower scale of wages therein laid down, as has been done in all other parts of the district.

2. From the returns received from your taluqs for the week ending the 31st March no alteration appears to have been made.

3. The inevitable result will not only be that your taluqs will again be flooded with coolies, but you will experience the utmost difficulty in carrying out G.O., dated 7th March 1877, No. 967, Revenue Department, as nothing short of absolute coercion will induce coolies to leave the highly-paid work near their villages and resort to harder work at a distance, viz., the Nellore Canal.

4. I enclose copy of a letter from Mr. Clogstoun, dated 2nd instant, No. 98, from which you will perceive that at least 10,000 coolies will leave his section for the Nellore Canal within the next few days. Probably a similar number will leave Mr. Gibson's section shortly, so that I shall feel greatly disappointed if, during the course of the next few days, I do not hear from you that your quota of from 10,000 to 15,000 at least have started for Kottapatam, as, unless your gangs precede those from the other sections, I am afraid there will be much confusion and crowding.

5. Should you not already have done so, I must now request you without any further demur to reduce your rates forthwith to the lower scale of wages sanctioned in Government Order already quoted, based on the price of cholum, raggy, or other cheap grain available instead of rice. I further request you to adopt one uniform rate only in your taluqs and to complete your arrangements for forwarding a large contingent of coolies from your own division to the Nellore Canal.

6. I regret to have to inform you that I have already received intimation from the Collector of Nellore that 531 Cumbum coolies have left the canal work at Kanapurthy with the intention of returning to their homes, and it is quite certain that, unless your rates of wages are reduced *at once*, many of the coolies who are leaving this part of the district will remain in your division. Thus the object of Government will be partially defeated, the efforts now being made here will be frustrated, and instead of our getting rid of thousands of coolies at the most critical juncture, we shall have them detained in the Cumbum Division, where they will be a constant source of trouble and anxiety.

7. Under paragraph 16 of the Government Order already quoted, you should set about organizing an establishment for passing on without any delay or confusion the gangs sent from here and for recruiting and arranging in gangs, registering and starting those from your own division. Perhaps at first you may find it necessary to place a European in charge of the establishment.

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Enclosure No. 1.

From H. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 2nd April 1877, No. 98.

Referring to paragraph 6 of your endorsement on Proceedings of Government, No. 967, dated 7th March 1877, I have the honor to state that 5,000 coolies in fifty gangs, each of 100, all drawn from the relief works in the Ramalkota Taluq either as volunteers or by selection, are now in readiness to start for Nellore to work on the East Coast Canal.

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

2. I have issued orders that an equal number of coolies shall be drawn from the works in the Koilkuntla Taluq, and these coolies will doubtless be ready to start before the end of the week.

(True Copy)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

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No. 334.

SUBMITTED to Board of Revenue with reference to this office telegram, dated 7th April 1877.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

KURNOOL,
7th April 1877.

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SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The Board have noticed in successive relief reports the continued payments of higher wages in the Cumbum Division than was santed by the orders of Government. It is observed from the report for the 7th April that wages in Cumbum have been reduced. Those in Markapur are not reported.

3. The Board are of opinion that Mr. Farmer should be informed that unless he obeys without cavil or delay the orders he receives from his Collector in future he will incur the serious displeasure of Government.

4. He should be called upon for explanation in the present case for submission to the Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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No. 746. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1877, No. 1,600-L.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government notice with displeasure Mr. Farmer's delay in giving effect to their orders.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Govt. of {1877} Madras.
REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 20th.

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G.O., 20th April 1877, No. 1,000-L.

APRIL.
Nos. 745-746.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,05•-L.

Introduction of the Scale of Wages in the Mel Amaut Collector's Division in the Kurnool District—Nothing with displeasure Mr. Palmer's delay in giving effect to G.O., 31st January, No. 829.

No. 1818 Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 20th April 1877.

Read the following

Board's R. No. 3840 No. 829

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The Acting Collector

Kurnool

To

The Acting Head Assistant Collector

Cumbum

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Kurnool Collrs Office (I have &c)
30 April 1877 31 S. R. Davidson
Ag Collector

(True copy)

No 334

Submitted to the Board of Rev.

with Reference to this Office Telegram

dated 7th April 1877

Kurnool Collrs Office
9th April 1877

Sd/ R. Davidson
Ag Collector

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Enclosure

No 98

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The Special Asstt Collector
Kurnool

To Ag
The Collector of
Kurnool

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Special asstt
Collectors Office
Kurnool 2d April 77

Sd/ Herbert Blagstaun
Special asstt Collr

(True copy)
Sd/ R Davidson
Ag Collector

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(Issue Copy & Contract)

V Rustra
Secretary

To
The additional Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Cancd WMS

10,000—7-10-70.

Rev. 1877 Dept
No. 2761

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Dated 20 April 1877
Recd 21 do 1877

Submitting to Govt
with remarks
a letter from the Collector
of Kurnool requesting
Mr Farmer to do his
best to give effect to
G. O. of 31st January 77
No 329

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With order