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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th December 1876.*

No. 323. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1876, No. 3,074:—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 30th November 1876, No. 411:—

I have the honor to inform you that, as far as present accounts go, people are arriving from the Salem and Madura districts at from 50 to 100 a day to be fed in the Rajah's Chattrams in this district.

2. The practice in this district is for the Chattram Managers to have authority to give food to travellers for three days and no more, and to take in no one permanently without an order from this office, which is only given after my being personally satisfied that the applicant is too old or feeble to maintain himself or herself, and being satisfied on inquiry that the applicant is not refused to persons who are in a position in life to maintain them.

3. I have ordered the Chattram Managers not to depart from these rules, for otherwise I fear two evils; one that there will be a very wide opening for abuse of Chattram Funds by the Managers, and the other that the natural result of indiscriminate charity can only be to encourage idleness, and that we should very soon have the district swamped with not only its own idlers but also with those from the surrounding districts. This seems to have been the result of the indiscriminate though well-meaning charity of certain natives in Madras.

4. The consequence of my orders will be that all applicants from this or other districts will not without an order from me get more than three days' food, and will be referred to me by the Chattram Managers. Great numbers of them will probably have to be refused permanent admission on the ground of their being unworthy applicants. For these it is desirable that we should have relief works ready to offer them.

5. This is therefore an additional reason why some of the large works recommended in my letter, No. 4,200, dated 22nd November 1876, should be commenced at once.

6. Whether there are any relief works in Madura and Salem I know not, but this would seem a reason why they should provide for their own poor. To save time I have therefore taken the liberty to send a copy of this letter to those two Collectors that they may be aware of the fact that their poor are commencing to flock here.

7. I am afraid of this flooding, but it should bring back the cholera from which we have suffered so grievously for two weary years.

Statement to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 30th ultimo, No. 3,079.

2. In times of scarcity when prices range high institutions where food is distributed gratuitously will of course become the centres of attraction, and the Collector's action in taking steps to guard against the abuse of the charity is approved.

3. In regard to the necessity of providing work for persons who may be denied relief at the Rajah's Chattrams the course indicated in the Board's Proceedings above quoted should be followed. Relief works are now being carried on in the Puhli and Madurai Taluqs of the Madura district, and Mr. Herdell has been requested to push on Local Fund works, for which there seem to be ample funds in Melur, Madura,

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(A. H. S. and Extract.)

(Signed) H. M. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 321. Grant received 14th December 1876, No. 2035.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are of opinion that endeavour should be made to induce the Managers to limit the charitable gift to one day's food, and to exercise some discrimination in respect of able-bodied men. They should be informed that such a limitation would really make the charity more beneficial by enabling it to dispense relief to a larger number of people who are really deserving objects of charity.

(The Editor.)

(Signed) D. P. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

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

Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 5th December 1876.
 No. 4644
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 To H. C. Stokes Esq
 Secretary to the Board of
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Submitted to Government in con-
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30th October 1876

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Copy of the
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dated 11 Dec 1876
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2. Journal
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