

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 289

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Dated 3rd February 1869

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd February 1869.*

No. 50. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department—Public,) to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, dated Fort William, 23rd December 1868, No. 4,978.—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 982A, dated 12th instant, respecting the prospects of the season in the North-Western Provinces, and forwarding a Notification of an appeal made by His Honor to the public for charitable aid towards the support of the helpless poor in those parts of the Provinces where the calamity of drought is most pressing.

2. It is stated in the Notification that the support of the sick and aged, the young and tender, and the infirm, must be mainly the care of private charity, and that contributions for these will receive an equivalent from the Government. But the Governor General in Council is doubtful whether the appeal will be adequately responded to, or at any rate whether the amount of contributions it is likely to call forth can be wholly depended on. While, therefore, the Governor General in Council entirely approves of the intention to raise, from private sources of charity, as large a sum as may be possible, he considers it necessary that the Government should distinctly recognize its own full liability for the support of the really helpless. The assistance afforded by Government as a contribution on the part of the State should not, therefore, be limited to an equivalent of the sums raised from private sources. District Officers should be desired, without respect to the sums contributed by private charity, to make such advances for food as may be necessary to support life in those who are unable to work.

3. With regard to the provision of labor for those who are able to work, His Excellency in Council has noticed with much satisfaction the Resolution of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Public Works Department, No. 780A, dated 11th instant, conveying to the local officers particular instructions on this point.

4. In all measures of relief the primary object is the prevention of suffering, and this object should be kept in view, even though in some cases the aid afforded by Government and the charitable may be wasted on those for whom it is not primarily intended.

No. 4,980.

Government of Madras,
of Bombay,
" " of Bengal,
" " of Punjab.

Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces,
Oude.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Commissioner of Coorg.

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department and to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for information.

(Signed) A. HOWELL,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1869, No. 289.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, and to all Collectors.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WIGRAM,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, all Collectors.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

Govt. of 1869; Madras.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, Secy.

Dated February, 3rd.

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Distress in North-Western Provinces.—
Appeal for charitable aid towards the support of
the helpless poor, communicated to Revenue Board,
and to all Collectors.

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of Revenue and to all
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3^d ^{July} ~~Jan~~ 1869.

Read the following
letter from the Off^r Secy.
to the Gov^t of India.

Forwarding for informa-
tion copy of a letter to the Secy.
to the Gov^t of the N. W. Provinces
approving of the intention
of that Gov^t to appeal to the
public for charitable aid towards
the support of the helpless poor
in those parts of the Provinces
where the calamity of drought
is most pressing.

(H. C. 23^d Dec^r / 68 h. 1700)

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