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Miscellaneous.

ORDERS have been recently issued strictly enforcing economy in the conduct of the Government relief works

and reducing to a certain extent the wages paid on them.

2. Under these orders those actually employed will receive a payment which will give them a bare subsistence; but the Government desire to raise the Collectors of districts and the officers in charge of relief-works that in the crowds which flock to the works there is almost always a proportion who, from age, infirmity, or infancy, are unable to work, and who must starve if left unprovided for.

3. There is also another class of destitute persons who, coming from other provinces or distant districts in search of relief, are attracted towards large towns in the hope that public or private charity will aid them. To these may also be added the infirm paupers of towns whose relatives being unable themselves longer to do anything to support them are in a state of extreme destitution.

4. For all of these classes His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that systematic relief is needed. He, therefore, resolves to instruct the Collectors of the districts in which the most severe distress prevails to submit proposals for opening relief camps in the neighbourhood of their principal towns in which those who are actually destitute and unable to work can be fed and sheltered, and receive the medical aid of which they may stand urgently in need.

5. The camps will consist of leaf and bamboo sheds pitched upon open ground near the towns and in the vicinity of wholesome drinking water.

6. None but cooked food will be given, no money-payments will be allowed and the recipients will, whenever pronounced fit for work, be sent to the nearest relief-works.

7. As regards those who, as described above, are followers of those employed on the relief-works, there are two ways in which they can be provided for: they can be fed and housed in relief camps centrally situated in taluqs or sub-divisions of taluqs, or they can be protected in the immediate neighbourhood of each particular work. It will be for the Collectors of districts to carefully consider and recommend for sanction the number and position of these central camps.

8. Wherever there is a single large work extending over a considerable distance, such as the East-Coast Canal in the Nellore District, the famine camps should be placed at convenient sections of the work. Where the works are small or are so scattered that a central camp on a large scale cannot be made to serve for a number of small works, then a shed, in which those unable to work can be sheltered and fed, must be provided for at the work itself.

9. These arrangements will, if judiciously made, sufficiently provide for the infirm and infant persons who have left their homes; but there will still be a considerable residuum of the poor left in the villages who cannot work, and who would die if left unaided. For the lives of these the headmen of the villages must be held responsible. They must again be instructed to feed these persons, and cooked food on a scale similar to that enforced at the camps must be provided. They must be furnished with funds to meet this charge and required to furnish weekly accounts of numbers fed.

10. Every effort must be made for the verification of the relief given especially at villages. It will probably be necessary to appoint a special officer to take charge of the camp and village relief within a manageable area, and it will be determined by the Collector what should be the extent of each Inspector's charge, it being borne in mind that strict discipline must be maintained in the large camps, and that the villages must be frequently inspected, the Inspecting Officers being required to keep and furnish weekly diaries.

11. Collectors and Divisional Officers will endeavour to test personally and control this system of village relief which, though necessary, is obviously open to abuse.

(True Extract.)

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

To all Collectors.

- „ the Board of Revenue.
- „ the Financial Department.
- „ the Public Works Department.
- „ the Accountant-General.
- „ the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
- „ the Inspector-General of Police.

Revenue Dept.

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Under date the 5th Feb. 1877

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All Cellulose & Up
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5 Fuel & Paper ✓
21 Paper & Paper ✓
6 Fuel & Paper ✓
4 Corn & Paper ✓

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