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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1877:—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Mellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1877, No. 372:—

I have the honor to lay before the Board the necessity for making some special arrangements, with reference to the village establishments during the present time of scarcity and sickness.

2. On the one hand, there is much more work and responsibility thrown on the village establishments. Numerous reports have to be sent in about cholera and relief works, grain to be escorted and guarded at depôts, and sanitary arrangements to be enforced. It is unfortunately true that the ordinary Revenue work may be lessened through absence of cultivation and the non-collection of revenue. But the diminution of the latter work cannot compensate for the augmentation of the former.

3. On the other hand, the Inams of the village officials are for the most part altogether unprofitable, they cannot get their fees, either those sanctioned by law or by custom, and they participate in the general distress.

4. I therefore request sanction for ready-money payments temporarily to village-servants where absolutely necessary. As a general rule it may be necessary to pay at least one Taliari or Vetty and Madiga for each village of within 500 houses; in several cases it may be necessary to pay also the Carnam, and in a few the Munsif or village Magistrate.

5. The rates I propose are as follow according to circumstances:—

Munsif up to	Rupees 5	per mensem.
Carnam "	" 5	"
Taliaries and Madigas, "	3	to Rupees 4 per mensem.

6. The village-servants not paid can be sent to relief works.

7. It is impossible to give at present an estimate of the monthly cost for the whole district. But the Tahsildar of Atmakur, who is one of those officials who has mooted the subject, computes the total monthly cost for his taluq at about Rupees 1,500. I fear this is below the mark, and that Rupees 2,000 will be more likely to cover the necessary expenditure for his taluq, and about the same amount for the other eight taluqs.

8. I do not see how this expenditure can possibly be dispensed with, having in view both the equity of supporting Government servants whose services are requisite, and the necessity of preserving some efficiency in our village system. If it is sanctioned, every effort will be made to prevent the concession being in any way abused.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It appears to the Board to be absolutely necessary to pay Taliaries and Vetties on duty, and the rate of wage can hardly be less than Rupees 4 per mensem. Munsifs and Carnams should not be paid except when employed in special capacities on relief works, unless they are really destitute.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th February 1877.*

3. The Board, however, think it right to point out that a concession of the kind cannot be confined to Nellore, and in the aggregate the charge which will be incurred will be very large.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1877, No. 543.

Miscellaneous.

The Board will submit, for the information of Government and with the least practicable delay, an estimate of the cost of giving effect to their proposals in all those districts which are now so distressed as to render the application of the relief proposed necessary, or to which it may be hereafter necessary to apply it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.

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Payment to Village Establishments during
scarcity. — Requesting Board of Revenue to sub-
mit an estimate of the cost of giving effect to their
proposals in connection with — in all the distressed
Districts.

FEBRUARY,
Nos. 153-159.

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Dated February 24.

Recd.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
Co., Co., Co.

REVENUE.

Dist. of 1877 Madras.

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Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 1st February 1877.

Read the following: 543
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No. 373.

From J. A. B. Sharp Esq.
Acting Collector of
Mellore.

To H. E. Stokes Esq.
Acting Secretary to the
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Firmam — Rs. 5 — — — —

Salaries and Madigas Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 per mensem

6. The Village servants not paid can be sent to relief work. Lf

It is impossible to give at present an estimate of the monthly cost for the whole District. But the Tahsildar of Etthamkulam, who is one of those officials who has mooted the subject, computes the total monthly cost for his salary at about Rs. 1500. I fear this is below the mark, and that Rs. 2000 will be more likely to cover the necessary expenditure for his salary and about the same amount for the other 8 salaries.

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I have the honor

(Signed) C. T. Narain Rao
Deputy Collector
for Etthamkulam.

Chellore
Collector's Office
Jan. 19th 1877.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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(True Copy and Extract)

Wm. H. H. H.
Acting Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary to Gov.
Revenue Department

Copy to
C. J. H. H. H.

From

Dated Feb. 3^d 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

a very important point
is involved in the enclosed
letter from the Rev. B.
viz: what is to be done
for the release of the
of Govt. during the
present service -

2. It may be as well to
have in mind that
what is done in Nether,
as the B. and heat,
must be done everywhere
& that the cost will
be great -

3. As regards the village headmen who, as such, are remunerated principally by a percentage on the collections of land revenue, they lose all their enthusiasm - but being generally men of good substance & the surplus

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Proceedings of the

Board of Misses.

Chas. F. Johnson
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Ms. A. 9. 2. 6. February 1874

Submit for orders of
 Govt letter printing & blank
 of station showing
 necessity for making
 some of our arrangements
 with respect to bills
 relative among the same
 some of our own and
 performing certain
 duties of day to the
 relief of others.

of their villages they
are better off, as a rule,
than their neighbours, so
that their concerns hardly
any consideration.

4. The village accountants
are very hard worked
men. The wife also
lets their embassies
them not stipendiary.
& draw much consideration,
as do also the village

Policemen & Revenue
Peons (Jalim & Vattis)
In some districts the
last 2 classes are so
hard off that they want
less times do not
make much difference
to them. but if the
salaries of the former
salaries up to 16 Rs.
a month are to get
considerable increases
to these salaries I
think it is only
equitable that these
police officers on whose
the Govt has to rely for
conduct the administration of the country
should be forgotten.

5. The Rs. 100000 N. a month
to the Talukdar & Vattis
but think that with the
more app. ^{now} Kamams need
be paid & kept them employed
in special capacities on relief
works unless they are really
distressed. - No step goes
further.

6. It might be advisable to
circulate the papers to all
collectors & cause them to
an immediate expression
of their opinion on the subject
& for submission of their
proposals.

Orders are appended.
J.H.

3/2/77

FOR ORDERS.

Remuneration 6 Villages
officers during the
present distress.

Also to the P.O.
for an estimate
with the least pos-
sible delay

6/2 By order
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relief proposals necessary
or to which it might
hereafter be necessary to
apply it.

Mr Secy to the Board of Rev
to the Secy to the Board of Rev
to the Financial Secy to the
to the Asst General
21. The B. W. Secy

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6/2/77 J.H.C.

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at 12:12 of 20/12

Dr:

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