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Famine Relief.

No. 177A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th January 1877, No. 360:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 18th January 1877, No. 33.

It is within my knowledge that a large number of respectable Mussalman ladies of Vellore, who are gosha females, are severely suffering from the effects of the present famine. They are prevented by the rules of their class from publicly attending lungerkhanas or relief camps there to remain or receive assistance. If proper provision is not made for the maintenance of these unfortunate women during the prevalence of the present distress, I fear that deaths from starvation will be the inevitable result.

2. I am given to understand that some arrangement has been made in Madras with regard to the large number of Gosha Mussalmans of that place.

3. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to let me know what is being done in Madras in this respect, and obtain the early orders of the Board as to the steps I may take in the same direction.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government as the Board think that the relief of gosha women who are in want should be made the subject of instructions of general application.

2. The difficulty is to ascertain who are fitting objects for relief, and to ensure that the relief intended for them really reaches them. The only plan appears to the Board to be to engage the co-operation of respectable persons of their own persuasion, who might furnish lists of, and information regarding, gosha women in need of assistance, and to arrange for a house-to-house system of relief. There must be many Mahomedan gentlemen in Arcot and Vellore who would gladly help in this work.

3. The relief need not be entirely gratuitous. Many of the women are of good birth, and would prefer earning a pittance to being inscribed on a pauper roll. Some work, such as silk reeling, or the like, might be found for them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 177B. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1877, No. 552A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the sum of Rupees 300, in the first instance, for the relief of destitute gosha women at Vellore.

2. The money will be placed at the Collector's disposal, and he will endeavor to enlist the services of some Muhammedan gentleman of position to whom should be entrusted the task of supervising the details of its distribution, and who should be required to submit a weekly nominal roll of all those relieved and the amount paid to each.

3. In Madras relief is given only to gosha females above 50 years of age, and they receive from 1 to 1½ Rupees each per mensem. They are visited by

paid Mussalmanis (known as Hammānis), who make house-to-house visitations and report to the Relief Agent employed by the Commissioner of Police; certain Mussalman gentlemen being security for the reality of the distress to be relieved.

4. An analogous system should be adopted at Vellore and elsewhere where gosha females are reported to stand in need of relief, and if any slight modifications are hereafter found to be necessary the Board are authorized to institute them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Sd/ H. Melius
Collector

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From

Dated

Feb 3rd

1877.

FOR ORDERS.

As to whether the relief
is to be given to poor females
at Vellore - ref so. Loo.
Probably Col. Dyer will
suggest the rate or kind
of relief to be given & the
best mode of administering
it.

5/2/77 JAF

Mr. Dyer
at Vellore
State medical officer
& Commissioner
matter. Last plans
as seen in their
plans to distribute in
convent with some
European officer -)
as attending regularly
the numerous patients
I would say
a list of 300 keepers in
first visit

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To Mr. J. P. of Revenue
dated 30th Aug 77
supd 30
Recd 3rd Aug 77

Submitting for the
order of Govt. to draw 1000
bills on the subject of making
relief to respectable Madam
Kishor Rao.

90 7th Aug 77 No 552 A

FOR ORDERS.

Relief to Pasha
Tunisia at Vellou

Ad. P. of Jan: 30th/77
No. 55204

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aid. It is to be
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act from which all

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amount paid to
Larkin.

3. In Madras Relief
Prison ^{only} - female
above 50 years of age
& they receive from
1 to 1 1/2 Rs. each per
month. They
are visited by paid
Khuselanis (known
as Hamudis) who
make home to home
visitation & report
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Dr. W.

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