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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

25th January 1877, No. 269.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 329. To HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS,
Governor in Council, Madras.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,—With sentiments of deep respect and profound submission we, the undersigned poor widows and destitute women of the Kayath caste, beg to bring to your Grace's kind notice the following our miserable situation, with a view that your Grace, considering the justice of the claim, will extend to us the indulgence granted to the destitute gosha women of the Islamite faith.

2. Having been ordered by Government to grant to Mohib Ali Sami, the person authorized by the Commissioner to take a list of such persons and send on to him, but owing to our misfortune we were told by that gentleman that the indulgence is allowed only for the Mussalman women and not for the gosha women among the Hindus.

3. Having now no other alternative but to apply directly to your Grace, we beg to inform that our ancestors and castemen were solely under the service of the Nawabs of the Carnatic and were dependant entirely on them; that with the death of the late Nawab of the Carnatic we were rendered helpless and destitute as a class in common with the Mahomedans with few solitary exceptions; that strict gosha is observed among us as amongst Mahomedans, nay, to a greater extent, inasmuch as even the girls and very aged women among us are prohibited from appearing in the public; that as, moreover, there is no remarriage with us, however young the widow may be, our case is made all the worse, and that as the Government have recently granted widow pensions to such women whose husbands were the recipients of the Carnatic stipends to our caste women as to the Mahomedans, we are at a loss to see how in this respect there should exist any difference at all.

4. Under the aforesaid circumstances, we earnestly crave that your Grace in Council may, after giving due consideration to our claims on the bounty of Government who spend lakhs upon lakhs of Rupees to relieve the destitute poor in these hard days, accord to us the indulgence sought for, as otherwise we will have to die silently within our closet from starvation, we being entirely prohibited from obtaining relief from outside.

5. For this act of kindness and generosity, we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray for the prosperity of the British Raj.

(Signed)	RANEE BEE BEE.	(Signed)	CUMLOO BEE BEE.
(")	CUNCHA BEE BEE.	(")	RATHNOO BEE BEE.
(")	CHUNDOO BEE BEE.	(")	BAULOO BEE BEE.
(")	LOOKKOO BEE BEE.	(")	MOONNA BEE BEE.
(")	MAMOOOLA BEE BEE.	(")	MAHATHAB BEE BEE.
(")	CHOONOO BEE BEE.	(")	GOOLAB BEE BEE.
(")	KOONDOO BEE BEE.	(")	JOOGA BEE BEE.
(")	CHUNDA BEE BEE.	(")	BEE BUN BEE BEE.
(")	JOOGA BEE BEE.	(")	CHOONOO BEE BEE.
(")	CHOUTOO BEE BEE.	(")	MONGA BEE BEE.
(")	BALOO BEE BEE.		

10th January 1877.

No. 67.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

11th January 1877.

No. 330. Memorandum from the Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 20th January 1877.

With report that ne... as the... es 300 monthly in gosha female relief. This is being done through Mir Mohib Ali, late Government Agent, Chempauk, and reaches about 200 Mahomedan females in Triplicane. No Hindu females are relieved. Inquiries have been made as to the Kayath petitioners, of whom it would appear there are in Madras about twenty-five gosha old women in great poverty. Were Government pleased to increase the allotment to Rupees 350 these too would be aided.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1877, No. 269.

The increase is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.

„ Accountant-General.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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