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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.
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Dated

19. 2. 1877

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No. 53.

From

The Dewan of Venkatagiri

To The Acting Collector of Nellore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 59 and 27, dated respectively 5th and 12th Instant.

2. Having submitted Telugu translations of the said letters to the Raja, I received this day a reply dated 22nd Instant No. 250 in which I am directed to submit the following for your information.

Referring to your remarks regarding the suspension of relief works the Raja directs me to state that as Messrs. Messrs. [unclear] and Co., who were requested to purchase rice to the extent of Rs 25,000 to be delivered at Kottapattam and Poloor, have not yet sent

Dewan's Office, Nellore
24th January 1877

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sent the same, the execution of relief
works on a larger scale was interfered
with; that remains in question resulted in
consequence; and that the Raja has no
intention to give up relief works. The
Raja directs me to add that he deeply
regrets the delay in obtaining rice as the
execution of relief works, on a larger
scale was thereby delayed.

3. In a letter dated 19th Inst. to
No. 234. the Raja has written to say that
he would remit a large sum of money
to enable me to carry out relief works
on a larger scale.

Yours
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(Sd) R. Venkateshwar Rao B.A.

Secy.

Since writing the above I received a
telegram from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co
to

to the effect that the rice purchased by
them will arrive at Kottapattam during
the first week of next month.

(Signed) R.V.

(True Copy)

(Sd) H. Sharp

Ag. Collector.

(True Copy)

Yours

Ag. Secretary.

Mellor Collis Office
Camp Mellor 12th January 1877

No. 271.

From

The Acting Collector of Mellor.

To

The Dewan of Venkatagiri.

Sir,

+ No. 50 dated
9th instant.

I presume the letter noted in the margin is not the full report promised orally by you a few days back, but I remark upon it the small number of coolies employed in the northern part of the Venkatagiri Zamin - dary where probably the distress is greater than in any other part; and I request your attention thereto.

2. I trust you have ample funds of ready money at hand. Relief works are useless without this and without prompt and continuous disbursements. When once relief works have been commenced, the coolies employed should be given work until they voluntarily

Received in No. 271
the Board of Rev.
No. 271 dated 12th Jan. 1877.
The Act. Col. Mellor.
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voluntarily leave it or the season renders
such work unnecessary otherwise they
are worse off than if no relief works
had ever been started for the commencement
of works by Government or great landholders
immediately checks that flow of indivi-
-dual private charity which previously
existed to some extent.

3. I send herewith a sketch map
and shall be obliged by your filling in
it the work being carried out by the
Rajah according to the instructions upon
it.

I have ^{seen}
(Sd) H. Sharp
Acting Collector.

(True Copy)

(Sd) H. Sharp
Ag. Collector.

(True Copy)

W. H. M.

Ag. Secretary

Progress Report of Relief works done in the Venkatasiri

Talugs Villages	Name of Irrigation work.	Nature of works	When commenced	Up to what date	No. of Coolies
Sagatur Yakasiri	Koomara Yacha				
	Samudram	Earthwork	24-11-76	19-12-76	28453
	Yerra Cheruvu	Do	20-12-76	23-12-76	2168
	Chavali Tank	Do	28-11-76	27-12-76	4311
	Menakur River Channel	Do	27-11-76	16-12-76	30863
	Rayadospeta Inguri Country	Repairs	15-12-76	4-1-77	595
	Chhabili & Madal to be newly erected	Masonry	15-12-76	4-1-77	"
					66340
Potur Kotapalur	Perikalaon	Earthwork	3-12-76	2-1-77	12534
	Pedannagari Cheruvu	Do	6-12-76	2-1-77	5186
	Chinnamagari Cheruvu	Do	9-12-76	2-1-77	1669
	Karijata Pedda Cheruvu	Do	4-12-76	2-1-77	5297
	Vilajalapannur Tank	Do	16-12-76	2-1-77	8092
					25495
Venkatasiri Venkatasiri Town	Town Roads	Do	28-11-76	11-12-76	4123
	Do - Bridges, Chumman & other sundry repairs connected with the Raj's buildings &c.	" 1-1-77			
	Do - "Ana" or Cross dam in the Eastern River	Earthwork	9-1-77		
	Do - Expenditure incurred in feeding destitute poor who are unable to work	" 10-1-77			
					4123

Enclosed in No. 1 of the Board of the 24th Sep. 1877. to Govt. Secy. to Govt. Secy.

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according to last report.

Amount paid	Up to what date.	No of Coolies	Amount paid	Total No of Coolies	Amount	Remarks
2934 8 10	"	"	"	28453	2904 8 10	Completed
218 12 "	"	"	"	2118	218 12 "	Do
563 11 2	"	"	"	4311	563 11 2	Do
3154 9 4	"	"	"	30863	3154 9 4	Do
77 7 1	10-1-77	83	9 14 "	678	87 5 1	
336 3 11	20	144	39 12 6	144	376 " 5	
4285 4 4	"	227	49 10 6	66567	7334 14 10	
1482 13 11	8-1-77	456	39 7 9	12990	1522 7 8	
500 15 9	8-1-77	690	66 6 3	5876	567 6 "	
182 15 6	"	"	"	1669	182 15 6	
596 12 9	8-1-77	483	56 5 1	5780	653 1 10	
93 4 6	20	141	15 12 "	950	109 6	
2856 4 5	"	1770	178 11	27265	3034 15 6	
396 12 11	8-1-77	77	5 9 5	4200	402 6 4	
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 10th February 1877.
 Read the following

No. 522
 Encls: 3 From J. R. A. Sharp Esquire
 Collector of Kullu.
 To H. E. Stokes Esquire
 As Secretary to the
 Board of Revenue
 Meetas.

Sir,
 In continuation of my
 footnote No. 3263 dated 23rd November last,
 on the Kinkatapini Dewan's letter, Extra
 No. 1, dated 20th Idem, I have the honor
 to submit a brief report on the steps
 taken by the Raja in regard to the
 opening of relief works in his
 Hyamir dary.
 As already intimated to
 the Board in my letter No. 3802,
 dated 15th December 1876, the Raja
 proposed

proposed to spend two lacs of Rupees
on his relief works appropriating the
same as detailed herewith in his
several Salugs.

1. Sagar -	Rs. 40000
2. Polur -	25000
3. Vankatasani -	25000
4. Mannabrolu -	5000
5. Bellur -	25000
6. Podile -	20000
7. Sarisi -	20000
8. Marilla -	20000
9. Kotu -	20000
	<u>2,00,000</u>

Upon this allotment
I made remarks as per
margin in my letter
dated 2^d December 1876
No. 3601 to the Dewan.
3. From the enclosed
Statement (A) it will
be observed that up
to the 15th ultimo, the
total amount spent by the
Rajah was 12,183 Rs.
and that chiefly in the
San Mori Salugs in particular,
while that spent in the
Nod Mori Salugs was
there is a greater
necessity for opening
relief works was only 1253 Rupees.

x x x x x
" I have the honor to x request for the
" information as to the principle on which
" you propose distributing relief works and how
" the number of poor needing relief in the
" several divisions noted in para 3 has been
" obtained.
" I observe you estimate Rs 10 for the relief of
" each village on an average. Assuming an
" equal proportion of men, women and child.
" - then x x we get an average of 1/2 anna
" per head so that Rs 10 would suffice for about
" 107 days exclusive of cost of supervision
" and contingencies. I would suggest that instead
" of distributing the sum in round numbers,
" over all the divisions, it should be appro-
" priated as necessity arises in the various
" localities.
x x x x

From Govt. No. 27 of the
12th Jan'y.
From Dewan No. 53
of the 24th Jan'y.

4. I enclose copies of recent correspondence
between the Dewan and myself, from which
it will be observed that the want of rice
is add^d as a reason for deferring the execution
of relief works. But I must record that it
was by no means necessary to defer the
execution of works until a stock of rice was
imported. All our general relief works through-
out the District (a part from the sand
works) are carried on with money payments
and with the supply of rice in small
quantities from Kellere and both Kellere
and Kottapattam are overflowing with rice
for sale.

5. The Dewan's letter still leaves
me the hope that the Rajah may go on with
relief works, but I regret to record that
in this matter which involves life or death
to the poor, I cannot depend upon the
promises already made and that our
relief works must proceed for the present
at any rate without calculating or relying
upon the Rajah's aid to his regt.
6. I must add that the real

C. S. S.

Hide No. 100
No. of 22. Dec. 1976

I have seen
S. H. Sharp
Cutting Collector.

Submitted

True copy & extract

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Acting Secretary.

To The Additional Secretary to Govt. Ad.
With copies of 3 enclosures.

15-2-77 (19-2-77)

17th Jan

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Take a long report
on the steps taken & progress
of Westchester in regard to the
opening of school-winter
his transacting

Don of the 13th of Nov
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Relief works in
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Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department, 19th February 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 605A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1877, No. 569:—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudur, 1st February 1877, No. 522:—

In continuation of my foot-note No. 3,263, dated 3rd November last on the Venkatagiri Dewan's letter, Extra No. 1, dated 20th idem, I have the honor to submit a brief report on the steps taken by the Rajah in regard to the opening of relief works in his Zemindary.

2. As already intimated to the Board in my letter No. 3,802, dated 15th December 1876, the Rajah proposed to spend two lakhs of Rupees on his relief works, apportioning the same as detailed hereunder in his several taluqs:—

	RS.
1. Sagatur	40,000
2. Polur	25,000
3. Venkatagiri	25,000
4. Manubrolu	5,000
5. Pellur	25,000
6. Podili	20,000
7. Darisi	20,000
8. Marella	20,000
9. Kota	20,000
Total ...	2,00,000

"I have the honor to request further information as to the principle on which you propose distributing relief works and how the number of poor needing relief in the several divisions noted in paragraph 3 has been obtained. I observe you estimate Rupees 10 for the relief of each cooly on an average. Assuming an equal proportion of men, women, and children we get an average of 1 1/2 Anna per head, so that Rupees 10 would suffice for about 107 days exclusive of cost of supervision and contingencies. I would suggest that instead of distributing the sum in round numbers over all the divisions, it should be appropriated as necessity arises in the various localities."

Upon this allotment I made remarks as per margin in my letter, dated 2nd December 1876, No. 3,601, to the Dewan.

3. From the enclosed Statement (A) it will be observed that up to the 15th ultimo the total amount spent by the Rajah was 12,183 Rupees, and that chiefly in the southern taluqs in particular, while that spent in the northern taluqs where there is a greater necessity for opening relief works was only Rupees 1,253.

4. I enclose copies of recent correspondence between the Dewan and myself, from which it will be observed that the want of rice is alleged as a reason for deferring the execution of relief works.

But I must record that it was by no means necessary to defer the execution of works until a stock of rice was imported. All our general relief works throughout the district (apart from the canal works) are carried on with money payments and with the supply of rice in small quantities from Nellore, and both Nellore and Kottapatam overflowing with rice for sale.

5. The Dewan's letter still leaves me the hope that the Rajah may go on with relief works, but I regret to record that in this matter which involves life or death to the poor I cannot depend upon the promises already made, and that our relief works must proceed for the present at any rate without calculating or relying upon the Rajah and his ryots.

6. I must add that the real causes of the Rajah's delaying, if not ceasing, to proceed with his relief works are to the best of my knowledge two—first, disappointment at not being allowed to defer* payment of his peishcush due in December last; secondly, I much regret to record that the Rajah appears to have been prejudiced by some bad advisers against his Dewan, and does not give to the latter that support which is so desirable in the administration of his estate generally as well as in the carrying on of relief works. I touch upon this subject as lightly as possible, hoping that the Rajah may soon again give to R. Venkatakistna Row that confidence and support which he thoroughly deserves. If the Rajah would only leave the Dewan unfettered in the management of relief works, give him funds and a suitable special establishment, I believe all the relief works necessary would be at once proceeded with in the most satisfactory manner.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to R. VENKATAKISTNA ROW, B.A.,
Dewan of Venkatagiri, dated Alloor, 12th January 1877, No. 271.

I PRESUME the letter noted in the margin is not the full report promised orally by you a few days back, but I remark upon it the small number of coolies employed in the northern

No. 50, dated 9th instant.

part of the Venkatagiri Zemindari, where probably the distress is greater than in any other part; and I request your attention thereto.

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3. I send herewith a sketch map and shall be obliged by your filling in it the works being carried out by the Rajah according to the instructions upon it.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From R. VENKATAKISTNA ROW, B.A., Dewan of Venkatagiri, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 24th January 1877, No. 53.

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3. In a letter, dated 19th instant, No. 234, the Rajah has written to say that he would remit a larger sum of money to enable me to carry out relief works on a larger scale.

P.S.—Since writing the above I received a telegram from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. to the effect that the rice purchased by them will arrive at Kottapatam during the first week of next month.

WORK DONE ACCORDING TO LAST REPORT.

(Signed) R. VENKATAKRISTNA ROW,
Dewan of Venkatagiri.

(Signed)

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1877.*

SUBMITTED to Government with the Board's recommendation that an officer be deputed to visit the Zemindari and to report on the condition of the people. The Zemindar should be warned that he will be held responsible by Government for mal-administration if he does not take early and adequate steps to prevent loss of life by starvation.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 605B.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1877, No. 739-A.

Macellaneous.

THE Board's recommendation is approved. The Rajah will be informed at once that an officer of Government is about to visit his estate.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated February, 1904.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 186 February 1877, No. 739, A.

FEBRUARY

Nos. 605A-605B.

FALLING KILLIP, No. 550-G.

Verlagsgesellschaft, Melrose District.
Approving the Board's recommendation that an officer be deputed to visit the — and to report on the condition of the people; and directing that the Agent be informed at once that an officer of Customs is about to visit his estate.