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Famine Relief.

No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1877 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1877, No. 56.

With reference to the remarks in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th January 1877, No. 308, I have the honor to state that, according to the Board's Order, No. 3,117, of 8th December 1876, the weekly returns are made up to Saturday ; but the return from Collegal does not arrive till Tuesday, which gives very little time to complete the detailed weekly return for despatch the same day. It was for this reason that the telegraphic summary used to be despatched on Tuesday and the detailed return on the following day and subsequently. I have made arrangement for greater punctuality hereafter ; the last return, that for 3rd instant, was despatched on due date, viz., Tuesday the 6th instant.

2. The delay referred to by the Board was occasioned by having had to call on Divisional Officers to explain the cause of falling off in the number of coolies, which explanation was due by me to the Board, and it was thought better to delay the return than to send it unexplained.

3. I have thought it best to require the Division Officers to send me the returns rather than the Tahsildars. This will ensure greater accuracy and explanation.

4. It may happen on the day of report a work has been completed, and yet another not begun ; this will in some cases explain a decrease. In one case the Sub-Collector informed me the Tahsildar had without orders stopped a work ; in another case the Head Assistant Collector informed me the Tahsildar had finished a minor work, but waited till he had intimated to the Public Works Department that he was ready to begin with road metal under their works ; hence a temporary cessation of relief. I cannot undertake to keep the same number of coolies going every day of the week. This would be relieving them at undue cost to the State ; there is a delay in shifting from one to another work ; hereafter it will be as little as possible. And in the last case adverted to, it was owing to misconception of an order. I issued that all work on a district road was to be measured by the Public Works Department, and not to be undertaken without their knowledge. The Tahsildar did not inform me or the Public Works Department that he was ready to begin, and stupidly referred to my order as prohibitory of commencement, whereas it was only obligatory of informing the Public Works Department that he was doing their work. He was confirmed in the supposition that he was not to commence work without Public Works Department orders by his Division Officers, who, strange to say, accepted the Tahsildar's version of it without consulting the original which was in his own office.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1877.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1877, No. 909.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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To A. C. Stokes Esquire

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G.O., 2nd March 1877, No. 200.

MADRAS.

Nos. 101-102.

PASSED RELIEF, No. 632.

(Weekly Relief Returns, Coimbatore District—Proceeding, Board of Revenue, Directing Collector's explanation in regard to the delay in the receipt of certain returns, and reporting that the Collector has since issued orders for their punctual submission hereafter.)

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Recording letter from
Collector of Coimbatore
explaining delay in sub-
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returns & fluctuations in
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on famine works.

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