# Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., Nos 255-256

DATED 21st April

[Despatch Abstract.]

Enclosing that a reply be sent to the Govt of India reporting on the insufficiency of the "C" class in age & the action taken by the Govt of Bo. in bringing into a better condition the workers on the principal relief works required by the Govt of India.

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# Revenue (189 7) Department.

CURRENT No. 1764

The Hon'ble Sir Antony MacDonnell KCSI
The Hon'ble Mr. Elliot CSI
His Excellency the Governor

From The Government of India
Depart of Rev. & Agriculture
(Famine)

No. 8987-H.
60-7.

Dated 23rd March 1897.
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SUBJECT.

Acknowledging with remarks, the receipt of the letter from the Board of Rev. No 218 dt 11-3-97, submg the report on the area affected by scarcity in the Madras Presidency for the mon of February 1897.

31/3/97

For Orders

The mark referred to in para 3 of the Board's report is that at Cuddapah. The ~~report~~ ~~inspection~~ and contained in paras 4 to 13 of his inspection notes in B.P. 230 15-3-97. The instructions issued by the Board to bring the workers into better condition are contained in para 5 of the above B.P., in the draft G.O. now issuing the Govt goes further.

2. It is presumed that we should tell the Govt I that we accept the statement of the Board and mention the orders issued by us in regard to tasks and wages; perhaps the reply may form part

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C 31/3/97
M 2/4/97

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Dp 27/4/97

Order G. O (Prem) № 255 § 21-4-97

Ordered that the following reply be sent to the Govt of India

To the Board (Satt) Recd 23/4/97

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Ltr from orders

№ 256

To the Secretary to the Govt of India R+A Deptt

Recd 23/4/97 mds

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Holderness's letter dy 23rd march 1897 № 898/60-7 of calling attention to the statement made by the Board of Rev in the monthly famine report for February that "owing to classification under class C and deductions for short work the workers on one of the earlier started works had fallen into a bad state". The Govt of India desires to have some further information as the reported deaths occurred

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going on shall be

of. [illegible] are about
of placing relief workers in class
C, and enquires whether this Govt
accepts the statement of the Board
in this matter and, if so, what
has been done to bring the
workers on the particular relief
works into a better condition.

2. In reply I am to state that
in the opinion of this Govt the C
wage is insufficient to maintain
laborers in health and strength
and is unsuitable as a working
wage, and it is found that ~~the~~
placed in this class
laborers show signs of deterioration
after a time
~~in condition~~. those longest on works
showing the greatest falling off in
condition. ~~The~~ A communication
will be shortly addressed to the
Govt of India on the question of
the sufficiency of the famine
when this question
wages ~~and the question~~ will be
fully discussed.

3. With reference
~~In regard~~ to the latter part
of the enquiry made by the Govt
immediately
of India I am to say that on
being satisfied of the detriment-
al effects of the C wage on re-
lief workers the Board of Rev-
enue issued instructions to the officers in charge of relief works to the
effect that in no case,
save for customary,

shall fining be allowed to re-
duce the wage of any relief worker
below that of the C class for more
than a week nor to work in
the D class for more than three
days, except with the sanction
of the Collector or his Divisional
officer in
~~in~~ regards to the particular
work referred to in the report
the Board directed in
addition that for a period of
one month the wages of the
employed on it
women who showed the greatest
signs of deterioration should not
be allowed to fall below the value
of 2 lbs of grain. This Govt has
since considered the question in con-
nection with a detailed report made
by the Sanitary Commr on the suffi-
ciency of relief wages and has
decided that having regard to the
sections of the community who have
as yet resorted to relief works it is
against the principle of classifi-
cation adopted in the code to place
them in class C, and that all
able bodied persons on works
until further orders
should be placed in class A or B
B; it has also directed that
fining shall

only in clear cases of malingering or insubordination. this point ~~has~~ will be dealt with fully in the separate communication refered to above.

Yours truly

RS
15-4-97

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

*From* *The Government of Fort St. George.*

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**Letter, No. 256, 21st April 1897.**

APRIL.

Stating that the "C" wage is insufficient to maintain labourers in health and strength and that the sufficiency or otherwise of this wage will be discussed in a separate communication on famine wages, and reporting what has been done to bring into a better condition the workers on the particular relief-work referred to by the Government of India.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. G. STOKES, Esq., I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

*Dated Ootacamund, 21st April* 1897.

Sir,

Miscellaneous.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Holderness's letter, dated 23rd March 1897, No. 898—60–7 F., calling attention to the statement made by the Board of Revenue in the monthly famine report for February that "owing to classification under class C and deductions for short work, the workers on one of the earlier-started works had fallen into a bad state." The Government of India desires to have some further information as to the reported detrimental results of placing relief-workers in class C, and enquires whether this Government accepts the statement of the Board in this matter and, if so, what has been done to bring the workers on the particular relief-work into a better condition.

2. In reply I am to state that, in the opinion of this Government, the C wage is insufficient to maintain labourers in health and strength and is unsuitable as a working wage; and it is found that labourers placed in this class show signs of deterioration after a time, those longest on works showing the greatest falling off in condition. A communication will shortly be addressed to the Government of India on the question of the sufficiency of famine wages, when this question will be fully discussed.

3. With reference to the latter part of the enquiry made by the Government of India, I am to say that, immediately on being satisfied of the detrimental effects of the C wage on relief-workers, the Board of Revenue issued instructions to the officers in charge of relief-works to the effect that in no case, save for contumacy, shall fining be allowed to reduce the wage of any relief-worker below that of the C class for more than a week, nor to that of the D class for more than three days, except with the sanction of the Collector or his Divisional officer; in regard to the particular work referred to in the report, the Board directed, in addition, that for a period of one month the wages of the women employed on it who showed the greatest signs of deterioration should not be allowed to fall below the value of 2 lbs. of grain. This Government has since considered the question in connection with a detailed report made by the Sanitary Commissioner on the sufficiency of relief wages and has decided that, having regard to the sections of the community who have as yet resorted to relief-works, it is against the principle of classification adopted in the Code to place them in class C, and that all able-bodied persons on works should, until further orders, be placed in class A or



class B; it has also directed that fining shall be resorted to only in clear cases of malingering or insubordination. This point also will be dealt with fully in the separate communication referred to above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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## REVENUE.

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**G.O., No. 255, 21st April 1897.**

## APRIL.

"C" Class wage.

Ordering that a reply be sent to the Government of India reporting on the insufficiency of the — and the action taken by the Board of Revenue in bringing into a better condition the workers on the particular relief-work referred to by the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., C.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, the 23rd March 1897, No. 898—60-7 F. :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Board of Revenue, No. 218, dated the 11th March 1897, submitting the report on the area affected by scarcity in the Madras Presidency for the month of February 1897.

2. In paragraph 3 of the report it is stated that reports from the Sanitary Commissioner go to show that "owing to classification under C class and deductions for short work, the workers on one of the earlier-started works have fallen into a bad state." The Government of India would be glad to have some further information as to the reported detrimental results of placing relief-workers in class C, as the scale of wages fixed for this class is presumed to be sufficient to keep the labourers in good health. I am to enquire whether the Madras Government accept the statement of the Board in this matter, and, if so, what has been done to bring the workers on the particular relief-work into a better condition.

ORDER—No. 255, Revenue, dated 21st April 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the following reply be sent to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

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