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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 361. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Famien Relief Fund Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th February 1867:—

1. With advertence to the Government Order, dated 5th September 1866, No. 2,363, I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Famine Relief Committee during the months of November, December, and January, as preliminary to the Committee's final report, which will embrace the whole of their proceedings from July to the close of March, when it is anticipated that the Fund may be wound up.

2. The very favorable change which took place in the season at the end of October and in the early part of November, rendered it scarcely necessary for the Committee to take any further action for the relief of distress in most districts, and their operations have been consequently so limited that they have not deemed it requisite to submit monthly reports of their proceedings.

3. The previous reports of the Committee have shewn their remittances to the several distressed localities up to the end of October, and since that date only the sums noted in the margin have been despatched to the Provinces. It will be observed that it has not been found necessary to grant assistance to any considerable extent to any districts except those of Bellary and Kurnool. As already reported, a sum of Rupees 19,000 was despatched to the former district in July and August, and Rupees 20,000 in September, and the Collector was also informed that the Committee was prepared to make further grants, if necessary. The funds previously despatched to the Districts of Coimbatore, Madura, Salem, North Arcot, and South Arcot, have proved sufficient for the maintenance of such of the Relief Houses in those districts as it was thought desirable to keep up. The Relief Houses in Coimbatore and Trichinopoly were closed before the end of December, as also the greater number of those in North Arcot, Salem, and Madura. The Committee, however, regret to have to report that, during the current month, an application for assistance has reached them from the Collector of the last, named district, who describes the position of Meyloor Talook as critical, in consequence of the failure of the late rains there. Mr. Arbuthnott, however, has apparently taken prompt measures to relieve the distress, and reports that, happily, it does not extend to any other portion of the district. A sum of Rupees 3,600 has, during the present month, been sent to the Collector by this Committee for the relief of this talook. From the reports which have reached them, the Committee are of opinion that the relief operations in the Provinces have, on the whole, been conducted in a satisfactory manner, but they will enter into more details on this point when submitting their final report, as they expect then to be in possession of more complete information on the subject than has as yet reached them from some districts.

		Rs.
8th October,	to Kurnool	2,000
4th September,	to do	3,000
4th do.	to Shevagungah ...	3,000
20th December,	to Madras District ...	250
20th do.	to Bellary	10,000

4. The annexed Statements exhibit the relief operations in the Town of Madras, during the last three months. It will be perceived that an expenditure of Rupees 18,593-5-7 has been incurred, at the several Relief Houses, during these months, that Rupees 6,600 have been expended in relieving the sufferers by other means; and that the total outlay for the alleviation of distress within the town up to the 31st January was Rupees 41,329-1-3.

5. In accordance with a Resolution of the Committee at their Meeting on the 15th ultimo, an inferior diet was adopted at all the Relief Houses on the 1st instant, in view, if possible, gradually to reduce the number of applicants for relief, and, under the terms of the same Resolution, all the Relief Houses were finally closed this day, as the price of third sort rice is reported to be $8\frac{1}{2}$ measures per Rupee.

STATEMENT FOR

Gross sum advanced to each Sub-Committee, up to 30th Nov.	Name of the Poor House.	Total number of meals issued in November.	Average number of persons fed each day.	Total cost of food issued in November.	Average cost of each meal.	Number of families to which money payments were made.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RS.				RS. A. P.	Pies.	
6,400	Black Town Relief House, opened on 10th August.	33,845	1,128	1,661 15 8	$9\frac{7}{16}$	157
3,550	Mylapore Relief House, opened on 7th August.	22,610	754	918 12 11	7·80	83
4,750	Vepery Relief House, opened on 15th August.	30,611	1,020	1,151 5 2	$7\frac{1}{8}$	160
5,500	Triplicane Relief House, opened on 15th August.	41,071	1,369	1,625 4 9	$7\frac{1}{2}$	56
2,000	The Reverend S. Fennelly and J. G. Coleman, Esq.	...	...	...	...	300
	Total ...	1,28,137	4,271	5,357 6 6	...	756
	Grants-in-aid to the Friend-in-Need Society.	...	...	...	...	...
	Do. Comalaseverempettah Relief House.	...	...	...	...	...
	Grand Total ...	...	...	...	...	...

NOVEMBER 1866.

Total of money payments in November.	Cost of establishment and contingencies in November.	Total expended in November as shewn in Columns 5, 8, and 9.	Expenditure in July, August, September, and October.	Total expenditure up to 30th November.	Cash in hand, and value of grain, &c., in store on 30th Nov.	Total Columns 12 & 13.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS.
347 8 0	82 0 0	2,091 7 8	3,916 7 7	6,007 15 3	392 0 9	6,400
123 8 0	39 0 7	1,081 5 6	2,144 9 10	3,225 15 4	324 0 8	3,550
250 14 0	96 12 1	1,498 15 3	2,887 15 5	4,386 14 8	363 1 4	4,750
121 8 0	26 0 4	1,772 13 1	3,036 11 4	4,809 8 5	690 7 7	5,500
500 0 0	...	500 0 0	1,500 0 0	2,000 0 0	...	2,000
1,343 6 0	243 13 0	6,944 9 6	13,485 12 2	20,430 5 8	1,769 10 4	22,200
...	...	600 0 0	1,800 0 0	2,400 0 0	...	...
...	...	300 0 0	850 0 0	1,150 0 0	...	...
...	...	7,844 9 6	16,135 12 2	23,980 5 8	...	...

STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1866.

Gross sum advanced to each Sub-Committee, up to 31st Dec.	Name of the Poor House.	Total number of meals issued in December.	Average number of persons fed each day.	Total cost of food issued in December.	Average cost of each meal.	Number of families to which money payments were made.	Total of money payments in December.	Cost of establishment and contingencies in December.	Total expended in December as shewn in Columns 5, 8, and 9.	Expenditure from July to Nov.	Total expenditure up to 31st Dec.	Cash in hand, and value of grain, &c., in store on 31st December.	Total Columns 12 & 13.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Rs.				Rs. A. P.	Pies.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.
8,400	Black Town Relief House, opened on 16th August.	29,519	952	1,320 3 8	8¾	153	339 0 0	133 14 7	1,793 2 3	6,007 15 3	7,801 1 6	598 14 6	8,400
4,800	Mylapore Relief House, opened on 7th August.	22,993	742	939 15 5	7·84	95	175 0 0	35 15 7	1,150 15 0	3,225 15 4	4,376 14 4	423 1 8	4,800
6,000	Vepery Relief House, opened on 15th August.	24,336	785	868 5 1	6¾	152	291 5 0	75 12 10	1,235 6 11	4,386 14 8	5,622 5 7	377 10 5	6,000
6,700	Triplicane Relief House, opened on 15th August.	43,108	1,390	1,612 4 4	7	59	125 0 0	30 11 1	1,767 15 5	4,809 8 5	6,577 7 10	122 8 2	6,700
2,500	The Reverend S. Fennelly and J. G. Coleman, Esq.	...	...	...	...	300	500 0 0	...	500 0 0	2,000 0 0	2,500 0 0	...	2,500
	Total ...	1,19,956	3,869	4,740 12 6	...	759	1,430 5 0	276 6 1	6,447 7 7	20,430 5 8	26,877 13 3	1,522 2 9	28,400
	Grants-in-aid to the Friend-in-Need Society.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600 0 0	2,400 0 0	3,000 0 0	...	...
	Do. Comalaseverempettah Relief House.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500 0 0	1,150 0 0	5,650 0 0	...	...
	Grand Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,547 7 7	23,980 5 8	35,527 13 3	...	...

STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 1867.

Gross sum advanced to each Sub-Committee, up to 31st Jan. 1867	Name of the Poor House.	Total number of meals issued in January 1867.	Average number of persons fed each day.	Total cost of food issued in Jan. 1867.	Average cost of each meal.	Number of families to which money payments were made.	Total of money payments in January 1867.	Cost of establishment and contingencies in January 1867.	Total expended in January 1867 as shewn in Columns 5, 8, and 9.	Expenditure from July to December 1866.	Total expenditure up to 31st January 1867.	Cash in hand, and value of grain, &c., in store on 31st January 1867.	Total Columns 12 and 13.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RS.				RS. A. P.	Pies.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS.
10,400	Black Town Relief House, opened on 10th August 1866.	29,842	963	1,293 3 1	8_{16}^{5}	159	371 8 0	114 13 0	1,779 8 1	7,801 1 6	9,580 9 7	819 6 5	10,400
5,550	Mylapore Relief House, opened on 7th August 1866.	22,967	741	796 7 10	6·66	81	121 0 0	40 14 2	958 6 0	4,376 14 4	5,335 4 4	214 11 8	5,550
6,650	Vepery Relief House, opened on 15th August 1866.	23,270	751	617 3 1	5_{16}^{1}	152	228 2 0	81 0 2	926 5 3	5,622 5 7	6,548 10 10	101 5 2	6,650
8,500	Triplicane Relief House, opened on 16th August 1866.	42,793	1,380	1,386 11 6	$6\frac{1}{4}$	59	125 0 0	*25 5 2	1,537 0 8	6,577 7 10	8,114 8 6	385 7 6	8,500
2,500	The Reverend S. Fennelly and J. G. Coleman, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	...	2,500
	Total...	1,18,872	3,835	4,093 9 6	...	451	845 10 0	262 0 6	5,201 4 0	26 877 13 3	32,079 1 3	1,520 14 9	33,600
	Grants-in-aid to the Friend-in-Need Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600 0 0	3,000 0 0	3,600 0 0	...	...
	Do. Comalaseverempettah Relief House.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,650 0 0	5,650 0 0	...	...
	Grand Total...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,801 4 0	35,527 13 3	41,329 1 3	...	...

* N. B.—It will be observed that the cost of establishment at the Triplicane Poor House has been almost nominal. This is owing to the liberality of Mr. Sum Saum Ood-Dowlah Bahadoor, who has kept up a considerable establishment of servants for this Poor House, chiefly at his own expense.

No. 362.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1867, No. 466.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the above report be forwarded to the Home Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Relief Committee.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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26th July 1867.

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