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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording with remark letter from the Hon. Secretaries to the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund, Madras Branch re: the distribution of money from the Charitable Relief fund to poor women &c.

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The Hon. the Secretary of
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From

The Hon. Secretary to
Indian Famine Charitable
Relief fund.
Madras Branch

No.

For Orders.

Draft 11/3/97.

The remarks in the latter part of para 2 of the letter appears to be based on H.E's reply to the Cuddapah Mahomedan address (Vide marked Hindu portion in flagged A); but so far as information available in the office goes, there is no proposal now before Govt regarding the measures to be adopted for the relief of Gosha women. In this report embodied in G.O. 115 23-2-97 the Sanitary Commissioner recommended that relief should be given in the shape of kanjee to gosha women of the labouring and better classes; and the Commissioner of Salt has been directed to

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SUBJECT.

Req: the distribution of charitable relief fund. to gosha women &c.

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give effect to the recommendation.

2. Sections 134 and 135 of the Code relate to gratuitous relief to destitute women. under the latter Section such relief may be given to destitute Pariah women in ~~chief~~ return for some light work even though they may not be entitled to it under Section 62. Orders are solicited with reference to para 3 of the Hon'ble Secy's letter.

It appears from the papers of 1877 (part up) that during the great famine Pariah women in the Town of Madras were relieved from funds made up of private subscriptions & a grant from Govt. ~~Board~~

The case referred to by his Ex. does not seem to be that contemplated in Ss 134 & 135. I fancy he was thinking of dependants of workers who C. not themselves work. Ss 134 & 135 are not intended to apply to the Coorg Pariah women as a class. He sends for sample. The line is however very difficult to draw. It turns on the meaning to be assigned to "respectable" which is used in other senses in which Pariahs could not be ascribed. By "respectable" a native means "possessed of money", so far as I know BS

and in Ss 136 ~~native~~ uses it. There is no purpose ? at present to give relief under Ss 134 & 135.

RS
6-3-97

Relief Inspectors will be appointed in all the affected districts, & no help under the powers under Ss 134 & 135, as well as under the other sections. The only suggestion I can make, as to the Relief that shd be given from private funds to poor but respectable persons such as who will not take Govt relief, is that it shd be given after inquiries such as are described in Sec 134 to persons whom the Committee think deserving of relief who are not relieved by Govt the doles given. Shd ~~more~~ be less per person than Govt doles.

JG
9/3/97

The reply would seem to be that Govt. intends to relieve destitute women and children, under powers 134 and 135, but that as this class of people dreads publicity and official enquiry, it is likely that many of them may hold back and prefer starvation to Govt relief. These are the cases that private charity should deal with. They will probably be better known to the non-Official than to the Official, and means will have to be devised for receiving

The only sections which can be used to aid (beg) destitute women of the kind mentioned in Sections 92. and 132.

I W. say that the Committee might obtain all poor women who are not on a relief work or who are dependants on the able bodied relations not in receipt of relief either on works or on allowance.

11/3/97

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JG

I agree with the Secy.

BS
10/3/97

the encouragement of charity to them more or less privately; or they will exclude private charity as they would public relief.

The higher officials and Committees might occasionally come across such cases in the course of their enquiries, and might be provided with funds to give relief in such way might seem best suited to the particular

persons suffering from distress. Non-
official might be left to bring such cases
to the notice of the nearest official or
committee possessed of funds.

A.H
12.3.97

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IDDAN FAMINE CHARITABLE RELIEF FUND,
MADRAS BRANCH.

Madras 2nd March 1897.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With the Executive Committee of the above Fund are feeling considerable doubt as to the proper disbursement of funds under heading III of the Viceroys Statement of objects for which charitable relief may be given, as set forth in the Gazette of India of 9th January

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Recorded with reference to the following Letter.

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Letter No: 1428

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Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. regarding relief of Gosha females I am without to say that Govt intends to relieve gosha women and children under paras 134 & 135 of the Famine Code, but as this class of people dreads publicity and official enquiry, it is likely that many of them may hold back and prefer starvation to Govt relief. These are the cases that private charity should

should deal with. Such cases will probably be better known to the non-officials than to the officials and means will have to be devised for securing the conveyance of charity to them more or less privately, or they will elude private charity, as they would public relief.

2. The higher officials and local committees may occasionally come across such cases in the course of their enquiries and may be provided with funds to give relief in whatever way may seem best suited to the particular persons suffering from distress. Non-officials may also be invited to bring such cases to the notice of the nearest official or committee possessed of funds.

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