

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 422

DATED 2nd June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the proposal of the Virgin
Planters' Association to give employment to
Jamaican coolies and stating that Govt. is
unable to actively second the efforts of the
Association by encouraging coolies to migrate
to the estates or defraying their expenses
to their destination.

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(6)

12th May 1887.

My dear Sir.

I have received
your letter of the 11th with
reference to Widdles' letter
about obtaining labor
from famine relief works.
While I am forwarding
this for information.

If Government will
give us the assistance
stated in your letter, I must
inform the Famine Commis-
sioner that it approves of
our desire to give employ-
ment to the coolies who can
be induced to leave their

from the Finance Director
and state that our Agent
is to receive reasonable
assistance & support, we
shall be very grateful.

This is in fact as much
as I personally expected
Govt could do.

With your kindly convey
to his Excellency my
thanks for the prompt
consideration he has
accorded to our request
Yours sincerely
Arthur Woodburn

C/4
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OOTACAMUND.

11th May 1897.

My dear Hodgkin,

With reference
to Windle's letter about ob-
taining labours from Famine
Relief works, &c. Excellency desires
we should inform you that the
matter was discussed by him-
self and the members of Council
at their last meeting. It was
then agreed that Govt would give
you all the information in its
power, which you might desire,
& would put you in touch with
the Famine Commissions, or with
District Officers, as you might wish,
and would regard your efforts
with a benevolent eye; but it
was also agreed that Govt could
do little beyond this, & could
not with propriety actively as-
sist you, as suggested by Windle,

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in refusing to feed those to whom you might offer work on the Estates, or in paying the travelling expenses of the Coshies & other Estates. Mr. Shon, Esq, would lend you their moral support, but does not feel justified in going further.

His Excellency does not think that a personal interview with himself would be of much use in furthering the matter. The famine Commissioners Le Franc, & the various Collectors of Bellary, Kurnool, Cuddapah, & Anantapur would be the men to address, if anything practical is to be done.

Yrs. Svc
H. A. Sim

True copy.

12th May '97.
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H. A. Sim

30. April 97.



My dear Sir.

I enclose you a
letter from the ^{Rev} Secretary of
the Kilgeri Planters Assoc.
which speaks for itself.

I also enclose agenda
paper of the meeting which
took place on the 28th inst.
in which you will see agenda
FIV refers to the same subject.

The resolution adopted
was to the effect that Govt
be asked at once if they
will co-operate with the Planters
in their attempt to bring
down coolies from the

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farmers districts & work
in plantations =

There is no doubt that if
it can be managed it
would relieve a lot of a
good deal of expense for
it would give good wages
and employment to a
great many people who
at present cannot get work
and are being supported
by Govt. I believe that
in this district alone im-
mediate employment
could be given to upwards
of 1000 coolies, and other

Planting districts could
absorb many more -

I am writing to ask
if you will kindly place
the suggestion before H.E.
the Governor, to find out if
it meets with sufficient
approval to make a sub-
sequent interview as above
is desirable, at which
details could be more
fully explained

I am going away on
the morning of the 2nd
next for 10 days. So will
forward your reply to the

Army Secy of the Belgian
Planters Association:

Yours sincerely
Hereward Hodgson

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April 29th 1917

My dear Hodgson,

With reference to obtaining
labour from Famine Relief works - I have
written to Turpin & Co. The idea is
to first ascertain to what extent Gov. will
assist us, and how it will regard the scheme.
Without its support, we are not likely to do
much. Have you any objection to seeing
H.E. this morning on the subject? or would
you prefer one or two of the sub-committee doing
so? It is very desirable that you should
countenance the matter, not as a member
of Council but as a member of the N.P.A.
and I hope you will at least arrange for
an interview with H.E.

If the Governor, while generally approving
of the idea, will turn us over to some official
connected with Famine Relief, - a man
who can give us information as to class
of people relieved in the different camps.

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who had power to write to those in charge of these camps, asking for information we may want, and who could arrange with us whether Gov. would simply stand by approvingly whilst we made an arrangement with labour (or tried to!), or would actually assist us by paying ^{in feeding} to help suitable labour which we made a fair offer of work to, or otherwise do what it could to induce labour to come to us; and who would also decide what assistance, in paying travelling exp. of the labour, might reasonably be given by Government, what safeguards for the fair treatment of the labour Gov. would ask for, etc. - we should be able to put the matter in train in the shortest possible

time. If we have to go through the many official channels for all we want, the chance will be over and the opportunity lost. Directly we know what Gov. will or will not do in the matter, we will arrange to send up trustees, in charge of a representative of our interests, to the most likely camps or camps. I feel quite sure, whether it is successful or not, it is an attempt which should be made. If you will help us will you arrange to see the Governor in the next day or two, if possible? If not, will you arrange an interview for three of the sub-committee who can attend? Any day next week, the earlier the better. I will come in any day & bring the others if there can come. Do not let him see the Gov's Secretary? Yours sincerely E. C. Widdie

Nilgiri Planters' Association.

AGENDA PAPER.

Annual General Meeting to be held at 11-30 A.M. at the Masonic Hall, Ootacamund, on April 28th 1897.

Members of Committee are requested to attend a Committee Meeting at 10-30 previous to the Annual General Meeting, at the same place.

- I. Read proceedings of last meeting. ✓
- II. Read Honorary Secretary's Annual Report. ✓
- III. Read statement of accounts for 1896. ✓
- IV. Elect Honorary Secretary and Committee for 1897-98. ✓
- V. Famine Fund; read statement of accounts.
- VI. Act XIII of 1859. Read correspondence between the Hon. Mr. Hodgson and Chairman, U. P. A. S. I. ✓
Read Counsel's opinion on Act XIII.
Read Honorary Secretary's correspondence with Honorary Secretary, Wynnad Planters' Association, re Form of Agreement to come under Act XIII. ✓
- The Hon'ble Mr. Hodgson will report on what has been done in connection with this Act to date. ✓
- VII. Individual Membership of U. P. A. S. I. Read circular from U. P. A. S. I. Secretary, giving details of proposed scheme. ✓
- VIII. Upkeep of Internal Boundary Stones. Read Board of Revenue order, and provisions added to Section 146 of the Madras Survey Bill on April 10th 1897.

IX. Cattle Trespass Act of 1871. Read Section 26 of Act and Notification No. 431, dated 19-11-1891.

X. U. P. A. S. I. Jubilee Address to the Queen Empress. Read circular from Chairman U. P. A. S. I., dated 18-2-1897.

Do do dated 12-4-1897.

Amount of money collected towards cost of casket for Address.

XI. Engineering workshop in the Nilgiri District. Read Mr. William Moir's letter of March 21st 1897.

XII. Purchase of Cinchona Bark by Government. Read U. P. A. S. I. circular dated January 29th 1897.

XIII. Adulteration of Coffee and Tea. Read extracts from report of the Select Committee on Food Products and Adulteration.

XIV. Consider Mr. F. W. Turpin's resolution:—"That in view of the large numbers (nearly 100,000) on relief works in the Famine Districts of the Madras Presidency Government be asked if they will encourage coolies to migrate to estates and defray their expenses to their destination, thereby effecting a considerable saving to Government itself and conferring a benefit on Planters in need of labor and that a circular be addressed to all Proprietors and Managers, enquiring:—1st—How many able bodied labourers they are prepared to engage at an advance of some small amount per head (man or woman) landed on the estate, and for what period of time they will undertake to give such coolies regular employment at the rates prevailing in the locality.

Copies of proceedings of the U. P. A. S. I. for 1896 are now available and can be supplied by the Hon. Sec. N. P. A.

Papers on the table.

Agricultural Ledgers Nos. 23, 35, 39, 40, & 41.

Agricultural Series No. 5.

Act XIII of 1859, with rulings, etc., etc., 2nd edition.

Proceedings of N. Mysore Planters' Association, March 1st Annual General Meeting

Do S. Mysore	do	Mar. 4th & 5th	do
Do Central Travancore	do		do
Do Wynaad	do	Jan. 6	do
Do do	do	Mar. 3	General Meeting.
Do Coorg	do	Mar. 3	do
Do Shevaroy	do	Jan. 11	do
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Q.O. No 414

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Chennai.
12 May 1907.

CHIEF SECRETARY
21 MAY 1907
DEPT. OF AGRI.

My dear Sir,
This is

Correspondence with Hodgson about Govt giving the planters assistance in the matter of inducing famine coolies to go up to the Estates as labourers. From Hodgson's last letter you will see that he wants apparently a G.O. putting him in communication with the District and with the Collectors of the affected districts, and stating officially the willingness of Govt. to lend them its moral support.

Would you kindly put up a draft G.O. to be circulated for approval, soon.

Yours sincerely,
A. S. Srinivasan

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Print. Mr. Bailey
2-6-97

Read the following Resolution
adopted at a meeting of the Virgin
Planters Association held on
the 28th April 1897.

" That in view of the large
numbers (nearly 100000) in
relief ~~in~~ in the Famine
Districts of the Madras Presidency
Govt be asked if they will
encourage coolies to migrate
to estates and defray their
expenses to their destination
merely effecting a considerable
saving to Govt itself and con-
fering a benefit on the planters
in need of labour + + + .. "

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The Govt approves of the
~~proposals~~ of the Virgin Planters
Association to give employment
to famine coolies, ^{but regrets its} ~~and so far as possible~~
~~to give the Association~~ ~~as the~~
~~information as to the~~
~~Association~~ inability to actively
second the efforts of the Association
by encouraging coolies to migrate
to the estates or defraying their
expenses to their destination.
It ~~is~~ is however prepared

to give the association all
the information ⁱⁿ its power which
~~it may~~ ^{it may} require and will
instruct the District Commr
and the Collectors of affected
districts to afford them similar
assistance to it.

W.H.P.

The Honble ^{Mr. H.P.} Secy to Govt.
The District Commr
The Board (L.H.).
Collectors of affected districts

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Famine Coolies.

Approving the proposal of the Nilgiri Planters' Association to give employment to — and stating that Government is unable to actively second the efforts of the Association by encouraging coolies to migrate to the estates or defraying their expenses to their destination.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Nilgiri Planters' Association held on the 28th April 1897:—

That in view of the large numbers (nearly 100,000) on relief works in the famine districts of the Madras Presidency, Government be asked if they will encourage coolies to migrate to estates and defray their expenses to their destination, thereby effecting a considerable saving to Government itself and conferring a benefit on planters in need of labour, and that a circular be addressed to all proprietors and managers inquiring, 1st, how many able-bodied labourers they are prepared to engage at an advance of some small amount per head (men or women) landed on the estate, and for what period of time they will undertake to give such coolies regular employment at the rates prevailing in the locality.

ORDER—No. 422, Revenue, dated 2nd June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Government approves of the proposal of the Nilgiri Planters' Association to give employment to famine coolies, but regrets its inability to actively second the efforts of the Association by encouraging coolies to migrate to the estates or defraying their expenses to their destination. It is however prepared to give the Association all the information in its power which it may require and will instruct the Famine Commissioner and the Collectors of affected districts to afford similar assistance to it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. Hodgson.
" Famine Commissioner.
" Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
" Collectors of affected districts.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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