# Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., Nos 935- 936

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwg. to the Govt. of India B. P. stating that the classification of relief workers in the monthly report on the affected districts in the Madras Presy. for August 1897 is in strict accordance with the provisions of the Famine Code

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government the explanation called for as to the correctness of the classification of workers.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

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# Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 20th October 1897.

No. 8556 mis:

W. J. H. Le Fanu Esq:

(Famine Commissioner)

READ Proceedings of Government, Revenue department, No. 856 Press dated 7th October 1897.

(Resolution)

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The Famine Commissioner begs to submit the report called for in G. O. 856 Press; dated 7th October 1897, as to the classification of relief workers in August.

2. Relief workers are classified according to the Code as follows:—

A. Able-bodied persons accustomed to labours of the kind required, as ordinary

dinary works – ie professional labourers

B. able-bodied persons accustomed to labour but not to labour of the kind required on ordinary relief Works, – ie, labourers but not professional.

C. able-bodied persons not accustomed to labour – ie, able-bodied but not labourers.

D. Persons not able-bodied, but fit for light employment on relief works – ie, weakly.

3. Practically all those relieved on works in this Presidency are of the agricultural Community and accustomed to labour, but not to labour of the kind required on ordinary works.

Under these circumstances the



the question set for answer by the Government of India resolves itself to this, should boys and girls between 12 and 16, accustomed to labour, be classed as able-bodied in Class B, or as weakly in class D?

5. The Madras Famine Code contains no provision corresponding to section 73 of the Bombay Code, under which boys and girls over 12 years of age may be classed as adults of class C. The result of this provision is to give these "child-adults" not only a smaller task but also a smaller wage. In para 3 (1) of G. O. No. 216 dated 30th March 1897, which is still in force, it has been directed that boys between 12 and 16 should be treated as

to 2 or 3 units instead of 4, according to the necessity of each Case, for the purpose of tasking. The Jammie Commissioner has always understood this order to mean that these "child-adults" should be placed in the class to which they properly belong, a deduction being made from their task on account of their imperfect development, and not in the weekly gang, which should be reserved for those able to turn out only a nominal task, and he believes that this is the correct exposition of the intention of the Code. Under these circumstances he considers the classification now under criticism to be in strict accordance with



with the provisions of the local Code.

(True Extract)

Yours,
Jammie Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the Secy to the Govt of
R and A. Dept

8/11/97 P.C. Dd. 24·11·97

No 936

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr Haldane's
letter 3054 F dy 22-9-97 in
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which the Govt of I referring to the
Madras Famine Report for August
enquires whether the classification
of relief workers which places
all but a very small number
of them in the Category of
able-bodied persons accused
to labour is in strict accord
with the provisions of the
Madras Famine Code

2 In reply I am to forward

e marginally noted Proceedings of this Govt embodying a report on the subject from the Famine Comr from which it will be seen that practically all those relieved on works in this Presy are of the agricultural community and accustomed to labour, and consequently entitled to be placed in class B, that there is no rule in the Madras Code similar to that in section 7 of the Bombay Code, that boys and girls of 12 to 16 years who are treated as adults are placed in the class to which their parents would belong, and that the present classification is therefore in strict accordance with the provisions of the Madras Code.

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**G.O., No. 935, 12th November 1897.**

## NOVEMBER.

### Classification of Relief Workers.

Ordering that the Board's Proceedings stating that the — in the monthly report on the affected districts in the Madras Presidency for August 1897 is in strict accordance with the provisions of the Famine Code, be forwarded to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 8556, dated 20th October 1897 :—

W. J. H. LeFanu, Esq.
(Famine Commissioner).

*Read*—G.O., No. 856, Revenue, dated 7th October 1897.

Abstract.—Referring to the Famine Commissioner, for report, letter from the Government of India enquiring whether the classification of workers in the monthly report on the affected districts in the Madras Presidency for August 1897 is in strict accordance with the provisions of the Famine Code.

*Resolution*—Mis. No. 8556, dated 20th October 1897.

The Famine Commissioner begs to submit the report called for in G.O., No. 856, Revenue, dated 7th October 1897, as to the classification of relief workers in August.

2. Relief workers are classified according to the code as follows:—

(*a*) Able-bodied persons accustomed to labour of the kind required on ordinary works, *i.e.*, professional labourers.

(*b*) Able-bodied persons accustomed to labour, but not to labour of the kind required on ordinary relief works, *i.e.*, labourers but not professional.

(*c*) Able-bodied persons not accustomed to labour, *i.e.*, able-bodied but not labourers.

(*d*) Persons not able-bodied, but fit for light employment on relief works, *i.e.*, weakly.

3. Practically all those relieved on works in this Presidency are of the agricultural community and are accustomed to labour, but not to labour of the kind required on ordinary works.

4. Under these circumstances the question set for answer by the Government of India resolves itself to this: should boys and girls between 12 and 16, accustomed to labour, be classed as able-bodied in class B or as weakly in class D ?

5. The Madras Famine Code contains no provision corresponding to section 73 of the Bombay Code, under which boys and girls over 12 years of age may be classed as adults of class C. The result of this provision is to give these "child-adults" not only a smaller task but also a smaller wage. In paragraph 3 (1) of G.O., No. 216, dated 30th March 1897, which is still in force, it has been directed that boys between 12 and 16 should be treated as two or three units instead of four, according to the necessity of each case for the purpose of tasking. The Famine Commissioner has always understood this order to mean that these "child-adults" should be placed in the class to which they properly belong, a deduction being made from their task on account of their imperfect development, and not in the weekly gang, which should be reserved for those able to turn out only a nominal task, and he believes that this is the correct



exposition of the intention of the code. Under these circumstances he considers the classification now under criticism to be in strict accordance with the provisions of the local code.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 935, Revenue, dated 12th November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

*From*

*The Government of Fort St. George.*

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**Letter No. 936, 12th November 1897.**

**NOVEMBER.**

FORWARDING a copy of the Proceedings of this Government embodying a report from the Famine Commissioner stating that the classification of relief workers in the monthly report on the affected districts in the Madras Presidency for August 1897 is in strict accordance with the provisions of the Madras Famine Code.

# REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

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

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Revenue and Agricultural Department,

Sir, *Dated Fort St. George, 12th November* 1897.

Miscellaneous.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Holderness's letter, No. 3054-F.—60-23, dated 22nd September 1897, in which the Government of India, referring to the Madras famine report for August, enquires whether the classification of relief workers, which places all but a very small number of them in the category of able-bodied persons accustomed to labour, is in strict accordance with the provisions of the Madras Famine Code.

2. In reply, I am to forward the marginally-noted Proceedings of this Government embodying a report on the subject from the Famine Commissioner, from which it will be seen that practically all those relieved on works in this Presidency are of the agricultural community and accustomed to labour, and consequently entitled, under section 96 of the Code, to be placed in class B; that there is no rule in the Madras Code similar to that in section 73 of the Bombay Code; that boys and girls of 12 to 16 years who are treated as adults are placed in the class to which their parents would belong; and that the present classification is therefore in strict accordance with the provisions of the Madras Code.

No. 935, Revenue, dated 12th November 1897.

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

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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