

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 189

Dated 1st April 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine-Relief works.

Requesting the C. Mr. of Welles to inquire into the situation and report upon the condition of the people in portion of the Katakashri Zamindari Estate in his district in view to arrangements being made to provide relief for them if necessary.

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From the Board of Revenue
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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks
for the information of Govt.
letters from the Collector of
Mellore, Submitting a trans-
lation of the Khatt from
Raja of Kalahasti stating
that he is now unable to
start any works in the regu-
lar and that the works may
be started at the cost of
Government. The expenditure
being recovered afterwards.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Translation of the Khat
No. 2 dated 3rd February 1898
from the Raja of Kalahasti &
the Collector of Nellore

Your Khat no: 163 dated
22nd January 1898 has been re-
ceived. We would, as required
in your Khat, be very happy
to start the repairs of tanks
for the relief of the poor. But
this estate is heavily encum-
bered to the extent of Rs 30 lacs
during the current year there
has been a deficiency of rain-
fall and consequent failure
of crops in all our 3 taluks. This
resulted in our having had
to borrow again to meet the first
Kish.

Kist of our peishench for the
for payment of the peishench for the
2nd and 3rd kists, the tenants,
refuse to pay up their rents
owing to distress. There is an
appeal case pending in the
High Court, against us as to the
succession to the estate. Until
this appeal is decided, it will be
difficult for us to raise any
further loans. For the above rea-
sons, we regret very much to
say that it is not possible for
us to start any works on behalf
of the estate.

The Honourable Government
is ready to undertake relief
of the poor during such famine.
We therefore request that orders
may be issued to start as
chief works in such of the
villages

villages of the Ramur Taluk
of our estate as require relief,
the repairs of the Ryemindari
tanks subject to the amounts
so spent being recovered from
us later on in favourable
years.

Sd/ V. Jagannadharow
for Ag. Collector.

(True Copy)

Revenue Secretary

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

Dated 10th March 1898.

No. 174 & Miscellaneous.

READ

The following letter from
the Collector of Nellore No.
of 1898 dated 28th February

x at page 7 of Narration. In the remarks embodied
in my fortnightly narrative
for the fortnight ending 15th
February 1898, I gave a list
of works which the Raja of K.
hasbi said had been done
by him for execution & relief
of the poor and stated that
I asked the Raja to start the
works soon especially in the
Sitarampuram

Sitarampuram Range of his
Estate as works were badly want-
ed there. I have now the
honour to enclose a transla-
tion of the Raja's reply in
which he expressed his inabi-
lity to undertake the works
owing to the straitened fi-
nances of the Estate, which
is heavily encumbered and
the continued litigation in
which it is engaged. The
Raja in conclusion requests
that the works may be star-
ted and executed at the
cost of Government, the ex-
penditure being recovered af-
terwards from the Estate. Un-
til the litigation in connection
with the succession to the Es-
-tate

Estate is finally disposed of,
such a course would, I imagine,
not be advisable

Resolution

Submitted for the
information of Government.
2. There were similar difficul-
ties with this Estate in 1891.
During the past year, relief
operations were undertaken
in the proprietary estates of
the Tanjavur and Vizagapatnam
districts at the cost of the State.
The same course may be followed
now.

(True Copy & Extract)

Famine Secretary,
To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Copy to The Collector of Kallakurichi

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1. **Introduction**

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Read B. P. 1748, 10.3.98, lett (Cus 25) but
note: In submitting the fortnightly
narrative of the Nellore district for the
period ending 15.1.98, the Collector
remarked: "The Rajah of Kalahasti
has furnished me a list of 42 works,
estimated to cost Rs 16,230, as available
in the portion of the Zamindari situ-
ated in this district, viz, Samudra
Sitarampuram taluk. I have re-
quested him to start the works as
soon as possible, especially in the
Sitarampuram fiska." Referring to
this remark, the Collector now for-
wards a translation of the Rajah's
reply on the matter, in which the
Rajah states that the estate is already
heavily encumbered, that an ap-
peal case is pending in the High
Court in the matter of the succession
to the estate, that until the appeal
is decided, it will be difficult for
him to raise any further loans,
and that in these circumstances
it will not be possible for him
to start any works on behalf of the
estate. The Rajah accordingly,

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work in
want to start the Zamindari
in the affected villages of the
as relief works,
immediately (the collector reported that
works were more necessary in the
it an amputation filled); subject to
the condition that the accounts so
spent are recovered from the estate
later on in more favourable years.

Para 2. The Collector's ~~recommendation~~ is
of opinion that until the litigation
is finally disposed of, such a course
would not be advisable. The Board
(i.e. Mr. Fane)
of Revenue, however, in submitting
the papers for the information of Govt.,
states that similar difficulties
were felt in regard to this estate
in 1891, that during the past year
relief operations were undertaken
in the proprietary estates of the Ganjam
and the Vizagapatam districts at
the cost of the State, and that
the same course may be followed
in the present case. Attention is
however solicited to Mr. Le Fane's
own remarks on the subject in
para 27 of the final Famine Report.
He says "In the districts of Ganjam
and Vizagapatam, as already stated,
area of Government

vide papers under No. 542
16.6.91
and 929
5.10.91

Page 32, Final Report.

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"opposed to Zamindari, land is but
small. Zamindars, with the exception of the Zamindars of Parlati
medi and Bobbili, are usually
unable or unwilling to undertake
relief works themselves, and, as the
revenue derived from their estates
is permanently fixed, the repair
of irrigation works in such areas
by Government is impolitic; for
such a course would merely
benefit the landholders without
any profit to Govt. except within
Govt. taluks therefore, a
the construction and repair of
irrigation works for relief purposes
is out of the question."

3. Again, the present
policy of Govt. is to, as far as possible,
concentrate
labour on a few large useful
works, not necessarily near
the homes of the distressed people
to provide better accommodation
and to drag parties to these
large works. If this is done
there may exist no necessity to
permanently undertake the repair of
the Zamindari taluks at Govt. cost
the Zamindars' vague condition

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the sums spent may be
considered later on in favourable
circumstances will not... count for much.
especially in the present ^{heavily} encumbered
state of the estate.

See
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Yes; work outside

the Zamindar may be
provided for the employment
of indigent persons residing
within the Zamindari.

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In the last resort there is
no difference in the obligation
(whatever it may be) imposed
upon Govt. of relieving a
subject of the Queen whether
he is a villager of a Zamindari
or of a ryotwari village.
There is however a difference
in the selection of the employ-
ment, & there is no reason
why by famine labour we shd.
carry out a work for the benefit
a private proprietor such as
Zamindar unless he is prepared to
pay for it. Very likely there

He certainly is not in a position
to start relief. He has little or
no money in hand, & the appeals to
the Shroff Court is by a man who
claims to be a Hindu. The Govt.
say the Rajah is not, & adds for
income profits.

Yes, but it will be necessary
for him to divide the
ministry into circles, & appoint
circles officers to report the
real state of affairs.

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are several ^{estate} works in the taluqs wh. w? doubtless prove
admirable famine works; but
the Lant. is virtually bankrupt
& admits he cannot reimburse
Govt. for the outlay ^{it} may incur
tho he professes that it may
be recoverable in the indefinite
future in favourable years.
but the works, w? really
benefit the mortgagors.

At the same time we
must recognize that the
Lant. is not in a position
to do anything for the relief
of the villagers on the estate.

The Shroff must therefore
see to the condition of the people
if relief is necessary within the estate.
Therefore works which are
likely to be of ~~present~~ public
utility such as opening
roads, drinking water or
conservancy works & if any
of sufficient magnitude can
be found. If no such work
can be found, it may be necessary
to draft the people to some of
the large works wh. the Govt. are

the up in the Nellore taluq. The
report was fully & precisely.

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Read B.P. No. 1748 d/ 10-3-98, Rev. Sett
(C.No. 2045).

Order (Press). N. 189 d/ 1st April 1898.

The Govt. considers that in general
there is no reason why, the state should
carry out, with famine labour, works for the
benefit of a private proprietor, unless
he is prepared to pay for them. The zamindar
of Kalahasti admits that he cannot
now reimburse Govt. for any outlay it may
incur in the execution of the works which
he proposes should be undertaken on his
estate and that he can hold out no definite
prospect of being able to do so ^{in the near future.} His re-
quest in this matter cannot therefore be
accorded to. At the same time the Govt. re-
cognises that, in his present circum-
stances, the zamindar is not in a position
to undertake to provide any substantial
relief for the villagers on his property
and that if such measures are required
Govt. must itself make the necessary ar-
rangements. The Collector of Nellore will
accordingly inquire carefully into the

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tion and report fully upon the con-
of the people in the portion of
mindari in his district. To this end
divide the zamindari into circles
point circle officers to report up-
real state of affairs. If he then
ers that it is essential to inaugu-
relief measures, and if the works
y opened or about to be opened in
strict are inconvenient for the
e, he may select within the zamin-
orks which are likely to be of pub-
ility, such as roads, wells, con-
cy works and the like if any of
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r this cannot be done those in need
ief should be drafted to the dis-
works already referred to.

Intld) G.S.F.

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Bd of Rev. Rev. Sett.

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APRIL.

Famine-relief works.

Requesting the Collector of Nellore to inquire into the situation and report upon the condition of the people in the portion of the Kálahasti zamindari situate in his district in view to arrangements being made to provide relief for them if necessary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 1748, dated 10th March 1898 :—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 28th February 1898, No. 698-Ver. :—

In the remarks embodied in my fortnightly narrative for the fortnight ending 15th February 1898, I gave a list of works which the Raja of Kálahasti said had been sanctioned by him for execution to relieve the poor and stated that I had asked the Raja to start the works soon especially in the Sitampuram range of his estate as the Raja's reply, in which he expresses his inability to enclose a translation of the straitened finances of the estate, which is heavily encumbered and the continued litigation in which it is engaged. The Raja in conclusion requests that the works may be started and executed at the cost of Government, the expenditure being recovered afterwards from the estate. Until the litigation in connection with the succession to the estate is finally disposed of, such a course would, I imagine, not be advisable.

ENCLOSURE.

Translation of the khat No. 2, dated 3rd February 1898, from the Raja of Kálahasti, to the Collector of Nellore.

Your khat No. 163, dated 22nd January 1898, has been received. We would, as required in your khat, be very happy to start the repairs of tanks for the relief of the poor. But this estate is heavily encumbered to the extent of Rs. 30 lakhs. During the current year there has been a deficiency of rainfall and consequent failure of crops in all our three taluks. This has resulted in our having had to borrow again to meet the first kist of our peshkash. This payment of the peshkash for the second and third kists the tenants refuse to pay up their rents owing to distress. There is an appeal case pending in the High Court against us as to the succession to the estate. Until this appeal is decided, it will be difficult for us to raise any further loans. For the above reasons we regret very much to say that it is not possible for us to start any works on behalf of the estate.

The Honourable Government is ready to undertake relief of the poor during such famine. We therefore request that orders may be issued to start as relief works in such of the village of the Pamur taluk of our estate as require relief, the repairs of the zamindari tanks subject to the amounts so spent being recovered from us later on in favourable years.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1748, dated 10th March 1898.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There were similar difficulties with this estate in 1891. During the past year, relief operations were undertaken in the proprietary estates of the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts at the cost of the State. The same course may be followed now.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of translation.
Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

ORDER—No. 189, Revenue, dated 1st April 1898.

Miscellaneous.

The Government considers that in general there is no reason why the State should carry out, with famine labour, works for the benefit of a private proprietor, unless he is prepared to pay for them. The Zamindar of Kálahasti admits that he cannot now reimburse Government for any outlay it may incur in the execution of the works which he proposes should be undertaken on his estate, and that he can hold out no definite prospect of being able to do so in the near future. His request in this matter cannot therefore be acceded to. At the same time the Government recognises that, in his present circumstances, the Zamindar is not in a position to undertake to provide any substantial relief for the villagers on his property and that, if such measures are required, Government must itself make the necessary arrangements. The Collector of Nellore will accordingly inquire carefully into the situation and report fully upon the condition of the people in the portion of the zamindari in his district. To this end he may divide the zamindari into circles and appoint circle officers to report upon the real state of affairs. If he then considers that it is essential to inaugurate relief measures, and if the works already opened or about to be opened in the district, are inconvenient for the purpose, he may select within the zamindari works which are likely to be of public utility, such as roads, wells, conservancy works and the like if any of sufficient magnitude can be found. If, however, this cannot be done, those in need of relief should be drafted to the district works already referred to.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.

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