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Approving the instructions of the Board of Revenue that a full and definite task must be exacted from the coolies employed on the Hastinapuram tank, Cuddapah district.

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12TH JUNE 1891, No. 521, REVENUE.

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Read—the following letter from O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Madanapalle, 22nd May 1891, Extra No. 103 :—

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R. Ry. N. CUMARASAMI ACHARI, Overseer in charge of Famine Relief Works, Ráyachóti Taluk, to the Collector of Cuddapah (through the Sub-Divisional officer, Madanapalle), dated Ráyachóti, 19th May 1891, No. 55.

In continuation of my letter No. 39, dated 10th May 1891, I beg to report that the coolies who worked for the week ending 9th May 1891, were paid in anticipation of your sanction at an average rate of 2 annas for a man and 1 anna 4 pies for a woman as they were in such a bad condition as immediate payment was necessary.

2. As per your honour's memorandum, Extra No. 83, dated 14th May 1891, I arranged and commenced the work again, and the coolies about 300 in number came to the work on the 18th instant; but being informed of the subsequent Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 276, Press, dated 12th May 1891, refused to work and returned home.

3. The labourers say that they will work hard but cannot show any fixed quantity of work as required by the Public Works Department. The coolies are no doubt in want of means to maintain themselves (please *vide* the villager's report, dated 18th May 1891, which is enclosed, herewith).

4. The average rate earned by the labourers for the two weeks ending 2nd and 9th May 1891 is for man 2 annas and woman $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas (please *vide* the two statements of weekly labour enclosed herewith). The rate is only for scraping the surface silt soil to a few inches in depth. If pits are to be dug deeper, the labourers cannot do more than three-fourths of what they have already done, and so they cannot earn more than 1 anna and 6 pies and 1 anna, respectively, a day.

Resolution—dated 28th May 1891, No. 309.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
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To the Collector of Cuddapah.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

„ „ Collector of Chingleput.
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ORDER—dated 12th June 1891, No. 521, Revenue.

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Exd. A. Aubert.

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