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No. 310. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1877, No. 1,012:—

Read the following letter from R. S. BENSON, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Tungatur, 16th February 1877, No. 137.

As directed in Board's Proceedings, No. 3,152, dated 12th December 1876, I have the honor to submit the monthly progress report of relief works for my division for January 1877.

2. BUDWAIL.—In the last week of December 1876 Mr. Cox took charge of relief works in Budwail Taluq, and early in January last was gazetted a Deputy collector and Magistrate, and then was put in sole charge, Revenue, Magistrate, and relief of Budwail, from which date I have been entirely relieved of that taluq.

3. SIDHOUT.—I proceed to notice the works in Sidhout Taluq. The most important of these is the new road from Wontimitta to Kotapad, and thence *via* Adhavaram, Kuruguntapally, and Konapuram to Tungatur, nineteen miles new road. At the end of December 1876 I reported that three miles of this had been completed at a cost of Rupees 6,662.

During the month a further length of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles was completed (except some masonry embankments) at a cost of Rupees 4,708. I have just been encamped on this road and can testify to the excellence of the work. I find in a letter from the President, Local Fund Board, to Government, dated 1st July last, that the probable cost of this road is set down by the District Engineer at Rupees 25,000. I hope to be able to complete it within Rupees 30,000, which must be regarded as satisfactory for a relief work under Revenue charge. The number of coolies at work on 31st January was 1,791.

4. Formerly the coolies on the above road and those on the second work in the taluq, viz., the repair of the Wontimitta-Sidhout road were supervised by a single officer, but early in January as the former partly advanced towards Kotapad the distance became greater, and this arrangement was no longer possible. A separate officer was therefore appointed to the latter work early in January.

The result was an improvement in the proportion of outturn to expenditure.

What is the value of this?	Up to the end of December 1876 Rupees
J. F. PRICE,	1,023 had been spent, and 517 cubic
Acting Collector.	yards of metal had been broken, carried,
and stored on the road side. During the month a sum of Rupees 1,743 was expended	
	and 1,532 cubic yards of metal was stored
What is the value of this?	along the road, and 9,060 square yards of
J. F. PRICE,	clearing was effected on the line of a
Acting Collector.	

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proposed diversion. This is a great deal better than the outturn previously, and not above Public Works Department rates, as most of the metal had to be carried from 1 to 6 furlongs to the road side. On the 31st January 1877, 705 coolies were employed on this work.

5. The third work in the taluq, and that on which the largest numbers (3,408 on 31st January) were employed, was the repair of the main road from Sidhout to

Orders to carry out this kind of work on all main roads have been issued.

J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

Budwail. Here also I am able to report a considerable improvement in the value of the outturn as compared with expenditure. Up to the end of December 1876

the outturn was 2,138 cubic yards metal, 570 cubic yards gravel, and road dam for a sum of Rupees 3,801 expended. In the month under review Rupees 8,650 was spent, and a return received of 5,522 cubic yards metal, 764 cubic yards gravel, 2,661 cubic yards earth-work, and 2,618 square yards clearing, levelling, &c. It is to be remembered that the metal and gravel is all carried and stocked on the road side exactly where it is wanted for use, and as the carriage in some instances was not less than half a mile the cost must be considered moderate.

6. I do not particularize the minor works which were carried on in the taluq. As before these were all small, executed on contract by the Reddies, and consisted

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J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

almost exclusively of construction and improvement of walls. Only Rupees 408 were thus spent in small sums during the month.

7. PULLUMPETT.—The largest number of coolies are employed on Rajampett to Hobly road, a work of considerable importance. During the month a sum of Rupees 8,412 was spent on this, and an advance of a mile and-a-half made. The cost thus appears excessive, but is really not so, as the greater part of this was over a very difficult piece of ground. The work being close to the head quarters of the Public Works Department Taluq Overseer was constantly supervised by him, and is excellent so far as it goes. At the close of the month 3,238 coolies were at work.

8. Next comes the road from Kodur to Settigunta, which is being carried on from both ends at once. At the end of the month the Kodur party numbered 2,409, had spent Rupees 5,912, and nearly completed two more miles of road. The Settigunta party numbered 1,292 coolies, had spent Rupees 3,168, and completed nearly a mile and-a-half of the road. Both parties were under one Superintendent, but his control was insufficient, and the work not economical. He is no longer employed, and separate Superintendents for each road have been appointed.

9. The only other large work was the Chitwail to Hobly road, commenced at the close of December. In January the road advanced two miles, at a cost of Rupees 4,884 and the Range Officer reports that the work is well done.

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How much?

J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

I am quite aware of the difficulties of making native officials understand this and exact anything like a decent tale of work from the coolies. They are in this district either particularly obtuse or else obstinate, and it does Mr. Benson much credit that he has succeeded so well as he has with the bad material at his disposal. The weeding should not be carried out with too heavy a hand as has been done in some parts of the district.

J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

10. Some petty village works at a small cost were also carried out.

11. On the whole there was an improvement in the value of work done as compared with cost, and I am gradually succeeding in making the native officials understand that a somewhat fair return in work *must* be exacted for the wages given. This has been a more difficult task than might be supposed possible, but it is by degrees being accomplished. Meantime, successful efforts are made to keep down numbers, and none but those really in want are employed.

No. 84.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. Mr. Benson deserves much credit for the way in which he has, with but very little extra help, managed his relief works and kept his numbers within reasonable limits.

Cuddapah,
19th February 1877.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board agree with the Collector in his commendation of Mr. Benson's work.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 311.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1877, No. 1,003.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that the manner in which Mr. Benson has managed the relief works in his division is creditable to him. They wish however the condition of the persons employed to be more specifically noticed in these reports, and other matters, such as the interval of payment, &c., to be mentioned in them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd March 1877

Read the following,

No. 137

Bd. R. No. 2017.

From The Head Assistant Collector of
Cuddapah

To The Acting Collector of Cuddapah

Sir As directed in Board's Proceeding
No. 3152 dated 12th December 1876 I have
the honor to submit the monthly
progress report of relief works for
my division for January 1877.

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Mr. Cox took charge of relief works
in Badmail Taluq and early in January
last was gazetted a Deputy Collector
and Magistrate, and then was put in
sole charge, Revenue, Magistrate and
relief of Badmail, from which date

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated March, 9th.

Head,

Encl.

G.O., 9th March 1877, No. 1,003.

MARCH.

No. 310-311.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 694.

Report on progress of Relief Works, from
Assistant Collector's Division, Cuddapah Dis-
trict, for January 1877.—Considers Mr. Benson's
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guntapally & Konapuram to Lingalur
19 miles new road at the end of December
1876 I reported that 3 miles of this had been
completed at a cost of Rs 6662.

During the month a further length
of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles was completed (except some
masonry culverts) at a cost of Rs 4708. I have
just been encamped on this road and
can testify to the excellence of the work.
I find in a letter from the President
Local Fund Board to Government dated 1st
July last that the probable cost of this road
is set down by the District Engineer at Rs
25000. I hope to be able to complete it within
Rs 30,000 which must be regarded as satis-
factory for a relief work under Revenue charge.
The number of coolies at work on 31st January
was 1791.

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in the proportion of out-turn to expen-
diture. Up to the end of December 1876
Rs 1025 had been spent and 517 cubic yards
of metal had been broken, carried and
shoved on the Road side. During
the month a sum of Rs 1743 was expended
and 1532 cubic yards of metal was
stoned along the road and 905 square
yards of clearing was effected on the
line

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M. Collector

a sum of Rs 3801 expended. In the month under review Rs 8650 was spent, and a return received of 5522 cubic yards metal, 764 cubic yards gravel, 2661 cubic yards earth work and 2618 square yards clearing, leveling &c. It is to be remembered that the metal and gravel is all carried & stocked on the road side exactly where it is wanted for use and as the carriage in some instances was not less than half a mile, the cost must be considered moderate.

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two more miles of road. The Sattigunta party numbered 1,292 Coolies had spent Rs 3168, and completed nearly a mile and a half of the road. Both parties were under one Superintendent, but his Control was insufficient, and the work not economical. He is no longer employed, and separate Superintendents for each road have been appointed.

9. The only other large work was the Chitwail to Hobly road commenced at the close of December. In January the road advanced 2 miles at a cost of Rs 4,884, and the Range Officer reports that the work is well done.

How much? 10. Some petty village works at a small cost were also carried out.
(228) 178 Rs. by Collector.

11. On the whole there was an improvement in the value of work done as compared with cost, and I am gradually succeeding in making the Native officials understand that a somewhat fair return in work must be exacted for the wages given. This has been a more difficult task than might be supposed possible, but it is by degrees being accomplished. Meantime successful efforts are made to save quite a number of the difficulties of making native officials understand this, and exact anything like a decent rate of work from the coolies. They are in this district either partly or else obstinate to and it does not seem much credit that he has succeeded so well as he has with

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Letter from Collector of

Leontopodium

progress of Relief works

in the Head of the

Division for January 1877.

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The Gov^t consider that the manner in which Mr. Brown has managed the Relief works in his Divⁿ is highly creditable to him. ~~And~~ They wish the condition of the persons

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