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Famine Relief.

No. 584 A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1877, No. 1,060A:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVILAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cumbum, 19th February 1877, (1st Extra) No. 7:—

I HAVE the honor to submit a narrative of the first portion of the tour I am now making for the information of the Board and of Government.

2. Mr. Bird, who under the recent orders of Government was deputed to relieve me of current work at headquarters, joined me at Kurnool on the 2nd instant, and thus for the first time since my assuming charge of the district on the 28th December, set me free to make a prolonged tour through the district.

3. Owing to the alarmingly rapid increase in the numbers admitted to State aid on the relief works in the Cumbum Division, and to the reluctance which Mr. Farmer, the responsible officer in charge of the division, had evinced to introducing task work at Government rates, I made it my first duty to pay a visit to the Cumbum Division which has all along been the source of our greatest anxiety.

4. Leaving Kurnool therefore early on the morning of Monday, the 5th instant, I made for the Nandikanama Ghaut by the route described by the Honorable D. Arbuthnott in his report, dated the 6th January 1877, and regarding which it will be sufficient to remark that it is more parched and desolate looking now than it was then. I halted en route at Kalwa, Paniem, Nandial, and Gazulpalli, and carefully inspected (at the three first stations) the coolies employed on the works, and the progress they had made.

5. At Kalwa I had the advantage of Mr. Latham's company, and as he was returning to Kurnool after having made an inspection of a large tract of country irrigated with canal water in the Nandial taluq, I was glad to learn, as the result of his personal experience, that he was satisfied with what he had seen.

6. On Tuesday morning (6th) I proceeded to Paniem, and on Wednesday (7th) I reached Nandial, which with its betel and sugar-cane gardens forms a veritable oasis in the desert.

7. At Kalwa and Paniem large gangs of coolies were employed on road-making under the directions of Deputy Tahsildars H. Venkata Row and Y. Basker Row, respectively. It has not been found possible to supply these officers as yet either with sufficient professional aid or with suitable supervising agency, so that, owing to the non-introduction of regular task work, I found considerable confusion prevailing, and many people had been admitted on the works who had no right to be there.

8. At Nandial I met my Special Assistant Mr. Gibson by appointment, and with him were Messrs. Scotland and Brett.

9. Mr. Gibson had completed a tour through the Nandikotkur taluq, where he had carefully and systematically weeded the different gangs of coolies and had introduced regular task work at the money rates fixed by Government.

10. I was glad to find he had received valuable and hearty assistance from Mr. Bond, the Department Public Works Range Officer.

11. I fully explained to Mr. Gibson the state of affairs, of which he was not ignorant, but had had no opportunity of rectifying, at Kalwa and Paniem, and I have little doubt that with his usual energy he will very soon set matters to right there

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32. I am glad to be able to state that Mr. Farmer subsequently expressed himself satisfied with the system which is now being introduced, and assured me that

48. I have again ordered that publicity be given to the subject, and I have introduced changes which will, I think, have the effect of attracting and accelerating the despatch of gangs of coolies by affording additional registering facilities and by making up and keeping in readiness small gunny-bag packets of grain and condiments, containing the regulated four days' allowance per man, woman, and child to last to the next stage on the road to Ongole. So that as fast as gangs arrive and are ready to proceed they may have their grain served out to them and be passed on. I was disappointed at the dirty state in which I found the emigration dépôt on Saturday

morning. This has been put right, and instructions for its future cleanliness have been issued.

49. I cannot exonerate Dr. Pedroza from blame in the matter. Upwards of a month ago, I requested him to visit the division as there had been an outbreak of cholera and to report on the subject.

50. This he did, but he was here unnecessarily afterwards as I think, his general sanitation management of the place, his services being available throughout the division notwithstanding that Mr. Farmer had requested him to visit Markapur where cholera was making great ravages. The sanitary condition of the emigration division is situated about a mile outside the town, and ought certainly to have received more of his attention. As I have received continued bad accounts from the station at my request on Saturday.

51. Dr. Pedroza's services are the most we most need, as I have more to do than I shall be very glad when they are available.

52. There is another subject which I must touch, viz., the employment of Chensus.

53. They are believed to be a very idle and Nalla Mallays where they collect and no doubt like their neighbours, owing to the prevailing distress and out of mischief in general, and arrival on Rupees 6 per mensem.

54. This arrangement seems to be quite in accordance with their ideas of propriety, the chief objection, however, to it being that unless Government are prepared before long to support the whole tribe in comparative idleness, means must be found to coerce rather than to lead them into good behaviour.

55. I have made some inquiries from those who are in my estimation competent to offer an opinion on the subject, and I see no sufficient reason why the Chensus should not be required to work in a demoralizing state of idleness.

56. I have sent for some headmen, and I propose, if possible, to make some arrangement with them for the Chensus being employed in repairing the Nandikanama and Mantralkan ghauts. Should they prove idle between Markapur and Nandikotkur taluqs, the Police must, I think, be required to hunt down those of them who take to the hills, and put a stop to the practice. The hills are perfectly bare in most places, and eye can range for miles over them (ever distasteful) to the Police, and might be temporarily quartered at both parties that some good would be done.

57. After having visited the division to Markapur and thence north through the taluq, inspecting Mr. Gibson's

and its neighbourhood, I propose proceeding to the Mantralkanama ghaut and the Nandikotkur taluq, inspecting Mr. Gibson's

stay at head-quarters, I propose making a prolonged tour through the western and southern taluqs. By that time, if not before, the whole district ought, I think, to be in good order, but much depends on the subordinate supervision supplied. I am disposed to think that the whole of the native agency at present employed is not entirely trustworthy.

58. Our most urgent present need continues to be want of steady English subordinates and of Madras Sappers, of whom we have only twelve for the entire district, but they are invaluable in their way; they being under discipline, besides being excellent workmen, whose interests and sympathies are not necessarily with those whose work they supervise.

59. It has hitherto been found a convenient excuse for any shortcoming to allege that Cumbum is exceptionally situated, that the people are naturally lazy, &c.

60. I find that in Cumbum, things can be done just as well as elsewhere, if the orders are judiciously given, and if it is understood that they are expected to be obeyed.

61. I believe that the Board and Government would be desirous to be made acquainted with things exactly as they are; in writing the report I have not, therefore, hesitated to express my views regarding current affairs and the persons chiefly concerned, were I to do otherwise, any good effect which might be expected to accrue from my tour would be sensibly diminished.

62. I have only to add for the present that what I have seen so far in the division I know no reason why the condition of the people should not be made quite secure.

63. Very much necessarily depends on the judgment and tact of Mr. Farmer, the officer in charge, who must be careful first in issuing judicious orders, second, in insisting on their being promptly and implicitly obeyed. The present condition of the people is little, if at all, worse (except in a few isolated instances which may call for special attention) than that of the people on relief works in other parts of the district. There is a large supply of grain available in the division, and the merchants are anxious to sell more to Government. Relief houses are being opened out and the East Coast Canal affords a sure refuge for all who desire employment beyond the limit of the division.

64. C. Subbiah and C. Rangamannar Iyengar, the District Munsifs of Nandial and Cumbum, have informed me that at present they have a great deal of leisure time at their disposal, and that they are consequently very willing to relieve the magistracy a share of their criminal work.

65. With a view to affording Mr. Farmer additional relief, I beg to suggest that these District Munsifs and Mr. Thorburn, my Assistant, be each invested with 1st-Class Magisterial powers, and I therefore enclose the usual form (will follow).

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have visited Racherla with reference to paragraphs 38 and 57.

I found Mr. Farmer in good health and working with much more heart and confidence than when I entered the division.

He has organized his gangs well, and they have been partially supplied with implements and with printed muster rolls.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Cumbum, dated Cumbum, 16th February 1877, No. 12-A.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I am far from satisfied with the arrangements which have been made by the Cumbum Deputy Collector (who has been placed under your instructions) for storing grain in Cumbum.

2. While making a tour of inspection this morning I found different quantities of grain stored in all sorts of places; some in godowns, some at public offices, and some exposed in a pagoda enclosure.

3. This arrangement is obviously open to many serious objections.

4. With a view to concentrating the grain from possible inclemency of weather, I have selected what I consider to be the most eligible site for forming a large compact depot, the open spaces on either side of what once was the travellers' bungalow and which is situated between your own house and that of Superintendent of Police, and I have instructed Mr. Farmer to mark off the ground.

5. Within the space marked off, a large pyramidal heap of grain bags to be covered with a double set of matting (which should be one of bamboo, the other of date leaves; and to be covered with mudashes to the depth of several inches should be spread over the site.

6. Round the base of the pyramid a wall about a foot or more high should be erected and the matting brought over (i.e. over the wall) so that all rain or other water may be effectually prevented from reaching the grain.

7. The old travellers' bungalow should be used as a good shelter for the registering clerk and for the guard which should be complete.

8. To save time I have sent a letter to the Deputy Collector for his information and guidance, with instructions to commence stacking grain at the locality indicated as soon as he possibly can.

9. The grain referred to in paragraph 2 may be sent by degrees to the sub or field depôts, but a commencement should be made to stack all other grain received from this date, at the Travellers' Bungalow Depot.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

No. 16-A.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

THE Acting Collector has found to his regret that sufficiently effectual means have not been taken in the Cumbum Division to explain to needy coolies the advantage of temporarily migrating to the East Coast Canal where they can earn some 50 per cent. higher wages than in this district by industrious work.

He regrets to find also that the facilities and arrangements for registering and despatching gangs of coolies to the canal are not so good as they ought to be, and he therefore directs that the undermentioned notification be carefully published by beat of tom-tom throughout the principal towns, villages, and relief stations in the Cumbum Division.

"NOTICE is hereby given to all persons who feel themselves in distressed circumstances that Government have generously provided employment on task labor for all distressed coolies, where male adults can earn from Annas 2 to 3 per diem, and women and children proportion. All destitute persons therefore for

whom work has not already been provided are directed to proceed to the registering depot near about a mile from Cumbum, and to the offices of (Mr. Thorburn) and the Special Deputy Collector whence, after having been supplied with letters, they will be despatched to Ongole for employment on the East Coast.

Copies forwarded to the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Assistant Thorburn, and to Raghavachary, Special Deputy Collector, at the registering depot for their information and guidance.

Mr. Farmer should at once indent on Kurnool Press for a large supply of printed registers (a sample form), and he should take immediate steps to have registers being opened at his own office and at those of Mr. Thorburn and wherever else he may think necessary.

The Acting Collector has already instructed the Special Deputy Collector to prepare a large number of small packets of rice and condiments containing provender for four days, so that no delay whatever need occur in forwarding the registers as fast as they are made up, and Maistries have been appointed. Lists for the registration of Maistries should be at once opened. Every precaution should be taken to keep the depot open and to pass gangs on as speedily as possible; intimation of the despatch of each gang being given to the proper authority at Ongole. It is highly undesirable to keep them waiting at the depot, and there is no occasion to do so.

The Acting Collector attaches very great importance to this subject, and he holds Mr. Farmer responsible for seeing that these instructions are completely obeyed.

It will be no sufficient excuse for neglect of them that another person was desired to give effect to them.

Mr. Farmer must see that his orders in this affair are obeyed without delay or demur.

(True Copy)

CUMBUM,
19th February 1877.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Officiating Deputy Collector of Cumbum, dated 16th February 1877, No. 9-A.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the want of tools is being most severely felt all over the Cumbum Division.

2. In consequence of their absence the stringers of Government for the enforcement of task-work cannot be completely obeyed.

3. When visiting your implement store this morning, I found that a large supply of mamoties had arrived, and I saw them lying there and ascertained that handles for them were not ready, and that you had only engaged the services of six carpenters to make them.

4. You already know or can easily ascertain what number of mamoties, pickaxes, and hammers are expected in this division, and I have before the honor to impress upon you the absolute necessity there is for your at once adopting efficient means to handle and despatch them to the different works as may be required (and information regarding which you should at once acquire) with the least practicable delay.

5. I would suggest among handles at a fair price within a fix
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7. I request to be informed for giving effect to the above sugg

that you should engage contractors to supply
so much per 100 or 1,000.
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No. 4

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MEMORANDUM.

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(True Copy.)

MR. DAVIDSON'S report will be submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board are glad to ad that as regards the condition of the people
Mr. Davidson's opinion is so favorable (paragraph 16). They fully approve the
measures which he has adopted for pairing the trunk roads by relief labor and for
stacking material upon them (paragraph 18).

3. Government are requested, authorize the Superintendent, Revenue Survey,
to place Messrs. Asken and Dixon, the Collector's disposal (paragraph 23). The
Sagiler project, it is observed, has been

G.O., dated 22nd February 1877, No 75. finally negatived. The Board hope that
the recent orders of Government, I.O., dated 15th February, No. 681, as to the
manner in which the Public Works and Revenue officers are to work together will
prevent any repetition of reluctar
of relief works, such as that not
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4. There appears to have been great the supervision of relief laborers
and want of capacity in the management. abum Division, and it is to be
hoped that the good effect produced by the visit will be permanent. The
laxity is sufficient to account for the en se in the numbers on relief
works which took place in the beginning and it has had a further bad
effect in preventing the coolies emigrating to east Canal. The orders issued
by Mr. Davidson are approved. The nu works had, according to the
relief report for the 17th, considerably dec

5. The Board, however, do not agree ing Collector in thinking that
it is desirable or possible to attempt to sus by quartering police upon
them. The plateau on the hills is of end and clothed with thick jungle;
the villages of the Chentsus consist of a f very numerous and scattered;
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supplies to them insuperable; and the d abandon their villages and
easily evade pursuit. If they can be g the passes well and good; but
the Board think the system of paying some of s Taliaaries, whereby they are
at small cost kept from crime and depredations or lers, should be continued.

6. The Board support the suggestion that istrict Munsifs should be tem-
porarily invested with criminal powers. The apn referred to in paragraph 65
did not accompany the Collector's letter, and ard presume they have been
separately submitted to Government.

(Tr

) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 584B.

ORDER THEREON, 19th

7, No. 1,132A.

Miscellaneous.

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observed, has already been invested with tl wers.

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careful report.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
.. the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Mr. Davidson's Tour of Inspection Report.
Expressing much satisfaction with the same, and authorizing the Superintendent of Revenue Survey to place the reports of Messrs. Aikin and Dixon at the Collector's disposal. Ordering paragraphs of and of the report to be communicated to the Public Department in view to the District Mining of Mineral and Carbon being invested with managerial powers of the first class.

PASADENA, CALIF., No. 7768.

7th March 1877.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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REVENUE.

Cost. of (1877) 23 adms.

Revenue Department

Presented to the Board of Revenue

and to the Council 1877.

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12. I am fully aware that in response to the repeated applications which have been made for subordination, aid, Government are making every exertion to supply so essential a requisite and I and my special assistants are likewise doing our utmost to obtain the services of suitable men. Meanwhile every effort is being made with, I venture to think, a fair measure of success to utilize to the utmost the services of the men already at our disposal. I

13. I spent the 7th & 8th and 9th at a raid, busily engaged with Capt. Gibson in eliminating from the numerous gangs employed in its vicinity, all such persons as were found on inspection and enquiry to be solely and entirely indebted to State aid, at all events for the present.

14. The halt, blind, aged and infants under seven years were as usual granted tickets for admission to the Relief Houses, which have been or are being opened up in the vicinity of all large works, gangs with proper proportions

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ed off to task work, which
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15. This is strictly in
accordance with the Code
of Rules which I drew up
immediately on taking charge
of the District and copies
of which I have already
had the honor of submitting

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for the information of the Board
and Government.

16. From Etawah I pro-
ceeded, on Saturday to Gajul-
palli near the foot of the
Etawah & Mullay Hills and
there I remained over Sunday.

17. I may here remark
generally, that all things, con-
sidered, the condition of the
people, I saw between Mur-
hoor and Gajulpalli, is very
fair, and that down to the
foot of the Etawah & Mullay
a sufficiency of food grain
of sorts was readily pro-
curable, by them in their local
bazaars, for cash payment.
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of the trunk road from Masurak
to the foot of the Handika-
nana plain is very bad,
and I have therefore again
drawn Mr. Gibson's attention
to it. It is intended that
he should employ a large
number of relief coolies
upon it in the manner indi-
cated in my letter to the
District Engineer dated
the 7th January 1897 C.P.
and which was approved
and favorably remarked
on by the Board in subsequent
proceedings.

18. I know of no more
suitable or profitable occupation for

for those of the relief coolies
who are not employed on
Irrigation works, there being
no work provided by tax-
work an abundance of ma-
terial sufficient for the
repair of the main lines of
communications throughout
the District, for some consi-
derable time to come.

19. Leaving Gazulpalli
at dawn on Sunday the 12th,
I reached my camp at
Kuntanasettyalli in the am-
noon at a distance of
23 miles at 4 P.M., a very
hot ride and I found Mr.
Ganes awaiting my arrival
by appointment. The Handikanama

that which is the main line
of communication over the
Vulla & Mulloy range of
Hills is in a neglected state
and much in need of repair.

20. At Pacherla which
is on the Musnud side of
the plateau a Company has taken
up his temporary abode
and has established a
private depot for the receipt
of Vulla & Mulloy goods: there-
by affording employment
to a large number of Lam-
bady and other coolies who
supply him with head loads
of goods, which he sells at a
profit by the Cool load. There
is a great demand for this goods

as fodder for cattle.

21. Here also, I found a
Contractor engaged in build-
ing a Government Chattram
at a cost of over Rs. 800.
This building will be a great
boon to travellers. I also
met here a young man of
the name of Saken who belongs
to C. P. 2 Revenue Survey
Party and who is working on
the Vandikauwma plot,
and I ascertained from him
that two of his party will
shortly have to be released,
as there is not sufficient
work ready for them.

22. The Head Quarters of
C. P. 2 party are at Bellary,

Mr. Cardozo being the Deputy Superintendent in charge. The party consists of seven hands on salaries ranging from Rupees 30 to Rupees 200 per mensem, and they are employed in this District.

23. I have expressed great readiness to transfer his services to Relief works if permitted, and as rules of this class are very urgently needed in the Combarua Division especially, I have the honor to request that if possible the services of Aiken and Dixon, who are Bachelors

Yes

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Bachelors in receipt of Rupees 50 per mensem each in the Survey Department may be transferred to Mr. Fox.

24. At my request I have undertaken to have two wells at Pacherla cleared out and I have arranged for his being supplied with funds for the purpose. I attach the utmost importance to this matter; water is exceedingly scarce along the entire length of the Candikarua ghat and I regret to say, I found numerous skeletons of cattle along the route (also a dead donkey).

25. I here note an incident

which occurred at Pachia
as fitly illustrating the
sterne with which caste
obligations are sometimes
observed.

26. I discovered an emaciated person lying motionless and exposed to the scorching rays of the sun and I found on enquiry that the man while travelling had been taken ill and had been left behind by his companions in consequence.

27. At eleven o'clock an
= deavoured to play the part
of the good Samaritan by
bringing food and water to
the sick man, but he

scornfully declined to partake
of it and expressed his deter-
-mination rather to die than
eat food unless it was pre-
-sented to him by a fellow
Caste man.

28. It was under these
circumstances, I found
him, as I thought with only
a short time to live.

29. I had him removed
under shelter of a bower
of branches erected over
him and left money with
a person with instructions
to have him well cared
for until he was able to
travel, or suitably to dispose

of the corpse, if he died.
To my no small surprise,
I have received information
since my arrival here that
he had so far recovered
as to be able to travel.

30. I spent the remainder
of the 12th and all the 13th in
assisting Mr. Foxner to
draft and systematically
organize gangs out of the
crowds of Coolies assembled
on the main road from Krist-
nametty Belli to Giddalore.

31. At Kristnametty Belli,
I received a letter which Mr.
Foxner had despatched to
me before my arrival in which
he

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he explained that a few
days previously he had had
an attack of fever which
would account in some mea-
= sure for any shortcomings
and that if after I saw
him I considered him phy-
= sically unfit for the arduous
work in hand he would
place himself under me-
= dical treatment with a
view to being relieved.

32. I am glad to be able
to state that Mr. Foxner
subsequently expressed
himself satisfied with
the system which is now being
introduced and assured
me that he found his hands

is strengthened by my
presence and by the orders
which I have issued, Copies
of some of which I enclose,
and by the assistance which
is being afforded him that
he has quite abandoned
the idea of being relieved,
and he is now working heartily
in reducing the large gangs
of Coolies near Racherla
into order.

33. On Wednesday morn-
ning (14th) Mr. Fox and
I rode from Kristumattally
Palli, to Racherla about
10 miles and I had an oppor-
tunity of inspecting what

is known as the proposed Ag-
-lair project, the object of
which is to dam the Aglaia
river near the village of Konda
Petta a short distance from
Kristumattally and
to supply the Racherla and
Gumbam Tanks by means of
a channel some 22 miles
long and the excavation of
which would afford employ-
ment to a large number
of famine Coolies.

34. The matter is at pre-
-sent in the hands of the
District Engineer who is pre-
-paring an estimate, but
it is apprehended that

Mullins
Note inserted

the cost of the undertaking especially the masonry portions thereof at the present time. I am sure that it will be as heavy as to preclude its being carried out in its entirety at present. Possibly the excavations of the Chavell may however be executed.

35. As the services of Mr. Johnston of the D.P.W. had been made available by Government for general duty in the Cumbum Division, he met me by appointment at Racherla and he has proceeded to lay out a large quantity

quantity of trackwork, which Mr. Farmer is most urgently in need of.

36. In para. 10 I had occasion to remark favorably on the valuable professional assistance rendered by Mr. Bonds the Chandikot-Kur Range Officer. I regret I have to mention that Mr. Johnston and Overseer Jaffer Hussain evinced considerable reluctance to render professional aid until I had an opportunity at Racherla of explaining to them the serious responsibility they would incur if they failed to prepare track

work for the thousands of
Coolies assembled there, among
other places.

37. Before I left Ra-
cherla they appeared to be
fully alive to the exigencies
of the case, expressed them-
selves ready to afford every
assistance and I have no
doubt they have acted up to
their professions.

38. As I was exceed-
ingly anxious to proceed to
Guntur and see how matters
were there I rode on to Gun-
tur on Thursday morning
leaving Messrs. Garner and
Johnson atacherla at
Mr. Garner's request, as he

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expressed himself fully able
to organize and draft gangs
as we had done at Kristnam-
settally and he was anxious
that I should return in a
few days and see the result.
To this I agreed and I pro-
pose to return toacherla
this evening.

39. At Guntur I found
Mr. Thorburn, my assist-
ant and Dr. Pedrosa.

40. Mr. Thorburn has
charge of some large gangs
of coolies on the Kurum and
Ongole roads. He has made
some progress in organizing
the gangs but he appears to
allow them to come and go

pretty much as they like. I
was surprised on my arrival
to find the gangs continuing
busily to their work up to
about 10 A.M. instead of
being present at 8 O'clock
as is customary in all other
places outside the Lunatic
Division.

41. I have put a person
to stop to this and I
have no doubt the Coolies
will find it convenient
to be present at their work
by eight O'clock in future.

42. Since my arrival in
Lunatic I have inspected
the Coolies on the works, the
grain stores, the emigration
depot

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depot, the town, proposed
improvements, new burial
ground &c and I have had
occasion to alter many exist-
ing arrangements, which I am
of opinion are very defective.
I have also interviewed some
forty of the local grain mer-
chants and find they are
prepared to contract largely
to supply Government with
grain of sorts & to deliver
here in addition to the quan-
tity which they have already
agreed to supply, as in-
dicated in my telegram to Govern-
ment of the 17th instant.

43. The defects which have
so far specially attracted my

a mention in this Division
are, general absence of sys-
tem and organization as re-
gards gangs of coolies. This
is owing in a great measure
to inefficient professional
aid not having been re-
sorted to the absence of tools
and to inefficient super-
vision. To remedy this, the
D. P. W. officers have been
urged to renewed exertion
and as they certainly are
exhibiting much greater
activity and zeal, the bene-
ficial results will be instant-
ly apparent. Col. Goodson
an Engineer, whose appointment

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has lately been announced,
has also been requested to
join this Division. Sergeant
Tiger is on his way to Lunenburg,
and five men of the Survey
and Settlement Department
who were intended for volun-
teer field service have been
transferred to out door work
from the Special Deputy
Collector's office where they
were nearly useless and where
they never should have been
sent by Mr. Farmer, so that
if the services of Mr. Ken-
nedy and Dixon are made avail-
able as requested in para
23 supra, Mr. Farmer ought
to be able to get his Division

into good order and keep it so.
Further subordinate work
will be supplied as fast
as it becomes available.

44. Fortunately one of
my first acts on assuming
charge of the District was
to visit largely on roads
and elsewhere for tools. etc. I
had received advice of a
considerable consignment
having been despatched
from time to time from a road
for this Division. I was amazed
to find a total absence of
implements of any sort among
the thousands of Coolies who
for want of them had to be
employed in picking up and
stacking

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stacking stones along the
road sides. I discovered
upwards of 5000 bamboo
lying uselessly in the bush for
want of handles, which were
being supplied at the rate
of a few hundred per diem.
Some of the bamboos had
only recently arrived.

45. Contractors have now
been engaged to handle them
all at a fair rate per thou-
sand and they will be in the
hands of Coolies very shortly.

46. Arrangements have
also now been made to keep
a large stock of bamboo,
pick-axe, and hammer handles,
ready in store against the

arrival of further consignments
of Supplies.

47. The grain depot arrange-
ments were very defective.

I enclose copy of my letter dated
16th Instant. at $\frac{A}{12}$ on the
subject to Mr. Foxner. The
change I have made will I
think remedy all the defects.
Sufficient publicity has not
I think been given to the faci-
lities afforded for and to
the advantages derivable
from emigration to the West
Coast Canal.

48. I have again ordered
that publicity be given to the
subject and I have introduced
changes, which will I think

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have the effect of attract-
ing, and accelerating the
despatch of gangs of coolies
by affording additional
registering facilities and
by making up and keeping
in readiness small gunny bag
packets of grain and con-
signment, containing the re-
quired four days allowance
per man woman and child
As to the west stage
on the road to Ougole. So that
as fast as gangs arrive and
are ready to proceed they may
have their grain served out
to them and be passed on. I
was disappointed at the sorry
state in which I found the

of emigration depot on Satur-
day morning. This has been
put right and instructions
for its future cleanliness
have been issued.

49. I cannot exonerate
Doctor Pedrosa from blame
in the matter. Upwards of a
month ago, I requested him
to visit Cuenaburu, as there
had been an outbreak of
cholera and to report on the subject.

50. This he did, but he
remained on here unnecessarily
afterwards, as I think, and
he appears to have undertaken
the general sanitation and
improvements of the place his head
quarters

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Quarters being at Cuenaburu
and his services being avail-
able throughout the division.
This he continued to do not-
withstanding that Col. Foster
had requested him to visit
Cuenaburu where cholera
was making great ravages.
The sanitary condition of the
emigration depot which is
situated about a mile outside
the town ought certainly to have
received a share of his attention.
As I have received continued
bad accounts, from Cuenaburu
since my arrival here Doctor
Pedrosa left for that station
at my request on Saturday.

51. Dr. Pedrosa's services

means must be found to
coerce rather than cajole them
into good behaviour.

55. I have made some
inquiries from those who are
in my estimation competent
to offer an opinion on the
subject and I see no sufficient
reason why the Cheukers should
not be required to work for
their living instead of being
permitted to remain in a
demoralizing state of idleness
and continue to be a terror
to travellers.

56. I have sent for some
of the head men and I propose
if possible to make some
arrange-

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arrangement with them for
gangs of Cheukers being em-
ployed, in repairing the Kan-
dikauwies and Chantakau-
ma (between Chantakau and
Chandikotkui Salugs) ghats.
Should they prove introsta-
= ble the Police must I think
be required to hunt down those
of them who take to plundering
and put a stop to the practice.
The Hills are perfectly
bare in most parts. Not a
leaf to be seen on the trees,
so that the eye can range
for miles over them. There
should be no insuperable
difficulty (however distaste-
= ful) to the Police either

capturing Chenu's dacoits,
or if necessary Police might
be temporarily quartered at
Chenu village which would
be so unpleasant for both
parties that some good
would probably come of it.

57. After having visited
Rachela and its neighbour-
hood, I propose proceeding
to Kasapur and thence
north through the central-
Kannada flat and the Kan-
dikotter valley reaching
in Gibbon's reformed gao
enroute to Kurnool. After
a brief stay at Head Quarters
I propose making a prolonged

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tour through the Western and
Southern Taluqs. By that time,
if not before, the whole dis-
trict ought I think to be in
good order, but must depend
on the subordinate supervision
supplied. I am disposed
to think that the whole of the
native agency at present
employed is not entirely
trustworthy.

58. Our most urgent
present need continues to be
want of steady English sub-
ordinates and of assistants
Sappers, of whom we have
only twelve for the entire
District, but they are invaluable

in their way; they being under
discipline, besides being ex-
cellent workmen, whose interests
and sympathies are not neces-
sarily with those whose work
they supervise.

59. It has hitherto been
found a convenient excuse
for any short coming to allege
that Cebu is exceptionally
situated, that the people
are naturally lazy &c.

60. I find that in Cebu-
-ness, things can be done just
as well as elsewhere, if the
orders are judiciously given
and if it is understood that
they are expected to be obeyed. I

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61. I believe that the
Board and Government are
desirous to be made acquaint-
-ed with things exactly as they
are; in writing the above re-
-port I have not therefore
hesitated to express my views
regarding current events and
the persons chiefly concerned
were I to do otherwise, any
good effects which might
be expected to accrue from
my work would be sensibly
diminished.

62. I have only to add
for the present, that from what
I have seen so far in the Divi-
-sion I know no reason why the
Condition of the people should

not be made quite secure.
in 63.

Very much necessarily
depends on the judgment
and tact of each District
officer in charge, who must
be careful, 1st in issuing
judicial orders, 2^d in insisting
on their being promptly and
implicitly obeyed. The present
condition of the people is little
if at all worse (except in a
few isolated instances which
may call for special attention)
than that of the people on re-
lief works in other parts of
the District. There is a large
supply of grain available
in the Division and the

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merchants are anxious to
sell more to Government.
Relief houses are being opened
out and the East Coast Canal
affords a sure refuge for
all who desire employment
beyond the limit of the Divi-
sion.

64. C. Subbiah and C. Ranga-
swamiyar of Gungar, the District
Magistrates of Tanjore and
Gumbur have informed
me that at present, they
have a great deal of leisure
time, at their disposal
and that they are conse-
quently very willing to re-
lieve the magistracy of a

share of their criminal work.

65: With a view to afford.

ing Mr. Foxner additional

relief, I beg to suggest that

these District commissars

and Mr. Shorhouse my assist.

ant be each invested with

1st class magisterial powers

and I therefore enclose the

usual forms.

+ will follow.

Karnool Bazar office

of Camp Lumbur.

19th February 1877.

P. S.

Since writing the above,

I have visited Rache, la with

reference to Paras. 38 and 57.

I found Mr. Foxner

in good health, and working

with much more heart and

confidence

confidence than when I en-

tered the Division.

He has organized his
gangs well and they have been
partially supplied with in-
struments and with printed
muster rolls.

I have

Signed R. Davidson

acting Collector

Enclosures.

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From The collector of

Karnool

To The Magistrate

Lumbur

Sir, I have the honor to in-
form you that I am for from
satisfied with the arrangements
which have been made by the

Greenburn Deputy Collector
(who has been placed under
your instructions) for storing
grain in Greenburn.

2. While making a tour
of inspection this morning
I found different quanti-
ties of grain stored in all
sorts of places; some in pri-
vate godowns, some at pub-
lic office and some exposed
in a Pagoda enclosure.

3. This arrangement is
obviously open to many serious
objections.

4. With a view to conser-
vating, guarding, checking
accounts, and preserving
Government grain from loss

in consequence of weather, I have
selected what I consider to
be the most eligible site for
forming a large compact de-
pot on the open space on
either side of what once was
the Travellers' Bungalow, and
which is situated between your
own house and that of the
Superintendent of Police and
I have instructed Mr. Higgins
the Range Officer to mark
off the grounds.

5. Within the space so
marked off I wish a large
pyramidal heap of grain
bags to be carefully and
systematically stacked and

1. hole covered with a double
(or set of matting (which should
be at once procured if not
already available) one of
2. bamboo, the other of slate
of leaves and to prevent the
intrusion of white ants, sand
or woodashes to the depth
of several inches should be
spread over the site.

3. Round the base of the
pyramid a mud wall about
a foot or more high should
be erected and the matting
brought over (ie, outside) it so
that all rain or other water
may be effectually prevented
from reaching the grain either
from above or below.

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The old Travellers' Bungalows
will afford excellent
shelter for the registering clerk
and for the guard which should
be composed in whole or part
of Kathi soldiers.

8. At same time I have
sent a copy of this letter
to the Deputy Collector for his
information and guidance
with instructions to commence
stacking grain at the locality
indicated as soon as he pos-
sibly can.

9. The grain referred
to in para. 2 may be sent
by dugga to the Sub or field
depots, but a commencement
should be made to stock
all other grain received from

On this date, at the Honorable
 Bengal Depot
 { I have for
 { R. Davidson
 { at 16th February 1877.
 { Done Copy /
 { R. Davidson
 { Acting Collector.
 C. P. A.
 Official Memorandum

The Acting Collector has
 found to his regret that suf-
 -ficiently effectual measures
 have not been taken in the
 Cumbum Division to explain
 to needy Coolies the advantage
 of temporarily migrating
 to the East Coast Canal
 where they can earn some
 50 per cent higher wages than
 in this District by industrious

work.
 He regrets to find also
 that the facilities and
 arrangements for registering
 and despatching gangs of
 Coolies to the Canal are not
 so good as they ought to be, and
 he therefore directs that the
 undermentioned notified-
 -tion be carefully published
 by beat of town-town through-
 -out the principal towns vil-
 -lages and relief works
 in the Cumbum Division.

Notification.

" Notice is hereby given
 to all who feel themselves
 in distressed circumstances
 that Government have generously

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provided employment on tasks
labour for all distressed
couers without distinction
on the East Coast Canal,
where male adults can earn
from annas two to three per
diem and women and children
in proportion. All desti-
tute persons therefore for
whose work has ^{not} already been
provided and who may de-
sire Government assistance
are directed to proceed
to the registering depot
near the junction of the
Ougole and Kurnool roads
about a mile from Gundlupet,
and to the officers of the Head

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Assistant Collector, the As-
sistant (Mr. Thorburn)
and the Special Deputy Col-
lector where their names will
be registered and whence
after having been supplied
with liberal provisions for four
days, sufficient to last them
to the next depot, they will
be dispatched in gangs of
one hundred in charge of
maistries to Ougole for em-
ployment on the East Coast
Canal.

Copies forwarded to the
acting Head Assistant
to Mr. Assistant Thorburn
and to Mr. P. Gov. of the Special
Deputy Collector and to the Mr.
at the registering depot for

their information and guidance.

Mr. Farmer should at once incident on the Treasury Deputy Collector in charge of the Purmoor prep for a large supply of printed registers (of which if necessary he should supply a sample form) and he should take immediate steps to arrange for registers being opened at his own office and at those of Mr. Shortburn and Deputy Collector Rajawadhosy as well as wherever else he may think necessary.

The Acting Collector has already instructed the Special Deputy Collector

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to prepare a large number of small packets of rice and Condiments containing provisions for four days so that no delay whatever need occur in forwarding the gangs as fast as they are made up, and matrices have been appointed. Lists for the registration of matrices should be at once opened. Every precaution should be taken to keep the depot clean and to pass gangs on as speedily as possible in view of the despatch of each gang being duly given to the proper authority at Ongole. It is highly undesirable to keep them waiting at the

Depot and there is no occasion
to do so.

The Acting Collector attaches
very great importance to this
subject and he holds Mr. Fox-
worth responsible for seeing
that these instructions are
completely obeyed.

It will be no suffi-
cient excuse for neglect
of them to say that another
person was desired to give
effect to them.

Mr. Foxworth must see
that his orders in this as in
other matters are obeyed without
delay or demur.

Resd. Collector's Office
Camp. Cumbum.
19th February 1877

1st true Copy

Resd. R. Davidson

Acting Collector.

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Official Memorandum.

The existing collector
has had the advantage of com-
municating personally with
some forty of the Cumbum and
Bectwasset Somnath and grain
ware hants and finds that
in many places in the Division
private grain would be read-
ily forthcoming, as also
where out of the Division, if
relief coolies were paid in
money instead of grain.

The existing collector
has repeatedly and very ser-
iously impressed on Mr. Foxworth
the extreme desirability of
substituting money for grain
wages, wherever practicable

as enjoyed by Government.
He again directs Mr. Farmer's
attention to this subject and
expects that he will without
further loss of time discontinue
making grain payments where-
ever this can safely be done.

Probably, the magistrates,
Clerks and others may dis-
like the change for reasons
best known to themselves.

They should be allowed
no voice or opinion in the
matter whenever the change
can be effected without risk.
It may be thought desirable
to give a few days' notice
before the change is made

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so that both the local grain there
merchants and the Coolies may
be prepared for it.

The Coolies may pro-
-bably clamour against the
change at first but if pro-
-per arrangements are made,
for enforcing regular pay-
ments, the change will be
found to be beneficial to all
parties concerned.

The Acting Collector
expects, that Mr. Farmer
will give his calm considera-
-tion to this important sub-
-ject which needs careful
and delicate ^{hand} handling. / True Cpy/

Since first ^{hand} handling. / True Cpy/
R. Davidson 3/10/77 / R. Davidson
Camp Comm. 3/10/77 / R. Davidson
19 Feb 1877.

N^o $\frac{A}{9}$.

From

The City Collector of
Husool
The Offg Deputy Collector
Cumbung.

Sir—

I have the honor to
inform you that the want
of tools is being most severely
felt all over the Cumbung
Division.

2. In consequence of
their absence the stringent
orders of Government for
the enforcement of task work
cannot be completely obeyed.

3. When visiting your
implement store this morn-
ing, I found that a large
supply of hammers had arrived
and

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and I saw them lying there
and ascertained that hammers
for them were not ready and
that you had only engaged
the services of six carpenters
to make them.

4. You already know
or can easily ascertain
what number of saws, axes,
pick axes and hammers are
expected in this Division
and I have therefore the honor
to impress upon you the abso-
lute necessity there is for
your at once adopting effi-
cient means to handle and
despatch them to the differ-
ent works as may be required
(and information regarding)

which you should at once
acquire) with the least practi-
- cable delay.

5. I would suggest
away other things that you
should engage contractors
to supply haulers at a fair
price within a fixed early date
at so much per hundred or
thousand.

6. You cannot attach
too much importance to this
subject.

7. I request to be informed
at your early convenience of
the arrangements you have
made for giving effect to the
above suggestion. Have you

10/2/18 R. Davidson
True Copy 219 Collector
11/2/18 R. Davidson
219 Collector.

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Mr. Davidson's report
will be submitted for the
information of Government.

2. The Board are glad
to find that as regards the
condition of the people Mr.
Davidson's opinion is so favor-
- able (para. 16). They fully
approve the measures which
he has adopted for repair-
- ing the trunk roads by chief
labour and for extracting ma-
- terial upon them (para. 18).

3. Government are request-
- ed to authorize the Superin-
- tendent Revenue Survey
to place a dep. sketch and
Diagram at the Collector's dispo-
- sal (para. 23). The Survey

project it is observed has been finally negative. The Board hope that the recent order of Government (G. O. 15th February 1881.) as to the manner in which the Public Works and Revenue officers are to work together will prevent any repetition of such cases on the part of the former to assist in the supervision of relief works, such as that noticed in para. 36.

4. There appears to have been great laxity in the supervision of relief labourers and want of capacity in the management in the Revenue Division and it is

G. O. 22nd
Feb. 1877
C. 18775

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hoped that the good effect produced by the collector's visit will be permanent. The laxity is sufficient to account for the enormous increase in the numbers on relief works which took place in the beginning of February and it has had a further bad effect in preventing the Coolies emigrating to the East Coast Canal. The orders issued by Mr. Davidson are approved. The numbers had on the works according to the relief report for the 17th, considerably decreased.

5. The Board however do not agree with the collector in thinking that it is

desirable or possible to attempt
to coerce the Chentans by
quartering police upon them.
The plateau on the hills is
of enormous extent and
clothed with thick jungle;
the villages of the Chentans
consist of a few huts and
are very numerous and
scattered; the number of
police required would be
very great and the difficulty
of conveying supplies to
them insuperable; and
the Chentans would abandon
their villages and easily evade
pursuit. If they can be got
to work on the paper will and
good, but the Board think

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the system of paying some of
them as talismies whereby they
are at small cost kept from
crime and depredations on
travellers, should be conti-
nued.

6. The Board support the
suggestion that the district
councils should be tem-
porarily invested with ex-
ecutive powers. The application
referred to in para. 65 did
not accompany the Collector's
letter, and the Board presume
they have been separately
submitted to Government.

(True Copy and Extract)

Witness

Secretary

To

[Signature]

The Additional Secretary to
Government C. D.

130. The Supdt of Treasury
5 the Financial Offr

செப்பனுவர் பெயர் D. Kaliam

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மு. ப. ராஜகோபால்
கையொப்பம்

Receipts of the
Barn of Revenue
Dated 6th March 1917
No 16

Information with
reference to the
order, submitted
before the
Commissioner
of Revenue
No 19 March 1917
No 11324

D. 11324. 19th March 1917

The Govt authorize the Supdt of the
Survey to place the services of the
+ Dixon at the Collector's disposal.
2. Para 64 & 65 of W. Davidson report
with reference to the Public
Dept. in view of the Revenue
Commission being under the
provisions of the 1st class.
it is observed, has already been
with the Commission.

3. The Govt have passed the
much satisfaction in Davidson's report
of the Commission's report
concerning the public works

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