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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 609. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1877, No. 1,112 :—

Read the following letter from H. SOOBBA ROW, Temporary Deputy Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Gandi, 24th February 1877, No. 62.

I beg to submit the following report regarding the progress of relief works in the Pulivendla taluq for the month of January 1877.

2. No new works were undertaken during the month.

3. The appended is a statement showing the number of works in progress, the amount expended, and the amount of work done during the month, from which it would appear that up to the end of December, the amount expended was Rs. 21,087, and during the current month the expenditure has amounted to Rupees 49,463, making in all Rupees 70,550. This increase was apparently owing to the increase in the number of coolies in the month.

There has not been enough done in the way of clearing and deepening wells, and it does not appear that any advances were made under the Land Improvement Act. These points should have the Deputy Collector's immediate attention. A great deal too much has been spent upon roads alone.

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

was apparently owing to the increase in the number of coolies in the month.

4. Of the abovesaid sum, only Rupees 294 has been spent on repairing, clearing, and deepening wells for augmenting the supply of drinking-water. The remainder has been spent on roads in progress and in sinking new wells on the Muddanoor and Kadiri roads.

Far too little. How many new wells have been sunk?

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5. For the sum expended as shown above, the amount of work done is as follows:—

8 Miles of road has been completed.

39 Miles of earthwork finished.

20 Miles spreading metal or kunkur completed; on five miles gravel has been spread.

6. The subjoined statement will show the probable quantity of the several kinds of works turned out up to the end of January 1877 :—

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Metal collected and spread ...	46,661½
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Total earthwork, such as side channels, &c. ...	85,852½
Gravel spread ...	21,331
Do. collected and heaped ...	7,987½
Rock cutting, removing large stones, &c. ...	5,199½

Is this broken metal or only pebbles collected and called metal?

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

The process of "weeding" gangs requires great care and judgment, else difficulties may arise.

No person should be turned out of a relief gang unless it can be clearly shown that he or she is capable of supporting him or herself.

7. There were in the beginning of the month 19,200 coolies. In the midst of the month it rose to 25,941, but afterwards steps having been taken to eliminate all the pretty well-to-do ryots and also the coolies of the adjacent district

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The reasons assigned for the great decrease in the number of coolies more than half will not fully account for it. The Acting Collector has heard rumours that people actually in want of relief have been turned off and told to go to other districts in order that numbers in this may be kept down.

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

This is not in accordance with the scale laid down. No children under 7 should have been taken on: women should have been paid 1½ and boys and girls 10 Pies. The Deputy Collector will explain why this was not attended to.

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

9. We had no rain this month. The supply of drinking-water is fairly good. This should be looked to at once and no further delay in the matter permitted.

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

What is the outturn likely to be? How long will it probably maintain the people of the taluq supposing that they have no other source of food?

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

This cannot be helped as there is no fodder. It is presumed that this remark does not apply to agricultural cattle.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
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This is satisfactory.

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13. Cholera is prevalent in more than twenty villages. In the latter part of this month cholera having broken out in the vicinity of the places where the relief works are being carried on, large number of coolies stopped away, and hence there has been a decrease in the number of coolies. Only a very few men were attacked while working on the road. They were immediately taken to their villages by their relatives. Most of them have proved fatal.

What has been done in regard to distributing medicine, cleaning the villages, and properly burying or burning the dead?

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

This ought to be prevented as much as possible. The cholera returns do not bear out the statement that most of the cases were fatal. Every thing seems now to be put down to cholera.

14. The taluq is quite free from small-pox.

15. In conclusion, I regret for the delay in sending up this report. The delay occurred in getting the measurements of the works done from the several stations at which the works are going on.

Who made the measurement. Competent men?

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
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and taluqs, and cholera also having broken out in the vicinity of the places where the relief works were going on, the number gradually decreased to 11,653.

8. The coolies, head coolies, and maistries have been paid at the rates shown below as in last month:—

	A. P.
Maistries	4 0
Head coolies	2 6
Men	2 0
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Boys and Girls	0 9
Do. between five and seven years.	0 6

supply of drinking-water is fairly good. Though there is a scanty supply in about nine villages out of the taluq, yet there has been no scarcity of it, and steps are being taken to clear and deepen wells wherever necessary.

10. In this month the raggi crop under wells is in a most thriving condition, and there will be a fair outturn. The crops will be ready to be reaped in the next month.

11. Mortality among cattle continues. Ryots, except very few, have no means of saving them.

12. There was not a single heavy crime. The petty crime is also not on the increase.

Only a very few men were attacked while working on the road. They were immediately taken to their villages by their relatives. Most of them have proved fatal.

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No. 98.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. The Special Assistant Collector, who is on a tour of inspection, reports demi-officially that the work in this taluq is very fairly satisfactory.

Cuddapah,
2nd March 1877.

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,
Special Deputy Collector,
for Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The mileage of the roads should have been given in the statement, and information should have been furnished whether the sums entered as the probable cost are based on proper sanctioned estimates or merely on rough guesses.

3. Mr. Price's remarks on the margin of the report show that his attention has been directed to the points requiring elucidation or orders, and are approved. The Board are glad to learn that Mr. MacCartie's report upon the outturn of work in the taluq is favorable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 610.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,145.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe from the statement which accompanies the Collector's report that nearly half a lakh of Rupees were spent during January last on three roads in the Pulivendla Taluq out of an estimated cost of 2,16,000 Rupees, which they presume is merely a rough estimate. The absence of any information as to the length of each road is unsatisfactory. Regular estimates should be submitted without delay.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 9th March 1877. No 1112

Read the following:—

Board's No. 2333.

No. 62.

From
The Temporary Deputy Collector
of Cuddapah

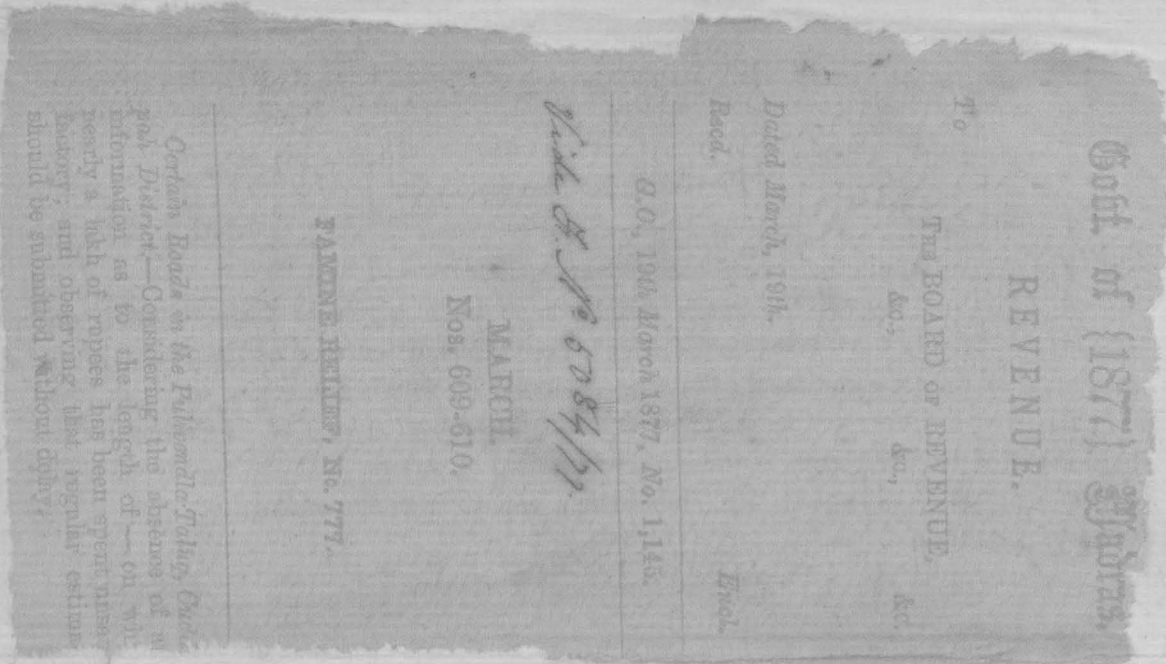
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Cuddapah,
Temporary Dy. Collector's Office,
Camp Gandhi,
24th February 1877.

I have the honor to
(Signed) A. Subba Row
Temporary Dy. Collector.

(True Copy)

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Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue.

The Special Assistant Collector who is
on a tour of inspection reports demi-
officially that the work in this

Taluk is very fairly satisfactory.

Cuddapah Collector's } (Signed) J. W. Johnston
Office 2nd March 1877. } Special Dy. Collector
for Ag. Collector.

Submitted for the information
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(True copy & Extract)

W. H. H.
Secretary.

To,

The Addl. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.
with Copy of Statement.

W. H. H.

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Submitting with certain
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 of Government. Also from
 the J. Collector of Calcutta,
 reporting on the progress
 of the work in Calcutta
 during 19th July 1877.

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Statement showing the materials collected on famine relief works in Calcutta during for the month of January 1877.

Name of road which work is carried.	Stations at	Amount of probable			Amount spent			Quantity of work done			Remarks.	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10
1. Maddanoor Road	1. Tummelapatta	8,774	67	786	36	16,635	10	8,461	29,389	13,222	"	Six new
	2. Laloor	3,734	2	4,824	8	9,858	10	4,430	4,400	360	152	wells are
	3. Landoor	162	11	2,395	6	902	8	1,949	945	550	20	being sunk
	4. Malliala	1,007	11	9,138	2	6,104	5	900	6,181	3,378	1855	in this Road.
		56,000	13,678	49,225	64	3,36,242	3	15,740	31,911	14,570	3,387	
2. Royachoty Road	1. Lirabhus	1,982	10	1,398	8	5,890	10	7,015	8,499	3,733	697 1/2	
	2. Rothupalli	669	9	5,498	3	5,627	12	8,192	8,796	2,787	15	
	3. Kumbharyatta	1,700	11	11,137	11	13,131	1	8,500	7,519	5,588		
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		52	52	21	"	"	52	21	"	"	"	
		180	"	"	136	134	136	134	"	1,064	"	
		532	82	77	211	91	294	8	74	1,508	"	
		21,087	"	11	49,463	46	70,550	55	54,463	87,360	29,318	5,199
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