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Famine Relief.

No. 611. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1877, No. 1,113 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bhadrachellum, 20th February 1877, No. 51 :—

REFERRING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd and 6th instant, I have the honor to state that I arrived at Bhadrachellum on the 3rd instant and inspected some of the villages adjacent to it. I then proceeded to the northern extremity of the taluq *via* Dummagudem and Parnasala, and to the frontier of the British and Buster territories inspecting the villages on the way. I am now about to go to the Rekapally Taluq, so I am not as yet prepared to submit a full report until I have completed my inspection. I shall, however, briefly inform the Board of what I have already seen.

2. During my stay at Bhadrachellum I observed a number of boats daily coming in from Rajahmundry with bags of rice (old and new), which is sold in retail by the merchants to the people at 13 seers per Rupee new rice and from 11 to 12 seers old rice. The same boats are taken to Dummagudem, where rice is being sold nearly at above rates. The Brinjaries are bringing in Buster rice in large quantities to Dummagudem and Parnasala and selling it to the people at 16 and 17 seers a Rupee. At present there is plenty of stock in the bazaars of Bhadrachellum, Dummagudem, and Parnasala.

3. The crops in the villages situated on the bank of the river yielded tolerably well, and there are no complaints of any kind in them. In the Koya villages I have inspected the chief crop grown is "konda jonna." There is very little paddy cultivation here and there. The outturn of the former is generally one-fourth of the average crop owing to the failure of the monsoon, while the latter, or paddy crop, has nearly all failed. I have conferred with many of the Koya people in the villages inspected, who said that they do not expect any trouble until the next hot weather. They say that they can get cholum at 20 seers a Rupee in the neighbouring villages of the Buster territory, while others say that the crop which they have harvested would last for two or three months. In some Koya villages I saw bags of salt left in charge of Potails of those villages by a European merchant, Mr. Bowden, for sale to the people of those villages by exchange for hemp, &c. The Potal of Mahadevapatnam has told me that he sold two bags of salt to the people of his village during the last two or three months. There is no reason to suppose that while people are able to buy two bags of salt in two months that they are not able to get other food-grains. The Koyas cut fire-wood, leaves, &c., in the jungles and take them for sale to the villages on the bank of the river and sell them for cholum to the Banians and for money to the inhabitants. From the money they so get they buy their food-grains in those villages. If the grain is dear they may sell fire-wood, &c., for grain only. I have been informed that the Koyas of some villages also sell ghee and milk. During the hottest months of the year these people live partly upon jungle roots and Ippa flower, and they told me they would do the same this year. On the whole I do not think that there is at present any

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necessity for opening relief works in the Bhadrachellum Taluq. I shall carefully watch the state of things, and should it appear to me necessary to open them hereafter I will let the Board know.

4. I do not see that there is any difficulty in getting drinking water. On the 12th of January rain fell in the taluq, and tanks and vagus (hill streams) received a small supply of water. During my stay at Dummagudem and Parnasala, *i.e.*, on 12th, 13th, and 14th instant, heavy rain fell and this has added to the supply of water. There is abundant pasture for the cattle, which look exceedingly well in every village.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The report is satisfactory as to the condition of the people, and seems to show that relief measures are not needed. Prices are not very high though, perhaps, high for the locality, and apparently good supplies of grain are coming in. It is not clearly stated, but it is to be gathered that the Koyas have no stocks of grain of their own. There is, however, at present sufficient employment obtainable, the proceeds of which enable them to buy. Mr. Foster's report on Rekapally is awaited.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 612. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,146.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to find that there is at present no need for starting Relief Works in the Bhadrachellum Taluq.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 9th March 1877. 1113

Bst Gt. R. No 2241. Read the following: No 57.

From

W. J. Foster Esquire
Collector

To

A. E. Stokes Esquire

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Cost. of {1877} Bhadrachalam.

REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1877.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 19th March 1877, No. 1,146.

MARCH
Nos. 611-612.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 778.

Relief Works in the Bhadrachalam Taluk, Godavary District. - Expressing pleasure to find that there is at present no need for starting -

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Godavari Dt.
Collector's Office
Camp Bhadrachalam
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(Sd) W. S. Foster
Collector

Submitted for the information of Govt.

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(True Copy & extract)

W. E. Stokes
Secretary

To The additional Secretary to Govt. P. D.

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Dated 9th March 1877

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Nothing for the information of Gov^t the letter of Wm. S. Foster Esq. the collector of Goddard's report being with reference to the 30th Dec^r 1843 I understand that there is not at present any necessity for offering relief works in the Yuba watershed today, and the proceedings of the board on the subject of 10 19 March 1844 1146

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