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Famine Relief.

No. 615. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1877, No. 1,140.

Read the following letter from J. [illegible] Deputy Collector, in charge of Budwail Taluq, to J. F. [illegible], No. 95-47:—

Cuddapah, dated Tillela, 23rd February 1877.

I have the honor to submit a brief report for January on the Famine Relief Works placed under my charge in this taluq and the Hoblam Valley of Sidhout.

2. As explained in my letter of the 9th ultimo, No. 2-2, I paused a day at Sidhout on my way out to speak to the Tahsildar about the arrangements to be made regarding the conduct of work in that portion of his taluq which I was to have the supervision of, and I arrived at Budwail on the 6th of January.

I lost no time in seeing the Sub-divisional Officer with reference to the works in progress and others which it was thought might be opened out. I visited with him the Nellore Road, making arrangements for the introduction of the system of small gangs under head coolies which was necessary before task-work could be exacted. I afterwards inspected the work going on on the Mydukur Road, where I found the coolies had been much demoralized by cholera, which had broken out badly in some of the neighbouring villages and had also caused several deaths among the coolies. The maistries got frightened and wanted to leave, particularly when they found that it was proposed to increase their gangs to 400* instead of 150 coolies. Their qualifications as Accountants being very poor, they felt themselves quite unequal to the extra work thus thrown on them, and it was some time before I could get things at all into any thing like order. This detained me in that neighbourhood till almost the end of the month, when I moved up to look after the Cumbum Road.

* Eight head-cooly gangs of fifty coolies each.

3. On both the Nellore and Mydukur Road the introduction of the system of task-work caused a strike among the coolies, but they have since begun to come back again, and work seems going on satisfactorily there now, though in most cases the full amount of task is not turned out.

It ought to be: it is in all conscience light enough.

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

4. The new line of road between Porumamilla and Kalasapam was opened out soon after the middle of the month and parties of all kinds including those of with a view to providing the date tree. My Gumastahs have been doing what they could to get the ryots to feed their cattle on the prickly-pear, for which purpose they were each furnished with a set of instruments for extracting the thorns. It is only in parts, however, of this taluq that this plant is found, and, although my men were able to prove practically to the villagers that the cattle would be got to eat the leaves, I have not yet

Was this on an estimate and under sanction or on that the cattle of the sub-division, which have nothing. If it is possible to make the people use prickly-pear, I can give funds. The experiment being made in this taluq appears to be succeeding. The taluq people and Reddies must be made to take an interest in this work. Gumastahs going about and showing that feeding with prickly-pear is possible will do no good.

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	Roads.		Miles operated on.	Total Number of Coolies of all Grades.	Particulars of Work prepared.
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3.	Do.	to Cumbum...	60 to 64 ...	[illegible]	[illegible]aring away bushes, excavating [illegible] channels, raising earth-work, and collecting metal.
4.	Do.	to Kalasapaud.	1 and 2 ...	2,460	Clearing away bushes, excavating side channel, and collecting boulders for metalling.

The reduced numbers on the first two weeks was owing to the strikes mentioned in paragraph 3.

6. Besides the above I had eight Gumastahs in this taluq and one in the Hoblam Valley of Sidhout visiting the villages and sending in a report regarding the condition of the people and cattle and furnishing me with lists of different minor relief works which they thought might be undertaken in each village. These were still under consideration at the end of the month, some having been referred for the Tahsildar's opinion, so that beyond the ten minor works that were in progress in the Hoblam Valley of Sidhout in the previous month (December) no fresh ones were taken in hand in January.

If the people are short of water the work of clearing and deepening wells should no longer be delayed. A fairly approximate estimate and an order to set to work as soon as this is granted are all that is required.

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

7. The report showed that the supply of water was in most places very low, and to remedy this our first attention will be given to the clearing out and deepening of the wells. The condition of the people is generally poor, a large number of them being reduced to eating leaves and roots where they cannot afford to buy grain. Numbers go long distances to the road work, but others exhibit a decided objection to leaving their villages. The cattle, too, are in many places reduced to great straits, being fed on dry grass got from the hills [illegible]

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5. The number of coolies working on each of the above relief works, with the number of the miles when operations progressed during the month, the number of coolies at work on the 31st January, and the particulars of work done, are given in the following statement:—

The amount of work turned out is not stated. Have no measurements yet been made?

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No. 100.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue.

CUDDAPAH,
3rd March 1877.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Cox has experienced the usual difficulty in introducing task-work, but with perseverance he will succeed.

3. The state of affairs described in paragraph 7 is such as to give cause for much anxiety. If with work to be had and the bazaars supplied people are falling into a low state and eating leaves, it is clear either that the rates are too low or that some fraud is going on. Mr. Price will report the result of his further inquiries.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 616. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,148.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the result of Mr. Price's further inquiries into the cause of the low condition of the people in the Budwail Taluq.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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8. I regret the delay that has taken place in sending in this Report which has been lying by for some days for want of different information. I have not yet received any form of map to be submitted each month showing progress of work.

Camp Tiruvela
Budwail Taluq
22nd February 1877

I have &c
Sd. J. M. Cox
Asst Dy Collector
(Inspector)

No 100

Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue.

Cadapah Collectorate 3rd March 1877

Lt. B. Johnston Special Assistant for Agl Matters

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