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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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Famine Relief.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector to [illegible] itional Secretary to Government, dated [illegible].7, No. 246 :—

With reference to your recent telegram desiring to be informed as to what becomes of the coolies who have left the works, I have the honor to express the following opinion.

2. In the early stages of the famine when wages were high, task-work nominal, trustworthy native supervision rare, and European supervision very inadequate, shoals of people were induced to flock to the works where they were indiscriminately admitted.

3. A wide door for peculation was opened, and it was fully availed of.

4. In proportion as trustworthy and efficient supervision became available, the opportunities for fraud and peculation diminished, and the gangs are now generally well in hand.

5. I calculate that about twenty-five per cent. of those who have left the works ought never to have been there and will probably never return.

That twenty per cent. were dummies, fraudulently entered on the muster rolls (*Kakula lekha patram*, a numerical account of crows, as it is familiarly designated by the natives.)

Probably some twenty-five per cent. may return as times get harder, as their own scanty means fail them, and as the harvest is completed under the canal and under wells in Markapur.

Five per cent. emigrated to East-Coast Canal.

Five per cent. returned to the Nizam's territory.

Five per cent. to the Venkatagiri Zemindari and elsewhere.

Five per cent. are being gratuitously relieved, they having been eliminated from working gangs on account of age, infirmity, &c.

Five per cent. prefer begging to task-work.

This leaves a margin of five per cent. for inaccuracies in the foregoing estimate.

No. 737. Order thereon, 22nd March 1877, No. 1,196.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of [1877] Madras.

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To

The Board of Revenue,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated March 1877.

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FAMINE RELIEF. No. 809.

Circular to the Sanitary Officer, Public Works & Marine Departments.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Collector furnishing information as to what becomes of the —.

Chintoor Collector's Office

No. 2456 15th March 1877.

Received 19th do.

From

J. W. Purton Esquire

Collector

To

The Secretary to Government

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your receipt telegram, desiring to be informed as to what becomes of the coolies who have left the works, I have the honor to express the following opinions.

2. In the early stages of the famine when wages were high, task work nominal, trustworthy Native Supervision rare, and European Supervision very inadequate, crowds of people were induced to flock to the works where they were indiscriminately admitted.

3. A wide door for speculation was opened, and it was fully availed of.

4. In proportion as trustworthy and efficient Supervision became available, the

the opportunities for fraud and peculation diminished, and the gangs are now generally well in hand.

5. I calculate that about 25 per cent of those who have left the works, ought never to have been there and will probably never return.

That 20 per cent were dummies fraudulently entered on the muster rolls (Kaki is Coolie for a numerical account of crowd, as it is familiarly designated by the Natives).

Probably some 20 per cent may never attempt to labour; at their own country avocations, and on the Canal and under wells in Markapur.

5 per cent emigrated to East Coast Canal.

5 per cent returned to the Nizams Territory.

5 per cent to the Venkatagiri Zamindari and elsewhere.

5 per cent are being gratuitously relieved, they having been eliminated from working gangs on account of age, infirmity &c.

5 Percent prefer begging to Task Work.

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The Ag Collector
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To

The Addl Secretary
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