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Famine Relief.

Following letter from R. DAVIDSON Esq., Acting Collectional Secretary to
to
C 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 speculation was opened, and it was fully availed of.

4. In proportion as trustworthy and efficient supervision became available, the opportunities for fraud and speculation 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 Zemindar 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.

Egd. A. Raitt.

Colonial Collectors Office
15 March 1877

From, ^{1496/1}
Acting Collector
Mauritius

To,
J. A. Gurnett Esquire
Additional Secy. to Government
Madras.

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FAMINE RELIEF NO. 609.

Copies also have left the Finance Office to the
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From 7th 16/15

The As Collector
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To

The Asst Secretary
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