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Famine Relief.

No. 168A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th March 1877, No. 1,368:—

Read the following letter from J. H. M. COX, Esq., Special Deputy Collector in charge Budwail Taluq, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddalore, dated 10th March 1877, No. 132-82:—

I HAVE the honor to report on famine relief operations under my supervision in the Budwail Taluq and Hoblam Valley of Sidhout during the month of February.

2. My personal attention was chiefly devoted to work on the Cumbum road which I found in anything but a satisfactory state. The staff of maistries was very inefficient, and all my efforts to instil a better spirit into them was of no avail, notwithstanding the punishments I inflicted on some of them; and I was at last obliged to dismiss three or four and withdraw some of the Settlement Gumastahs who were employed on inspection of villages, &c., and employ them on the works. I also found it necessary to remove the Superintendent and order him back to his

The introduction of task-work should be persevered in. The maistries, &c., were probably at the bottom of the opposition offered. There must be something radically wrong in the administration of affairs in Budwail, as task-work has been brought into effect elsewhere in the district.

Any one connected with supervision of work who disobeys orders should be at once and severely punished. If the Tahsildar does not attend to instructions, he should be reported. If he is, he will be handed up to the Board. His previous history is not such as to entitle him to any leniency. If any is shown, he will take advantage of it.

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

Revenue Inspector's duties, for he had not enough method to manage the work, particularly such a large party as there has been there. There was a decided spirit of opposition shown to the introduction of task-work which was hindered as much as possible. Coolies were coming from long distances (eight and ten miles), and even after they saw that they were losers by not being able to turn out full tasks, the number that I was able to induce to settle down near the works was comparatively few.

3. I also inspected the work on the Kalasapaud and Porumamilla road, and found it generally satisfactory. Operations here, however, were somewhat inconvenienced from the want of a proper person on the spot to indicate the localities from whence suitable gravel might be dug. I was sorry to lose at the beginning of the month the services of Murugasem Moodelliar, who was prevented, by a severe attack of fever, from settling important points that I wanted him to see to before he left to join Mr. Benson who had written for him. I have no news of his movements since he left Kalasapaud on the 7th sick, nor have I received any answer to two communications that I addressed to him; and I have again written to ascertain where he is, for I have reason to believe that he has not yet gone to Mr. Benson.

Why cannot the maistry or some one else in charge look about for gravel? Doing this is hardly the work of an Overseer.

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

Arrangements for another man have been made with the District Engineer, and Mr. Horden has been sent to Budwail. Murugasem Moodelly is believed to be malingering, and has been transferred to the Jamalmadugu Division.

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

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4. The number of coolies, though varying a good deal at times, continued about the same on the Nellore and Cumbum roads. The falling off on the Mydekur road is reported by the Superintendent to be partly owing to several coolies having gone away to cut the raggi crops in different villages in that neighborhood; but here, as at Kalasapaud and on the Cumbum road, a good many struck work on the introduction of tasks, and besides which some reductions were made by weeding out persons who seemed to have other means of livelihood continued to keep away.

5. The following statement gives the particulars of work done on each road and number of coolies employed at the end of the month under report:—

Roads.	Miles operated on.	Total Number of Coolies of all Grades.	Particulars of Work performed.
1. Budwail...	...	...	...
2. Porumamilla to Mydekur ...	42 and 43	1,678	Collecting metal and gravel.
Do. to Cumbum ...	6, 7 and 8	614	Do. do.
Do. to Kalasapaud ...	60 and 64	2,945	Do. do.
	2 to 5	1,593	Clearing away stones, excavating side channels, and raising earth-work.

6. Only nine new minor village works appear as sanctioned during this month, the aggregate cost being Rs. 301-1-6. Orders have been passed on several others, but the amounts asked were unduly high, and work was delayed pending the receipt of tenders which have since been received at much lower rates, showing that the amounts first demanded were in many cases quite unreasonable. The work is still in abeyance pending receipt of an answer to my letter of the 6th instant, No. 126-63, which I hope I shall soon get. This work seems peculiarly adapted to being given out on contract.

7. There was no rain during the month, although at one time the clouds came up very promisingly, but all passed off to the northward, where there seemed to be some very fair showers.

8. Agreeably to instructions I beg to state that the two Sappers employed in this taluq have been doing their duty satisfactorily. They seem to have made

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A separate report regarding this should be made for communication to Officer Commanding Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.
(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

themselves comfortable in one of the villages near the Cumbum road, where they are engaged, but I regret to say that one has been suffering a little from fever. I have just had a report to say that the other has now reported sick and has gone to Budwail, where he is being treated by the Apothecary in charge of the dispensary there.

Extra No. 353.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue.

PULLAMPETT,
17th March 1877.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. As noted by Mr. Price the report is deficient in information as to the quantity of work turned out. It also says little as to the condition of the country and people.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 168B.

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1877, No. 1,359A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.—The report is meagre as to result of work and entirely deficient in information as to the condition of the people in general.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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 THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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From
 J. H. N. Cox Esqr
 Special Deputy Collector
 in charge of Cuddalore District

To
 J. F. Price Esqr
 Acting Collector of Cuddalore

Sir
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And all my efforts to instil a better spirit into them was of no avail notwithstanding the punishments I inflicted on some of them and I was at last obliged to dismiss 3 or 4 and withdraw some of the settlement Gunastaks who were employed on inspection of villages and employ them on the works.

I also found it necessary to remove the Superintendent and order him back to his Revenue Inspector's duties for he had not enough method to manage the work particularly such of task work as there has been a large party as there has been there. There was a decided spirit of opposition shown to the introduction of task work.

The introduction of task work should be preceded by the maintenance of the bottom of the opposition offered. There must be some thing radically wrong in the administration of affairs in Budwal.

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This statement gives as information of how the Coolies have been employed, not what they have done
W.D. J. F. P.
A.C.

Roads	Miles opened on	Total number of Coolies of all grades	Particulars of work performed
1. Budwail	42+48	1678	Collecting metal & gravel
2. Pourmulla to Hydekin	6.7+8	614	do do
3. do to Cumtum	60+64	2945	do do
4. do to Katasapand	2 to 5	1593	Clearing away stones & excavating side channels & raising earthen

6. Only 9 new minor village works appear as sanctioned during this month the aggregate cost being Rs 30/- 1-6

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Communication
to officer Com-
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Sappers & Miners
1501 J. F. P.
A.C.

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Bundail Taluk } 1501 J. F. P. Con
10th March 1877 } Special Dy Collector
[True Copy]

Extra No 303

Forwarded for the information
of the Board of Revenue.

Cuddalore Collection Office }
Camp Chitaval } 1501
Pallampett Taluk } J. F. Price
17th March 1877 } AG Collector

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Submitted for the information
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[True Copy & Abstract]

Secretary

To

The Additional Secretary to Govt. R.

[Signature]

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Submitting out remarks
to the administrator of
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letter from the District
a change of Board
Mtg. Cadogan & Co
reporting on the progress
of Redfords work
his charge for 1877
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