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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

Read the following letters:—

No. 393A. From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 9th April 1877, No. 1,567.

I HAVE the honor to reply to your telegram, received late on Saturday evening, calling for further information as to two portions of my fortnightly report.

2. The first requisition is for an explanation of the following statement: "Coolies go very reluctantly to the East Coast Canal and starve for days when they are sent there." What I mean is that when able-bodied men are told that they will not be allowed on the local works any longer, but must go to the canal, they do not go at once, but come to the works again and again, begging to be received. They are, of course, refused, and so long as they continue recalcitrant they receive no relief of any kind. Ultimately they often agree to go to the canal, and then they get the usual batta, and are sent on their way. Sometimes they remain at their villages in spite of hunger; and I have heard of cases in which able-bodied men ordered to go to the canal starved till they were so reduced in condition as to be eligible for local works. As a sample of the reports on which my remark was based, I will quote a passage from a paper submitted by Mr. Stanley: "All able-bodied coolies (except a few) refused to go to the canal. Eight of the fifty-four men (that went) have returned, and all say they will sooner starve at home than go to the canal. The eight that have returned report that the other forty-six also are returning." The Additional Sub-Collector, in a report (regarding the Venkatagiri Estate), dated the 5th instant, says: "I have personally gone into the matter and I have no hesitation in stating it as a fact that they (agricultural laborers) would rather die of starvation than go to the canal." A very large number of the coolies who go return to their villages after a few days. They make various excuses, but the truth seems to be that they find the work novel and difficult, and long to be at home again.

3. I am still unable to give more information as to the numbers at each relief house or camp, but I hope to be able to send it to-morrow.

No. 393B. From the same Officer, dated 10th April 1877, No. 1,577.

IN continuation of my letter, dated the 9th instant, No. 1,567, I have now the honor to submit a list of relief-houses and relief-camps, with the number fed at each.

<i>Relief-houses.</i>		No.
* Chundi (Kandukur Taluq)	...	90
Addanki (Ongole)	...	40
Darsi (Darsi Division)	...	6
Podili (Podili)	...	107
<i>Relief-camps.</i>		
Gudur (Gudur Taluq)	...	553
Kota (")	...	324
* Degapudi (Rapur Taluq)	...	256

* Names of the three poor-houses marked with an asterisk were inadvertently omitted from the last fortnightly narrative.

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	No.
South Nellore (Nellore)	106
North Nellore (..)	171
Allur (..)	639
Atmakur (Atmakur Taluk)	696
Devaroyapalli (..)	...
Udayagiri (Udayagiri)	180
Ayyavaripalli (..)	263
Dachatur (..)	129
Bramhanapalli (..)	97
Kavali (Kavali Taluk)	79
Kaligiri (..)	661
Kandukur (Kandukur)	490
Ongole (Ongole)	700
Kanigiri (Kanigiri)	602
Venkatagiri (Venkatagiri Division)	870
Polur (Polur)	447
* Naidupett (..)	653
Sangam (Nellore)	117

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2. The camps at Rapur, Podalakur, and Dachur, and the Southern Nellore Camp have been closed since the fortnightly report was submitted. That at Kota and some others will be closed within a few days, as I have resolved to have as few camps as possible.

3. No returns of exact numbers can be found for Devaroyapalli.

4. Goshu women are relieved to the following extent in Udayagiri:—

At Udayagiri	187
Dachurpalli	42

No. 393C.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1877, No. 1,459A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Collector must be watchful that none actually starve.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

Nº 224

Rev. Sept.

Telegram dated 7th April 1877.
From Madras to Mellore
" Ad^l Secy. to Govt. & Coll^r of Mellore

Your fortnightly narrative dated April 18th explain remarks about condition of people and coolies starving for days. Information regarding relief camps does not answer the questions sent. Please state where existing and numbers at each.

(S^d) J. H. Garstin
Ad^l Secy. to Govt.

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THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE.

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G.O. 17th April 1877, No. 1450A

APRIL.

No. 378A-4930

TAMMIE WELSH, No. 980A.

Disbursement of Grants in Nellore to go to First
Cost Council—Recording letter from the Collector
furnishing information regarding —, and directing
him to be satisfied that same actually scarce.

No. 1577
ENCLOSURE

NELLORE,
Collector's Office.

19 April 1877
FROM J. H. Grove Esquire
THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE,

TO J. H. Garstin Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

SIR,

In continuation of my
letter, dated the 9th instant
No 1567. I have now the honor
to submit a list of Relief
Houses & Relief Camps with
the number fed at each.

Relief Houses No.
* Chindi (Chindur Taluk) — 90
Addanki (Angole) — 40
Parsi — (Parsi su) — 6
Podili — (Podili) — 107

Relief Camps
Gudur — (Gudur Taluk) — 558
Gota — do — 1 — 324

forwarding information regarding the same to be retained that same activity state.

* Negapudi (Rasur Talug) 256
 South Bellare (Bellare) — 106
 North Bellare (do) — 171
 Alluri (do) — 630
 Aniakur (Aniakur Talug) — 606
 Devarayapalli (do) — ?
 Udagajiri (Udagajiri) — 180
 Appavaripalli (do) — 265
 Duttalur (do) — 129
 Bramhanapalli (do) — 97
 Kavali (Kavali Talug) — 579
 Kalgiri (do) — 601
 Kandukur (Kandukur) — 490
 Ayola (Ayola) — 700
 Kaniyiri (Kaniyiri) — 802
 Enkatagiri (Enkatagiri Talug) — 870
 Polur (Polur) — 147
 * Kadupet (do) — 653
 Pangam (Bellare) — 147

The camps at Rasur, Poalatur
 and Dachur, and the Southern
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 since the 1st of August as the
 situation is not safe. That at Kola and

some others will be closed within
 a few days as I have resolved
 to have as few camps as possible.
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 can be found for Devarayapalli
 Gocha women as follows:
 the following extent in Udagajiri
 At Udagajiri — 184
 Dachurapalli — 42.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obedient
 servant
 J. G.

Recd 1877
 From 7th 2399
 The Collector, St. George
 To The Adm. Secretary
 St. George, St. George

Dated 10th April 1877
 No 1577

Submits in continuation
 of his letter of 9th Inst. No
 1567, a list of Relief
 Houses & Relief Camps with
 the number fed at each.

12/4/77
 L. M. L. No 1568
 L. M. L. No 1568

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No 1567
 St. George,
 Collector's Office,
 9th April 1877.
 Recd? No.

From, J. Grose Esq.,
 Collector of St. George

To, J. F. Garstin Esq.,
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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. E. Cole
Collector.

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Refers to the telegram
dated 7th instant calling
for further information
on certain points in the
Collector's last report
by [unclear] [unclear]
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17th June 1897