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Famine Relief.

No. 490A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th April 1877, No. 1,593 :—

Read the following letter from C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Sidhout, 28th March 1877, No. 51 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the fourth weekly report upon the reduced scale of wages and the effect produced upon the coolies as directed in your Circular, dated 1st March 1877.

2. Absence from the taluq prevented my inspecting the outlying gangs, but all within ten miles of Cuddapah were carefully examined.

3. There is no perceptible change in the bulk of the gangs, but if the coolies are taken one by one, four or five cases will always be found, generally elderly men and women, who are plainly suffering from insufficient nourishment.

4. The Tahsildar reports the same of the gangs which he has inspected.

5. The ration is insufficient for the exaction of task-work worthy of the name, and there are many complaints; considerable suffering will be caused during April and following months unless the old scale is returned to.

6. Hitherto not much harm has been done owing to the harvest which has provided some members in each family with work, while many of the laborers on the tank near Cuddapah have relations in service about the town which helps them considerably.

7. The total numbers at work on the taluq work, from which are excluded the town and adjacent works, were 1,924 on Friday, 23rd March, as compared with 4,107 on February 22nd, which shows how the numbers are reduced, large bodies having gone off to Nellore. I am sorry to say that during the last few days I have met a good many returning homewards from the canal works, the universal reason given being dysentery and dislike of the water. These people get back to work and effectually paralyse all efforts to induce emigration by the dismal pictures which they draw of the climate.

8. A party of ten or fifteen passed homewards to Cuddapah Taluq to-day through Budwail. I met a stronger party on Sunday all hailing from Yerraguntla, and on Saturday I saw fifteen men on the Booga road who had just returned. The physical condition of all was good, and if they had suffered from dysentery their cure had been very speedily effected.

Extra No. 602.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. There can be but little doubt that the reduced scale of wages is steadily telling upon the coolies all over those parts of the district where it has been enforced. The statement made in regard to coolies returning from Nellore is by no means encouraging. There must be something wrong at the canal. The story told to Mr. MacCartie by the returning emigrants is identical with that which I heard from some Nellore Wudders whom I found working on the road near Kuruguntapulli.

SIDHOUT,
30th March 1877.

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1877.*

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Paragraphs 7 and 8 of Mr. MacCartie's letter show that the East Coast Canal works are from some cause or other unpopular. Unless the officers in charge of those works can retain coolies who are sent to them, it would seem to be useless continuing to recruit.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 490-B. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1877, No. 1,496A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of
Nellore and to the Public Works
Department. The former officer will

inquire carefully into the real reasons which appear to be making the canal works unpopular and report the result.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Nellore.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department.
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 10th April 1877.
 No 1593
 Read the following.
 No 57.

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From

C. F. Mac Cartie Esquire
 Special Assistant Collector
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To
 J. F. Price Esquire
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PAVING RELIEF, No. 1000A.

Effect of the reduced wages on the Coolies in
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[True copy & Extracts]

Wm. S. S.
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