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Famine Relief

No 990 A Read the following letter from J F PRICE, Esq , Acting Collector of Cuddāpah to J H GARSTIN, Esq , Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St George, dated Budwail, 13th April 1877, Extra No 745 —

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No 1,366, dated 7th instant, which reached me to day

2 The matter of the delays which have occurred in the payment of coolies in the sub division has already been the subject of remark on my part, and two cases which occurred in the Voilpaud Taluq and which came to my notice, are now under inquiry

3 I have, for some time past, had a return in the enclosed form, sent in to me every week, and it was only yesterday that I called upon the Acting Sub Collector, who is now in that taluq, to explain why the coolies in Voilpaud were a week in arrears

4 I but yesterday received the order permitting me to abolish the system of payment by gangsmen, and I am arranging to pay as frequently as I can I fear that the very large number of scattered works in the sub division will render it impossible, without a very expensive staff, to pay more than twice a week there

5 As regards paragraph 2, I beg to state that as soon as I learn from a note from Dr Cornish to Mr MacCartie sent on to me what the state of affairs at Royachoty was, I ordered up the Special Assistant Collector, in whose ability and energy I have every confidence, to get the relief camp into working order, and to see to having matters put straight I learn from him in a demi official note that he has arranged to separate the persons suffering from small pox from the others, that this measure would be carried out on the morning of the day after he wrote, and that he is vigorously pushing on with the relief camp Further, that relief has been apparently over done, and that the state of the coolies working near the town, of which he has made a careful analysis, is not nearly so bad as he had anticipated I have also again addressed Government upon the subject of medical assistance

6 The necessary instructions will be issued to the Acting Sub Collector in reference to the Village Munsif of Royachoty

7 I cannot imagine what Mr Gribble could have been doing to have allowed the state of things detailed by Dr Cornish to arise for he was himself on the 9th of March at Royachoty and spent some time in the taluq There was also there Mr Beebee, an Overseer of the Public Works Department on Famine Duty, and the Tahsildar, Sheristadar or Special Magistrate ought to have known what was going on, and if unable to meet the difficulties which had arisen, to have reported them As it was, Dr Cornish's note was the first intimation that I received of what the state of things was Mr Gribble has already been called upon for full explanation

8 I would remark, in reference to paragraph 13 of Dr Cornish's memorandum, that the young lad, just fresh from school, to whom he alludes, was a Mr Elliott, who was taken on by Mr Gribble without my sanction

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21th April 1877

9 The matter of the 53 bodies alluded to in paragraph 18 appears to have been that referred to in my report on the sub division As I stated there, I went on purpose to see what I could of them, and I have given the result which I wrote down in a private note book on the evening of the same day I went about yesterday a good deal on the 30th January and the 14th February, and I saw no more corpses excepting one, which was being burned at the regular burying ground I may observe that the form of register which I have already issued for relief camps has a column showing how every one admitted is disposed of

Enclosure No 1

Statement showing the Number of Coolies employed and Balance of Relief Fund on hand on the evening of —

Names of Taluqs	No of Coolies employed	Up to what date Payment made	Balance of Relief Fund on hand on the evening fo—	Date of last Remittance received	Remarks

(Signed) J F PRICE
Acting Collector

No 990 B ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1877, No 1,547 A

Miscellaneous

COMMUNICATED to the Sanitary Commissioner and Revenue Board

2 The Government await the further explanation called for from Mr Gribble

(True Extract)

(Signed) J H GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government

To the Sanitary Commissioner
the Board of Revenue
the Collector of Cuddapah
the Financial Department
the Public Works Department

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Frederick Rice
Acting Collector

Cuddapah Collector's Office

Extract No 745 - Camp Budvail

13th April 1877

From J A Price Esquire

Acting Collector of Cuddapah

To J H Garstin Esquire

Additional Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

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In Proceedings

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Read and Approved

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Your Most Obedt Servant

Fredk Chalice

Ag Collector

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