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Famine Relief.

No. 643. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1877, No. 1,633:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1877, No. 320.

In forwarding* the Relief Reports and the Return of Prices and Rainfall for the week ending 24th March 1877, I have the honor to make the following explanatory remarks:—

Average for the District.

Grains.	17th March.	24th March.
Rice	7.14.	7.09
Cholum	8.91	8.74
Raggy	9.89	9.98
Cumboo	9.31	9.33
Wheat	7.69	7.60
Horse-gram	8.32	8.45

2. *Statement No. I.*—On the whole, there was little variation in the prices of grain during the week as shown in the margin. Cholum rose in Ramalcotta from 8.90 in the previous week to 7.30, while raggy fell slightly. There was a slight decline in the price of rice, cholum, cumboo, and horse-gram in Cumbum, while in Markapur rice rose from 8.25 in the previous week to 7.45.

3. During a violent storm of wind and hail about 2 inches of rain fell at Banakacherla in the eastern part of Nandicotkur on the evening of the 18th March.

4. The number of works sanctioned for execution, those in progress, and completed are shown in the following table:—

Taluqs.	Number of Works sanctioned.	Number of Works in progress.	Number of Works completed during the Week.
Ramalcotta	31	11	...
Nandicotkur	42	12	...
Patticonda	18	6	...
Koilkuntla	18	9	...
Nandial	55	24	...
Sirwell	42	16	...
Cumbum	24	14	...
Markapur	16	7	...
Total ...	246	99	...

5. No works were completed during the week, but work No. 2 under the head of "Repairs, Road Works," was commenced in the Patticonda Taluq.

6. A taluqwar abstract is enclosed to show the outlay on works in the week and up to the end of the week, as also the number of persons employed on works and gratuitously relieved.

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25th April 1877.

7. The grant made up to 25th March amounted to Rupees 30,21,000. The outlay on works during the week was Rupees 1,15,082, against Rupees 1,25,391. The difference, Rupees 10,309, is merely due to a decrease of Rupees 8,236 in the Patticonda Taluq, which is not accounted for by the taluq officers. The expenditure of Rupees 8,287 during the week in the taluq, however, appears to be correct when checked with the numbers of coolies (19,292) employed on the works, and the Tahsildar has been called upon to explain the cause of the large expenditure of Rupees 16,523 on 19,999 coolies during the last preceding week.

8. The outlay of Rupees 27,07,253 on relief-works in progress, as shown in the taluqwar statement submitted with the report for the 17th March, wrongly included the outlay on works completed. This mistake has been rectified in the abstract submitted with the present return.

9. The total outlay since the commencement of distress on works is Rupees 29,47,701.

10. *Numbers on Relief Works.*—The numbers employed in each taluq, as contrasted with those reported for the previous week, are given in the subjoined statement. It will be seen that there is an aggregate decrease of 6,585 below the previous week. This might be the result of children under seven years of age who were paid 3 Pies per head, having been wrongly shown last week as coolies on works, whereas they have been shown this week under persons gratuitously relieved:—

Taluqs.	7th March.	24th March.	Difference.
Ramalcotta	43,897	39,434	— 4,463
Nandicotkur	8,252	8,975	+ 723
Patticonda	19,999	19,292	— 707
Koilkuntla	30,196	27,725	+ 2,471
Nandial	18,708	28,973	+ 10,265
Sirwell	12,521	13,960	+ 1,439
Cumbum	46,318	34,533	— 11,785
Markapur	12,137	8,551	— 3,586
Total ...	192,028	185,443	— 6,585

11. The Cumbum, Markapur, and Ramalcotta returns showed a decrease of over 19,000, while there was an increase of nearly 12,000 in Nandial and Koilkuntla. The falling off in Cumbum and Markapur is attributed to the concentration of laborers on the principal lines of road in those taluqs, while in Ramalcotta it is reported to be due to the transfer of some of the coolies working on one line of road to another a little more distant, to the prevalence of fever, and to the omission of the Department of Public Works Overseer to return 1,300 coolies under him. The increase in Nandial is not satisfactorily accounted for by the Tahsildar, who has been called upon for an explanation, but it is supposed to be due to the re-admission of certain coolies who had been eliminated before as being temporarily able to shift for themselves.

12. The new scale of wages has been fully introduced in all the taluqs, and cholam has nearly everywhere been taken as the standard, except in the Cumbum Division, where second-sort rice was adopted.

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13. The following money or grain wages were in force during the week:—

Taluqs.	MONEY.			GRAIN.		
	Man.	Woman.	Child.	Man.	Woman.	Child.
	A. P.	A. P.	A. P.	TOLAHS.	TOLAHS.	TOLAHS.
Ramalcotta	1 6	1 3	0 9	...	...	...
Patticonda	1 6	1 3	0 9	...	...	...
Koilkuntla	1 6	1 3	0 9	...	...	...
Nandicotkur	1 8	1 5	0 10	...	...	...
Nandial	1 8	1 5	0 10	...	...	...
Sirwell	1 8	1 5	0 10	40 tolahs	40 tolahs	20 tolahs
Cumbum	2 1	1 7	1 1	+ 1 Anna.	+ 6 Pies.	+ 6 Pies.
Markapur	2	1 6	1 0	...	...	...

14. The payment of grain wages continues on one work in the Cumbum Taluq. Mr. Farmer has again been directed to adopt the lower scale of wages in his section whenever the outturn of work is less than 75 per cent. of the ordinary task-work, and unless he obeys the order, numbers must increase and migration to the Nellore Canal must be impeded.

15. *Physique of the Coolies.*—Personally I have not been able to detect any material deterioration in the physique of the working coolies. The section officers reported any such deterioration.

16. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The numbers for the several taluqs are compared in the following table:—

Taluqs.	17th March.	24th March.	Difference.
Ramalcotta	7,773	11,636	+ 3,863
Nandicotkur	1,155	1,871	+ 716
Patticonda	209	398	+ 189
Koilkuntla	7,057	4,165	— 2,892
Nandial	1,594	4,601	+ 3,007
Sirwell	271	882	+ 611
Cumbum	879	1,431	+ 552
Markapur	468	588	+ 120
Total ...	19,406	25,572	+ 6,166

The increase is chiefly in Ramalcotta and Nandial in the number of children under seven years of age who are paid at 3 Pies under the new rules. No explanation is given in the taluq returns for this increase, and the Tahsildars have been called upon to explain. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rupees 4,435, and the entire cost since the commencement of distress is Rupees 26,167. As to the result and extent of the village relief system that has been introduced into the district under the recent orders of Government, no information has yet been received from the sectional officers. The headmen of all villages have been supplied with funds.

17. No sums are reported to have been advanced during the week under the Land Improvement Act for the construction of wells, &c.

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25th April 1877.*

18. The following table shows the number of persons who emigrated to the East Coast Canal during the week under report and up to the end of the week so far as information is available at present:—

	Men.	Women.	CHILDREN		Total.
			Above years.	Below 7 years.	
During the week	331	297	158	131	917
To the end of the week ...	3,192	2,490	1,407	957	8,046

19. The following table shows the number of cattle fed with prickly-pear on the last day of the week and the expenditure incurred on this account in the town of Kurnool:—

Number of Cattle fed.	EXPENDITURE	
	In the Week.	To the end of the Week.
28.	RS. A. P. 23 5 0	RS. A. P. 64 5 11

It may be observed that prickly-pear is not procurable in abundance; strenuous efforts are, however, being made to secure a supply.

20. The list of extra establishment entertained is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th April 1877, No. 1,536, reviewing the detailed reports.

2. The Collector states that wages are regulated with reference to cholam, except in Mr. Farmer's division, but this appears not to be the case, as shown by the Board in the Proceedings quoted. It seems to be considered sufficient to fix wages for each section, but the orders require that they should be regulated *annuwar*.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 644. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1877, No. 1,561.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 12th April 1877.

Read the following: No. 320.
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From,

The Acting Collector
Kurnool

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated April 25th

Recd.

G.O., 25th April 1877, No. 1,501.

APRIL.

Nos. 643-644.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1030.

Relief Report from Kurnool - Recording
proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting
for the week ending 24th March 1877.

week as shown in the margin.

Cholam rose in Namakkal from 7.90 in the previous week to 7.30 while Ragi fell slightly. There was a slight decline in the price of rice, Cholam, Guntoor and Horse Bean in Cumbum, while in Markapur rice rose from P. 25 in the previous week to 7.42.

On Monday a violent storm of wind and hail about 2 inches of rain fell at Bana. Kachola in the Eastern part of Nandikotkur on the morning of the 18th March. The number of works sanctioned for

Average for the District

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for execution, those in progress and completed are shown in the following table.

Salugs	N ^o of works sanctioned	N ^o of works in progress	N ^o of works completed during the week
Nandikotkur	31	11	"
Pattikonda	42	12	"
Hoilkuntla	18	6	"
Nandial	18	9	"
Sirvel	55	24	"
Seppur	42	16	"
Markapur	24	14	"
	16	7	"
	246	99	"

5. No works were completed during the week, but work N^o 2 under the head of "Repair Road works" was commenced in the Pattikonda Salug.

6. A Salugwar

abstract is enclosed to show
the outlay on works in the
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10, 309 is merely due to a
decrease of Rupees 8, 236 in
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officers. The expenditure of Rupees
8, 287 during the week in the
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the number of coolies 19292
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Total	192,028	185,443	-6,585

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This might be the result of children under 7 years of age who were paid 3 pice per head having been wrongly shown last week as Coolies on works whereas they have been shown this week under

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11. The Gumbrum, Markapur, and Ramalkota returns showed a decrease of over 19000 while there was an increase of nearly 12,000 in Nandial.

The falling off in Gumbrum and Markapur is attributed to the concentration of laborers on the principal lines of road in those Talugs, while in Ramalkota, it is reported to be due to the transfer of some of the coolies working on one fine road to another a little more distant, to the prevalence of fever and to the omission of the W. P. W. officers to return 1300 coolies under him. The increase in Nandial

Nundial is not satisfactorily accounted for by the Salsildar who has been called upon for an explanation, but it is supposed to be due to the readmission of certain coolies who had been eliminated before as being temporarily able to shift for themselves.

12. The new scale of wages has been fully introduced in all the Sals, and cholera has nearly everywhere been taken as the Standard, except in the Gumbur Division where 2^d Sot piee was adopted.

13. The following money or grain wages were in force during the

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Sals	Money			Grain		
	Man	Woman	Child	Man	Woman	Child
	a.p	a.p	a.p	Tolas	Tolas	Tolas
Ramalkota	1-6	1-3	" 9	"	"	"
Pattikenda	02	02	do	"	"	"
Koilkumfla	do	do	do	"	"	"
Nandikothur	1-8	1-5	" 10	"	"	"
Nundial	do	do	do	"	"	"
Sirvel	do	do	do	9	"	"
Gumbur	2-1	1-7	1-1	40 Tolas + 1 anna	40 Tolas + 6 piee	20 Tolas + 6 piee
Markapur	2-	1-6	1-0	"	"	"

14. The payment of grain wages continues as of old in the Gumbur Sals. Mr. Jarnet has again been directed to adopt the lower scale of wages in his section, whenever the nature of work is less than

75 per cent of the ordinary
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Nandikothkur	1155	1871	+ 716
Pattikonda	209	398	+ 189
Koilkuntla	7057	4165	- 2892
Kundial	1574	4601	+ 3027
Srinell	271	882	+ 611
Gumbhun	879	1451	+ 572
Markapur	468	588	+ 120
Total	19406	28572	+ 6666

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	Males	Females	Children		Total
			above 7 years	below 7 years	
Opening the week	331	297	158	131	917
To the end of the week	3192	2490	1407	987	8046

19. The following table shows the
 number of cattle fed with prickly
 pear on the last day of the week
 and the expenditure incurred on
 this account in the District of Kurnool.

Number of cattle fed	Expenditure				
	See the week		To the end of the week		
28	23	5	64	5	11

It may be observed that
pristly pear is not procurable
in abundance, strenuous efforts
are, however, being made to
secure a supply.

20- The list of extra esta-
blishment entertained is herewith
submitted.

I General } I have the
Collector's Office } /s/ M. Davidson
3rd April 1877 } Agt. Collector.

Submitted for the information
of Government in continuation
of Board's Proceedings
revising the detailed reports.

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Secretary

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The Additional Secretary
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9/12th April 1877

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