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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th May 1877, No. 1,659-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 137-A. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 28th April 1877, No. 937.

Read the following letter, from Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 27th April 1877, No. 260.

I HAVE the honor to forward, in original, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a report on the East Coast Canal Relief-works, dated Koratur, the 17th April 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Surgeon W. O'HARA, Medical charge East Coast Canal Famine Relief-works, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Indian Medical Department, dated Koratur, 17th

April 1877.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Surgeon-General, the following report:—

						Admissions.	Deaths.
2. Epidemics.—	Cholera	...	...	...	...	5	1
	Small-pox	...	...	...	...	7	...
	Ague	...	...	...	...	11	...
	Diarrhoea and dysentery	...	...	...	...	36	...
	Other medical and surgical diseases	...	...	...	...	59	1

Cholera absent in epidemic form; a few sporadic cases of mild type are reported.

Small-pox still prevalent, although on the decline.

3. Food-supplies.—At Koratur enterprising local merchants are importing grain (from the Kistna). Rice 8 to 8½ Nellore measures, raggi 11 to 12 for the rupee.

Water-supply abundant. This section of the canal has not, however, been favored with as much rain as the northern. Pasturage is deficient, and cattle are still dying. Estimated loss in adjacent villages 75 per cent., and the villagers are apprehensive of further cattle mortality. The raggi crops raised around wells have, as a rule, been successful; many villages still support a considerable number of acres under this cultivation. The "sweet potatoe" has been extensively grown, and is selling at cheap rates. It enters, I believe, largely into the diet of many of the poorer classes.

Rainfall and Weather.—No rain; heavy dews. During the day dry and gusty (prevailing wind E. or S.E.). Nights cool generally.

Numbers on Relief-works 37,306; of these locals 33,577, Cuddapah 1,641, Kurnool 598, Bellary 1,490.

5. General.—Mr. Stephens, the Executive Officer, expects that his portion of the canal (Koratur Section) will be completed by the end of the present month.

"Subsistence Allowance."—Some short time ago there were as many as 300 on these rates. These represented chiefly the people transferred from relief-houses in the interior, and who, though to all appearances physically capable of performing task-work, were reported as being so indolent that they scarcely finished a half of the light task assigned them. Of course the subsistence rates furnished no incentive to hard labor. Growing more accustomed to the exemption work, however, and at the same time recognising the advantage of taking "piece-work,"

the abler ones have from time to time had themselves removed from the "subsistence" to the "general" lists. The condition of a body of about 100 persons inspected by me was fair; of these about 30 will have to be permanently retained from one cause or another, chiefly extreme old age. The unavoidable inability of the Canal Officer to adhere closely to the conditions of the "subsistence rates" renders any judgment regarding their sufficiency valueless.

In reference to the transfer of the medical subordinates attached to the two companies of the Sappers and Miners to the charge of Central Hospitals, the Deputy Surgeon-General has acceded to the suggestion, subject only to certain monetary arrangements, both his sanction and approval. Lieutenant Digby, R.E., has already consented to the proposal, and there is reason to believe that there will be no objection on the part of Major Chambers.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department, for disposal.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 137-B. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1877, No. 1,659-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of

Nellore,

(True Extract.)

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

- the Surgeon-General, Madras Medical Department.
- the Board of Revenue.
- the Financial Department.
- the Public Works Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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Koratur 7.4.77

Mr Surgeon William Odhams
and Charge East Coast Canal, F.R. Co

To the Secretary to the Surgeon-General
J. H. D.
Madras.

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Have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
William O'Hara
Surgeon.

No 260

Office of Surgeon General Smith
Fort St. George 27th April 1877.

From

Surgeon General George Smith M.D.
Surgeon General M.D.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

Sir

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Chief Works dated November the
17th April 1877.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Pro Smith M.D.
Surgeon General M.D.

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Surgeon General Smith
Fort St. George
27th April 1877

Chief Secretary to Govt
Surgeon General
Smith M.D.

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Department for shipment.

Wm. H. George
28th March 1851

To the Revenue Stamp Department

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