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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th May 1877, No. 1,660-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 139-A. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 28th April 1876, No. 940.

From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th April 1877, No. 261.

I HAVE the honor to submit, in original, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a report on the physical condition of the coolies on the relief-works near Chittoor. Regarding the tables of weights the Deputy Surgeon-General remarks: "The weighments do not commend themselves to my credence;" and I am also doubtful as to their reliability and value. Surgeon Walker has been warned to be more careful in future in making and recording his observations.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon G. L. WALKER, M.D., Acting Civil Surgeon, Chittoor, to Surgeon-Major W. J. VAN SOMEREN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency and Northern Districts, Madras, dated 10th April 1877, No. 54.

REFERRING to your memorandum, No. 1,745, dated 6th March 1877, I have the honor to present this my second report on the physical condition of the coolies on the relief-works of this taluq.

2. On Friday, 6th April, I inspected about 1,800 laborers, and found the great majority in very fair condition, and capable of doing good work. Amongst these I could not detect any indication of loss of flesh or strength.

A few were very thin, and incapable of doing much work, of these the greater number were very old men, who, I think, ought not to be on the works at all, but should rather be sent to a relief camp. The rest supported relations who were unable to work out of their wages.

3. I enclose tables showing the weights of the coolies of four gangs. These are four of the six gangs whose weights I forwarded on 26th March. The weights of the coolies then and now I have tabulated side by side. The other two gangs I have not been able to get weighed this time, but may be able to forward them with my next report.

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Considerable differences in the weights appear in the tables in a few cases; opposite these figures I have placed queries. I do not know how these large differences have occurred; however, changes are continually taking place in gangs, and I suspect that some of the men of these gangs are not the same as were weighed before, though their names are similar.

4. The women and children on the works continue in fair condition. They have proportionately less work than the men.

GANG No. 2.

Head Cooly—Channigan.

How long employed—three months on 25th March.

| MEN.                       |                           | WOMEN.                     |                           | CHILDREN.                  |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. |
| LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      |
| 108                        | 110                       | 78                         | 82                        | 62                         | 62                        |
| 111                        | 102                       | 77                         | 77                        | 50                         | absent                    |
| 97                         | 98                        | 64                         | 65                        | 34                         | do.                       |
| 99                         | 101                       | 73                         | 75                        | 35                         | do.                       |
| 94                         | 92                        | 87                         | absent                    | 59                         | do.                       |
| 114                        | absent                    | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 104                        | 105                       | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 96                         | absent                    | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 82                         | 81                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 88                         | 92                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |

GANG No. 4.

Head Cooly—Chennipen.

How long employed—two months on 25th March.

| MEN.                       |                           | WOMEN.                     |                           | CHILDREN.                  |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. |
| LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      |
| 94                         | 95                        | 101                        | 101                       | 63                         | 62                        |
| 93                         | 96                        | 79                         | 79                        | 38                         | absent                    |
| 90                         | absent                    | 74                         | 72                        | 44                         | 44                        |
| 105                        | do.                       | 78                         | 82                        | 51                         | absent                    |
| 66                         | 84(?)                     | 97                         | absent                    | 57                         | absent                    |
| 70                         | 71                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 96                         | absent                    | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 129                        | 128                       | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 89                         | 88                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 106                        | absent                    | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |

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GANG No. 5.

Head Cooly—Goventharnjooloo.

How long employed—one month on 25th March.

| MEN.                       |                           | WOMEN.                     |                           | CHILDREN.                  |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. |
| LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      |
| 85                         | 85                        | 90                         | 93                        | 48                         | 49                        |
| 95                         | 97                        | 73                         | 94(?)                     | 46                         | 48                        |
| 92                         | 91                        | 79                         | 72                        | 51                         | 52(?)                     |
| 101                        | 99                        | 95                         | 77                        | 65                         | 66                        |
| 95                         | 99                        | 67                         | 70                        | 53                         | 60                        |
| 87                         | 108(?)                    | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 92                         | 86                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 96                         | 92                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 92                         | 86                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 95                         | 97                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |

GANG No. 6.

Head Cooly—Gangaya Chetty.

How long employed—two weeks on 25th March.

| MEN.                       |                           | WOMEN.                     |                           | CHILDREN.                  |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. | Weight on 25th March 1877. | Weight on 6th April 1877. |
| LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      | LBS.                       | LBS.                      |
| 103                        | 106                       | 71                         | 77                        | 65                         | 68                        |
| 116                        | 116                       | 93                         | 94(?)                     | 60                         | absent                    |
| 92                         | 101                       | 67                         | 72                        | 49                         | do.                       |
| 110                        | 88(?)                     | 72                         | 80                        | 41                         | do.                       |
| 87                         | 116(?)                    | 79                         | 66                        | 54                         | 53                        |
| 85                         | 88                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 50                         | 80                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 69                         | 71                        | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |
| 62                         | absent                    | ...                        | ...                       | ...                        | ...                       |

No. 2,895.

Forwarded for information. The tables of weighments don't commend themselves to my credence.

MADRAS,  
12th April 1877.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,  
Deputy Surgeon-General, Ind. Med. Dept.,  
Presidency and Northern Districts.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department for disposal.

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

Revenue Department, 7th May 1877, No. 1,660-A.

No. 139-B.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1877, No. 1,660-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of  
North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of North Arcot.  
,, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.  
,, the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Financial Department.  
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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26th March. The weights of the Coolies! then and now  
I hope the enclosed will be of some use to the other two

GOVT. OF INDIA  
REVENUE  
THE COLLECTOR OF NORTH DISTRICT  
MADRAS  
Dated 10th Feb.  
No. 1-59A-170-B  
G.O. No. 105 May 1877, No. 1,561 A.  
HAY.  
Nos. 1-59A-170-B  
FAMILY REGISTER No. 1052-A  
Physical condition of Coolies in Relief works in  
Chingleput Taluk. Communicated to the Collector  
of North District from the Surgeon-General,  
Madras, 10th February, submitting the  
Collector's report on the subject.

No. 54.  
From The  
Ag. Civil Surgeon  
Chittoor.

To The  
Deputy Surgeon General, I. & C.  
Pondicherry and North & South  
Madrass.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Geo. Walker Esq.

M. Civil Surgeon  
Chitt.oor.

10<sup>th</sup> April 1874

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Forwarded for information. The Father A  
weights do not command themselves to my credence

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12.4.74

M. J. van Amaran M.D.  
Deputy Surgeon  
Med. Off. R.A.

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No 261.

Office of Surgeon General  
St. George 27 April 1877

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

To  
The Chief Secretary to Government  
Public Department

Have the honor to submit in Original  
for the information of His Grace the  
Governor in Council, a report on the  
physical condition of the Eskimos on  
the Relief Work near Chittow (Regarding  
the tables of weights the Deputy Surgeon  
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commend themselves to my credence,"  
and I am also doubtful as to their  
reliability and value. Surgeon Walker  
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future, in making and recording his  
observations.

Have the honor to be  
- Sir -  
Your most obedient servant  
R. Lynde Esq  
Surgeon General M.D.

W. C. Smith M.D.  
1877 12.4.77

From the  
Surgeon General

to the  
Chief Secretary to Government

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

Accepted

Report on the physical  
condition of the Eskimos  
employed on the Relief  
Work at Chittow

St. George 27 April 1877

21 Dec. 1890 p. 1  
 In accordance with the above (Hamm) Report  
 was held for disposal.

July 27 - Off King Lear  
to the Keweenaw (Dinner) - 10 miles

I am not so ignorant as  
 I feel in the historical conditions  
 of the colonies in the Philippine  
 I do not mean Christian. I doubt  
 many were in the state of  
philipino of the colonies. I doubt  
 (I am sure) the same  
 I am not in position.

Ad. J.  
1880-1887  
1888-1889

Page 2  
Head Cooly - Channing

How long employed - 3 months on 25 March

| Men                         |                            | Women                       |                            | Children                    |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Height on<br>25.3.77<br>lbs | Height on<br>6.4.77<br>lbs | Height on<br>25.3.77<br>lbs | Height on<br>6.4.77<br>lbs | Height on<br>25.3.77<br>lbs | Height on<br>6.4.77<br>lbs |
| 108                         | 110                        | 78                          | 82                         | 62                          | 62                         |
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| 99                          | 101                        | 73                          | 75                         | 35                          | do                         |
| 94                          | 92                         | 87                          | absent                     | 59                          | do                         |
| 114                         | absent                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 104                         | 105                        |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 96                          | absent                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 82                          | 81                         |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 88                          | 92                         |                             |                            |                             |                            |

Yang No. 4

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How long employed - 1/2 Months on 25<sup>th</sup> March

| Men                         |                            | Women                       |                            | Children                    |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lbs | Weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lbs | Weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lbs | Weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lbs | Weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lbs | Weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lbs |
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| 90                          | absent                     | 74                          | 72                         | 44                          | 44                         |
| 105                         | do                         | 78                          | 82                         | 51                          | absent                     |
| 56                          | 84 (P)                     | 97                          | absent                     | 57                          | absent                     |
| 70                          | 71                         |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 96                          | absent                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 129                         | 128                        |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 89                          | 88                         |                             |                            |                             |                            |
| 106                         | absent                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |

Gang No 5  
 Head Cooly - Goventhoragooloo  
 How long employed - 1 month on 25<sup>th</sup> March

| Men                        |                           | Women                      |                           | Children                   |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lb | weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lb | weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lb | weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lb | weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lb | weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lb |
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| 95                         | 97                        | 73                         | 94 (?)                    | 46                         | 48                        |
| 92                         | 91                        | 79                         | 72                        | 81                         | 52 (?)                    |
| 101                        | 99                        | 95                         | 77                        | 68                         | 66                        |
| 95                         | 99                        | 67                         | 70                        | 58                         | 60                        |
| 87                         | 108 (?)                   |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 92                         | 86                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 96                         | 92                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 92                         | 86                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 95                         | 97                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |

Gang No 6.  
 Head Cooly - Gangayachetty.  
 How long employed - 2 weeks on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

| Men                        |                           | Women                      |                           | Children                   |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lb | weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lb | weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lb | weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lb | weight on<br>25.3.77<br>lb | weight on<br>6.4.77<br>lb |
| 108                        | 106                       | 71                         | 77                        | 68                         | 68                        |
| 116                        | 106                       | 93                         | 66 (?)                    | 60                         | absent                    |
| 92                         | 101                       | 67                         | 72                        | 49                         | do                        |
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| 87                         | 116 (?)                   | 79                         | 66                        | 54                         | 53                        |
| 85                         | 88                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 50                         | 80                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 69                         | 71                        |                            |                           |                            |                           |
| 62                         | absent                    |                            |                           |                            |                           |

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Paul & Mary  
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