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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14th May 1877, No. 1,713-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 264-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1877,
No. 2,041.

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to
J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Voilpaul, 20th
April 1877, No. 878:—

I HAVE the honor to forward abstracts of number of coolies examined by myself
and such of my subordinates as have sent reports between 8th and 19th instant:—

Place.	Date.	Number seen.	Reduced.	Weak and aged.	Remarks
By myself—					
Voilpaul	8th	344	129		Voilpaul Taluq.
Ramapuram	"	59	19		
Sarimadoogoo	9th	198	54		
Kadiriacheruva	"	408	120		
Kalouda	10th	97	36		Royachoty Taluq.
Royachoty	11th	412	135		
Chinnamandem	13th	1,333	127	49	
	19th	437	38	18	
By Mr. Swan—					Kadiri Taluq.
Poolykunta	"	993	* 38	315	
By Mr. Fricks	8th	600	† = 200	† = 200	Madanapalli Taluq.
Calicherla	9th	60	† = 30		
Papiapalle	11th	300	† = 100	† = 100	
Tamballapalle	13th	100	† = 25	† = 25	
	"	350	† = 87	† = 87	
		5,691	1,008	794	

* Mr. Swan calls these emaciated and the others weak.
† These are also spoken of as emaciated and the others weak.

or in round numbers, say, 20 per cent. badly reduced in condition and 14 per cent. weak; some through age and some merely a little reduced in strength. Mr. Fricks' figures are not exact enough to please me, and I have requested him in future to give the exact numbers.

2. Mr. Money tells me that some of his Superintendents are measuring the same gangs at stated intervals, and that all agree that the coolies are falling off. I shall be able to give some figures regarding this in my next report.

3. None of these, with except a few hundreds in Voilpaul; have been inspected by Dr. Cornish.

Revenue Department, 14th May 1877, No. 1713-A.

4. These coolies are from gangs working in each of the four taluqs, and you will at once notice the marked difference between the gangs. In Voilpaul they are nearly all in the same state (about 33 per cent.) badly reduced. In Royachoty they are far better (16 per cent). In Madanapalli and Kadiri they are worse. In most of the gangs the numbers of women are greatly in excess of those of the men, but in some gangs the women are better off than the men, and in others the reverse is the case. In the Chinnamandem gang, for instance, out of 136 men I picked out 19 whom I call emaciated and 9 weak, whereas out of 249 women in the same gang I only selected 13 emaciated and 9 weak persons. In Mr. Swan's gang, on the other hand, out of 339 men 57 are weak and 18 emaciated, whereas out of 487 women 202 are weak and 19 emaciated.

5. In a few days' time I hope to be able to send you figures taken from a larger number of gangs.

Extra No. 916.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. This is the first report of a detailed examination of the relief coolies in the Sub-division. It is pretty clear that Mr. Frieks did not rank the people up, pick out those in bad or indifferent condition and count them. Mr. Gribble did and Mr. Swan apparently followed the same course.

2. The general result of the examination seems to be that the coolies are falling off and that there is a large proportion in a reduced state.

3. The condition of the men, women, and children should be shown separately. A carefully prepared statement of the examination made by me of coolies in this taluq, which awaits the completion of the calculation of the percentages in view to its submission to the Board, is drawn up in a form which will, I believe, show the exact condition of every individual, and, if approved of, it might be adopted for all inspection reports.

4. My opinion regarding the reduced scale of wages has been so frequently expressed that it is unnecessary to repeat it.

BUDWALL,
24th April 1877.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board cannot understand why the coolies in the Sub-division of Cuddapah who have throughout been exceptionally well paid and who have not been heavily tasked should be in a worse condition than elsewhere. They gather that payments for the Sundays have been unusual in Cuddapah, and it is not clear that the allowance to children under seven years of age has been introduced throughout the district.

3. The remedy for the state of things described by Mr. Gribble seems to the Board to be to cause these concessions to be universally introduced, and to increase the number of relief camps which should be formed on the simple hutting system, the trial of which has been authorized by Government (G.O., No. 1,510, dated 21st April 1877), and to put the weakly and emaciated of the gangs into camp. They think that some discretion should be allowed to the Collector in the matter of adjustment of wages in view to checking the deterioration which is clearly going on amongst the coolies in the district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Revenue Department, 14th May 1877, No. 1,713-A.

No. 264-B.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1877, No. 1,713-A.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the following telegram be despatched:—

"Take such measures as you may think right on the spot to meet increasing deterioration reported in your endorsement, Extra No. 916, of April 24th, on Gribble's report of April 20th, No. 878."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Sanitary Commissioner.
.. the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

F No. 3249

From

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Dated

2 May

1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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REMARKS OF A REVENUE OFFICER TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE THAT MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN ON THE SPOT TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMANDS FOR THE REVENUE IN THE INDEPENDENT OF THE SUB-COLLECTOR'S LETTER.

FOR ORDERS.

Physical condition
of the land in the
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17/11/77

C. H. 5/7/18/57

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Sd/- May 1877.

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Buddopah }
Sub. Collector's Office }
Camp Valsand }
10th April 1877 }

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As Sub. Collector

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Yours
Secretary

To The Addl Secretary to Govt. R.D.

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