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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1877, No. 1,727-A.

Famine Relief.

No. 291-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1877, No. 2,075 :—

Read the following letter from R. S. BENSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 24th April 1877, No. 392.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the condition of relief coolies in my division for the week ending 22nd instant.

2. I yesterday inspected person by person the whole of the gangs working between Kodoor and Settigunta, and also those working on the Kodoor to Chitwail road ; in all 2,153 persons. Out of these I selected 10 men, 42 women, and 12 children who appeared to me to be in a depressed condition from want of good and sufficient food, that is, just 3 per cent.

3. This is a great improvement on the last inspection which showed over 8 per cent,, as in a reduced condition I ascribe the improvement to—

(1.) More general advantage being taken by parents of the 3 pie bonus to children under 7 years old.

(2.) The removal of several persons in a depressed condition from the working gangs to the gratuitous relief list.

(3.) The transfer of the greater part of the gangs from the Kodoor-Settigunta road to the Kodoor-Chitwail, some five miles nearer their homes, an immensity of physical excertion in walking daily to and from the works being thus saved.

(4.) The segregation into a single gang of some 200 old or weakly inefficients which had been scattered among all the gangs previously. These now perform a special task of three-fourths the usual amount. The efficiency of all the other gangs being thus increased, the act was equivalent to a small decrease of task to the able-bodied ; but this has been compensated for by employing a larger number of boy coolies at 9 pie who were formerly on the gratuitous 3 pie list.

4. I also inspected the 3 pie children. Out of 969 on the rolls the previous week, only 498 were present, that is, a little more than one-half. There was an improvement in their condition also, but among them there were still some wretched specimens of emaciation. I picked out 61, that is, 12·2 per cent. as evidently suffering somewhat severely from want. I again ordered a proportion to be fed by the Reddi, and I hope the improvement made in the week will progress still further.

5. I shall address you separately on the subject of the 1st sentence of the 4th paragraph.

Extra No. 963.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. Mr. Benson's inspection appears to have been careful, and the arrangements made by him judicious.

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PRODDATOOR,
27th April 1877.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 291-B.

ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 1,727-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. A. Grubert.

Revenue Department

No. 2075.

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(True Copy & Extract)

N Elwin
Secretary

To
The Addl Secy to Govt R.D.