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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th May 1877, No. 1,861-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 615-A. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 29th May 1877, No. 1,152.

Read the following letter from Surgeon G. L. WALKER, M.D., Acting Zillah Surgeon, Chittoor, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, Indian Medical Service, Presidency and Northern Districts, Madras, dated 14th May 1877, No. 74.

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 1,745, dated 6th March 1877, I have the honor to report to Government, through your office, on the physical condition of the coolies employed on the relief-works of this taluq.

2. On the 11th instant and 10th instant I specially examined 700, one by one. This body of 700 people comprised 350 men, 260 women, and 90 children. Of the men, I consider 30 per cent. to be anæmic, of the women 24 per cent., and of the children 20 per cent. Many of those who are anæmic do not appear to have lost flesh, though their health has undoubtedly deteriorated, and daily numbers present themselves at the hospital, suffering from dropsy, unable to continue longer on the works from this cause. Many also (about 100 I am informed) have been unable, during the past couple of weeks, to complete their task-work on account of weakness; they have been fined 1 or 2 Pies in consequence, which further reduces their ration.

3. The relief-camp is now opened, and those who, on account of weakness, emaciation, or sickness, are unable to work, are admitted.

4. I enclose lists of weights of seven gangs of coolies. From the aggregate of these lists it may be seen that during the week, from May 4th to May 11th, 39 coolies decreased in weight 46½ lbs. and 17 coolies increased 18 lbs., showing a decrease of 28½ lbs. in 56 coolies in a week; and that during the fortnight, from April 27th to May 11th, 35 coolies decreased in weight 68½ lbs. and 13 coolies increased 19½ lbs., showing a decrease of 49 lbs. in 48 coolies in a fortnight.

No. 4,079.

THIS is a specific, and consequently a valuable report.

2. The statements are very serious.

3. Deterioration of health, diminution of strength, and loss of weight, all prove, beyond contradiction, the operation of very unfavorable circumstances in which laborers in and about Chittoor are placed.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN,
Deputy Surgeon-General, I.M.S.,
Presidency and Northern Districts.

MADRAS,
16th May 1877.

Revenue Department, 30*th May* 1877, *No.* 1,861-*A.*

No. 314.

FORWARDED to the Chief Secretary for submission to Government, with reference to their Proceedings in the Financial Department, No. 757, dated 1st March 1877.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19*th May* 1877.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue (Famine) Department.

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

No. 615-B. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1877, No. 1,861-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of North Arcot, whose attention is drawn to the serious state of affairs reported by Dr. Walker as existing in the head-quarters taluq of the district.

(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 Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF NORTH ARCOT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 30th.

Recd. End.

G.O., 30th May 1877, No. 1,861-A.

MAY.

Nos. 615-A—615-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,218-A.

Physical condition of Coolies on Relief-works in Chittoor Taluq, North Arcot District.—Communicating to the Collector letter from Surgeon Walker reporting on the —, and drawing his attention to the serious state of affairs reported by that officer as existing in the head-quarters taluq of the district.

No. 74.

3/1864

From

Surgeon G. L. Walker M.D.

Sg. Zillah Surgeon

Chittoor

To

The Deputy Surgeon General

Indian Medl. Service

Presidency & Northern District

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo. No. 1745 dated 6th March 1877 I have the honor to report to Government through your office, on the physical condition of the coolies employed on the Relief works of this Taluq.

2. On the 11th instant and 13th instant I inspected about 2000 Coolies, of these I specially examined 700, one by one. This body of 700 people comprised 350 men, 260 women and 90 children.

Of the men, I consider 30 per cent to be anæmic; of the women 24 per cent, and of the children 20 p cent.

Many of those who are anæmic do not appear to have lost flesh, though their

health has undoubtedly deteriorated, and daily numbers present themselves at the hospital, suffering from dropsy, unable to continue longer on the works from this cause. Many also, (about one hundred, I am informed) have been unable, during the past couple of weeks, to complete their task work, on account of weakness, they have been fined 1 or 2 pice, in consequence, which further reduces their ration.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
S. L. Walker Lt
Surgeon
Agt. Gillet Surgeon

Chittoor
14th May 1877

No. 4079

This is a specific, and consequently a valuable report.

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W. J. van Someren Lt
Deputy Surgeon General,
I. M. S., Presy: & Pr Ds H

Madras
16th May
1877

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Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Government's information with the Application with the accompanying Statement of Expenditure

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