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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st May 1877, No. 1,8[illegible].

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 647. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1877, No. 2,258.

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Voilpaud, 30th April 1877, No. 994 :—

I HAVE the honor to report the result of inspection of coolies by myself and some of my subordinates during the last week.

2. On the 27th I inspected with Mr. Bradbury the same coolies whom I had previously inspected on the 7th and 8th. At my first inspection the coolies were divided into three gangs working in different places; at my second inspection they were all working on the relief camp. The numbers were nearly the same, and the gang consists I believe of nearly the same individuals as I had seen three weeks before :—

	1st Inspection, 7th.		2nd Inspection, 27th.		
	Total.	In bad condition.	Total.	Badly reduced.	Very bad.
	902	309	886	232	38

This statement is of no value as Mr. Gribble has not adopted the same form of classification at both inspections.
(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

Three were found to be in such very bad condition that I at once transferred them to the relief camp. The actual number in bad condition was somewhat less on my second inspection to what it was on my first, but I have no hesitation in saying that those who were picked out as bad showed much more marked sign of loss of flesh and strength than they did when I first saw them. The greater number of bad cases were as usual among the women. The relative numbers at both inspections were as follow :—

	1st Inspection.		2nd Inspection.	
	Inspected.	Bad condition.	Inspected.	Bad.
Men	284	113	247	41
Women and Children...	575	196	639	229
	859	309	886	270

	Percentage. 1st Inspection.	2nd Inspection.	
Men	39·781	16·599	
Women and Children	34·087	35·993	
Improvement in men		23·182	per cent.
Deterioration in women and children ...		1·906	

Mr. Gribble offers no explanation.
(Signed) J. F. PRICE.

Very few in this gang, except some Malas, could be said to be in good condition. They are receiving the lower rate of wages.

3. In Kadiri Mr. Swan inspected with the following results:—

	Inspected.	Emaciated.	Weak.
What Mr. Swan means by "emaciated" and "weak" is not stated. (Signed) J. F. Price.	1,892	393	665

Under the head "weak" Mr. Swan has included those who were reduced by age. Mr. Ottley should go. I have already expressed my opinion regarding him. I only await a report promised by the Sub-Collector to hand him up. The numbers termed emaciated are very large, but I am sorry to say that in this gang, which is under Mr. Ottley, the 3-pie payment to children had not been introduced, which may account for it.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

Mr. Ottley has been called upon for an explanation, and I am awaiting a detailed report from Mr. Swan regarding the state of his rangs. Mr. Ottley is, I fear, of very little use as a relief officer, and his reports and accounts show an ignorance which is positively amazing. Mr. Swan also inspected the gang working at the relief camp, Kadiri, on 21st April 1877.

	Good.	Weak.	Emaciated.	Total.
There must surely be some stage of condition between "good" and "weak."				
Women ...	96	95	165	356
Children ...	15	30	56	101
Children ...	2	42	88	132
Total ...	113	167	249	449

The above gang was inspected by Mr. Swan in company with the medical officer in charge of Kadiri Dispensary, and shows, I think, a very dangerous state of things. This is the taluq in which the crops have been said to be the best in the sub-division. This gang is being paid every alternate day, and is receiving the lower rate of pay.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

The Board of Revenue have been pleased to rule that my recommendation regarding the rate of pay at Madanapalli was "reprehensible," and I therefore do not presume to make any recommendation here.

I refer the matter however to your most serious consideration.

4. In Madanapalli Mr. Fricks inspected as follows:—

	Inspected.	Emaciated.	Weak.
As far as I can recollect these figures are considerably low. The percentage in this case is 19·847. I think Dr. Cornish speaks of 24 or 30 per cent. (Signed) J. F. Price.	1,330	148	292

These coolies had not been seen by Dr. Cornish when he visited Madanapalli, but the proportion is nearly the same as of those he did inspect. These coolies are being paid at the lower rate of wages.

5. Mr. Money has not sent me any figures, but he inspected coolies on several works. On the Mushtoor road he inspected between 2,500 and 3,000 coolies, almost all of whom were Chucklers, and in good condition; he also saw between 2,000 and 3,000 on another work, three miles off, in two gangs. One of these gangs of about 1,500 consisted of Wodders and Weavers who were in very good condition, whilst in another gang of about 800 working a short distance off, almost all were in very bad condition. In future inspections Mr. Money will record accurate figures, without which it is impossible to form an opinion of the state of a gang.

It would have been more satisfactory if some explanation of this had been attempted. Wodders and Weavers are not carrion eaters. The state of things observed by Mr. Money raises a strong suspicion of malpractices in regard to payments. It is not stated whether these formed part of the 5,000 inspected by Dr. Cornish.

These parties consisted of between 3,000 and 4,000 persons, and seem to be close to Madanapalli. It is not stated upon what scale of wages they were being paid.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

6. Superintendent Engeldow writes that in Madanapalli he "measured forty men round the chest (including arms) on the 10th instant and found the average measurement to be 36". He also re-measured the same men on the 22nd and found the average measurement to be 35½", thus showing a falling off of ½" between the first and second measurement. These coolies are still in receipt of the old 2-anna rate as sanctioned by Government in their Order, No. 1,274, dated 30th March 1877. Mr. Engeldow is strongly of opinion that even on these wages they are falling off in condition.

This certainly shows a falling off. This is, considering what has been stated before, remarkable.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

7. From Royachoty I have received no accounts for the last week. The result, however, of my inspection, as recorded in my last letter, leads me to think that the coolies there are, generally speaking, much better than in other taluqs.

Extra No. 1,000.

Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue. The classification of the condition of the coolies examined is not sufficiently detailed to allow of any definite opinion as to their real condition being formed. "Emaciated" and "weak" are terms susceptible of many shades of meaning.

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

Peddivedu,
7th May 1877.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. It is not possible to form any very definite conclusion from the report, as the standards adopted by the different observers are too various and too vague to admit of any correct comparison. It would appear, however, speaking generally, that the condition of the people on the works is not satisfactory.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 648. Order thereon, 31st May 1877, No. 1,869-H.

Miscellaneous

The Acting Collector will submit a special report regarding Mr. Ottley.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Judiciary Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
Ead. J. W. Fischer

Cuddapah

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th May 1877.

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Board's C.R.N.
5075.

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(Signed) J. H. P.

Very few in this gang except some Malas could be said to be in good condition.

They are receiving the lowest rate of wages.

3. At Kadina also I was inspected with the following results.

Inspected	Emaciated	Weak
1092	398	188

What is shown here by "emaciated" & "weak" is not told.

(Signed) J. H. P.

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	Good	Weak	Emaciated	Total
Women	76	95	106	276
Men	15	20	66	101
Children	2	42	38	182
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Cuddapah
Sub Collr's Office
Camp Vaikunt
30th April 1877

(Signed) J C B Gribble
Ag Sub Collector -

True

(True Copy)

Extract Nº 1100.

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Cuddapah Collector's Office
Camp Muthukulam
Palmaner Taluq
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W E Wilkins
Secretary

To
The Addt Secretary to Govt N.D.

Flg 3657

Cuddapah

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 16th May 1877
Recd 17 "

Submitting to Government letter from Sub Collector of Cuddapah reporting on the physical condition of the Coolies & Collector's remarks thereon.