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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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 Veilpaud, 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:—

What Mr. Swan marks as "more exact" and "more inexact"	Inspected	Enumerated	Work
	1,872	[illegible]	[illegible]

Under the head "work" Mr. Swan has included those who were [illegible]

Mr. Otley should go. I have already expressed my opinion regarding him. I am awaiting report promised by Mr. Swan before I submit the whole up.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

The numbers brought recorded are very large, but I am sorry to say that in this case, which is under Mr. Otley, the full payment for children has not been introduced, which may account for it. Mr. Otley has been called upon for an explanation, and I am awaiting a detailed report from Mr. Swan regarding the state of his ranga. Mr. Otley is, I fear, of very little use as an overseer, 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
Women	56	55	[illegible]	[illegible]
Men	15	51	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	2	42	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	113	187	212	512

There were nearly as many cases of emaciation between [illegible]

The above gang was inspected by Mr. Swan in company with the Medical Officer in charge of Kadiri Dispensary, and he says, and I think, a very dangerous state of things. This gang is being fed every other day, and is receiving the lowest rate of pay.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

The Board of Revenue have been pleased to rule that my [illegible] the rate of pay at Madanapalli was "unobjectionable," and I therefore do not propose to make any recommendation here.

I refer the matter however to your most serious consideration.

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

After a few corrections [illegible] The increase in the case in 1876 [illegible]	Inspected	Enumerated	Work
	1,553	115	[illegible]

These numbers had not been seen by Mr. Franks when he inspected Madanapalli, but the proportion is nearly the same as at Chandragiri. Those coolies are being paid at the lowest rate of wages.

5. Mr. Money has not sent me any figures, but he inspected coolies on several works. On the Madanapalli 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 1,000 consisted of Woolders 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 [illegible] had been attempted. Woolders and Weavers are not cart-makers.

The note of [illegible] observed by Mr. Money [illegible] a case of neglect and malpractices on [illegible] relief operations. It is not stated whether these [illegible] part of the 3,000 inspected by Mr. Money.

These coolies consisted of between 2,000 and 3,000 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 Engelbew writes that in Madanapalli he "measured forty men round the chest (including arms) on the 10th instant and found the average measurement to be 34." He also remeasured the same men on the 22nd and found the average measurement to be 33½, 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. Engelbew is strongly of opinion that even on these wages they are falling off in condition.

The [illegible] shows a falling off. This is, [illegible] what has been stated before, re- [illegible] available.

(Signed) J. F. Price.

7. From Engelbew 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 were, generally speaking, much better than in other Talu-

Extra No. 1,000.

For the information of the Board of Revenue. The classification 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.

Penukonda,
25th May 1877.

Extract for the information of Government.

2. It is not possible to form any very definite conclusion from the report, as the [illegible] 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. 618. Chief Secretary, 31st May 1877, No. 1,869-H.

Recommended

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

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Inspector General of Hospitals.
" the Surgeon General.
" the Public Works Department.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th May 1877.

Read the following

№ 994

Rec'd 16.5.77.
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From J. D. B. Gribble Esqre
Jr Sub Collector of Cuddapah

To J. H. Price Esqre,
Jr Collector of Cuddapah

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second inspection they were all working
on the Chief Bungalow. The numbers
were nearly the same and the gang
consists of children of nearly the
same individuals as I had seen
three weeks before.

First Inspection		Second Inspection		This number is of course included in the total but not added to the same for the purpose of the Inspection
Total	In bad condition	Total	In bad condition	
902	309	850	282	35

(Signed) J. G. [illegible]

Three were found to be in much worse
bad condition than I had ever
found them in the Chief Bungalow. The
actual number in bad condition was
somewhat less on my second inspection
than I knew on my first, but I have
no hesitation in saying that these two

were picked out as bad should much
more marked signs 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 follows.

Remarks	1st Inspection		2nd Inspection	
1st Inspection 2nd Inspection	Inspected	Bad condition	Inspected	Bad
1892 — 1100				
1896 — 850				
Number in Gang 1892	Women — 284	115	247	41
Number in Gang 1896	Children & Children 575	196	639	229
The Gang is the same in both cases	859	309	886	270

(Signed) J. G. [illegible]

They form in this gang except some Males
could be said to be in good condition.

They are receiving the lowest rate of wages.

3. In Kadiri also the same inspected
with the following results.

Not previously examined	Inspected	Examined	Weak
Previously examined	1892	398	538

(Signed) J. G. [illegible]

Under the head "weak" the above has
included

included those who were reduced by age.
The number turned out[illegible] was very
large, but I am sorry to say that in
this gang which is under the Betty
the 3 per payment is obliterated and when
been discharged, which may account for
it. The Betty has been visited often
for an explanation and I am awaiting
a detailed report from the Chairman.
being the state of the gang. The Betty
is I fear [illegible] very little use as a
relief officer and his reports and returns
show an ignorance which is positively
alarming. He has also inspected the
gang working at the Abbey on 21st April 77

	Boys	Girls	Women	Total
Attenders	76	95	106	278
Non	15	20	66	101
Sickness	2	42	52	182
Total	93	157	224	474

The above gang was inspected by Mr
Dunn in Company with the Medical officer
in charge of Stadiri Dispensary and shows
a fairly average state of things.
The gang is being paid every alternate
day and is receiving the lower rate of pay.
The Board of Guardians have sanctioned
the recommendation that my recommendation regarding the
rate of pay should be made three pence
either and I therefore do not presume to
make any recommendation here.
I refer the matter however to your
most serious consideration.
I am Madam Sir Your obedient
servant

Inspected — Sanctioned — Attended

1370 148 292

the proportion is nearly the same as
those the last inspection. Their Cattle are
looking fairly at the Lower end of wages.

In the Money has not sent me
any figures but the inspected cattle are
in general much the same as the inspected between Lord & Jan Castle, are
almost all of them more Cattle and in
good condition, he also sent me
two three thousand one hundred and
fifty six pounds of butter and three
pieces off into two pounds. One of these
pounds of about 150 consisted of butter
and weaners who were in very good
condition whilst in another pound of
about six weeks old calves were off
almost all were in very bad condition.

In future inspections the Money will
record accurate figures without which it

I found them
in very indifferent
flesh and
condition and
I am afraid
that unless
they are
shortly
removed
to better
pasture
they will
soon be
in a starving
condition
(Signed) J.S.P.

is impossible to form any opinion
of the value of any.

I, Lieutenant Bagallay
state that in accompanying
Mr Money I measured the chest
(including arms) on the 10th instant
and found the average measurement
to be 35". The calves measured
the same day on the 22nd and
found the average measurement
to be 35.1/8 thus showing a falling
off of 3/8 between the first
and second measurements. These
Cattle are fit for receipt of
the old Tax annual rate as
sanctioned

is certainly
a falling
off. Since ar-
riving what
has been said
before remains
(Signed) J.S.P.

sanctioned by Government, in their Order No 1291 dated 30th March 1877. The Englishman is strongly of opinion that even on these wages they are failing to get in candidates.

J. Thom Reynolds. Chairman

received no accounts for the last week. The result however of my inspections as recorded in my Cash Letter leads me to think that the Cattle Trade are generally speaking much better than in Thana Talugs.

Kolaba Agency
Sub Collector's Office
Camp Vaigaum
30th October 1877

I have &c
(Signed) J. D. Reynolds.
Asst Collector.

Thana

Cash Letter

Dated 13 1877.

Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue with the explanation of the cash received & absence of any definite opinion as to the real condition during Lunar "Ourrasad" and "Kuar" are time exceptional of many classes of people.

Kolaba Collectorate Office
Camp Chinchwad
Pirlunda Talug
7th October 1877.

(Signed) J. Fredericci
Acting Collector.

Enclosed for the information of Government

2. It is not possible to form any very definite conclusion from the report of the Mamlatdar adopted by the different classes of people but the general opinion - the annual assessment

for

bounds speaking generally that the condition of the people on the works is not satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,

[illegible]

Secretary

To

The Addl Secretary to Govt &c.