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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st June 1877, No. 1,875-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 12-A. Diary, No. 4, of the Acting Third Member of the Board of Revenue.

From Vencatagiri to Gudur, 25 miles, through the Vencatagiri Division of the Vencatagiri Zemindari.

THE road to Gudur passes through a very poor jungly country, apparently thinly inhabited. A considerable quantity of gravel and metal has been stocked, and the road has been widened in places. I understand that there is an estimate of about a quarter of a lakh of rupees for the thorough re-making of this road. The Raja's tank repairs have not been proceeded with since the money was made over to the Collector, but the Raja has furnished a list of eighteen works for which estimates were prepared by his people, and on which a commencement is said to have been made by him. Since writing Diary No. 3 I am told that the road work from Vencatagiri to Gudur has been stopped, as there is much need for other work in the Vencatagiri Division. The population is about 50,000, of which only 1,000 are employed on the roads and 956 are in camp. The outlay on relief-works (roads) hitherto is Rupees 1,420, irrespective of what may have been spent on collecting material on the Gudur road under the Public Works Department. The Raja is anxious that his grant for relief should be spent on irrigation-works only, and I conclude that the cost of the road in progress, Naidupet to Vencatagiri, will be debited to Local Funds and that of the camp to Famine.

2. The cattle seem fairly well off; there has been a little rain, and there is grass in places besides enough water for the present. The markets are supplied from Vencatagiri. The engineering supervision is hardly sufficient. The Bengal Overseer cannot manage the road and prepare estimates and superintend work on scattered tanks as well; he will want assistance for supervision, especially if the Sub-Magistrate is employed mainly on magisterial work.

3. On leaving the Vencatagiri Zemindari the aspect of the country is changed, the sterile, gravelly soil that produces little but jungle ceases, and from the frontier to Gudur, the cusbah of the taluq of that name, the fallows are green with grass; there is water in several tanks and some cultivation round wells. There is a relief-house at Gudur where 790 people are fed. When I visited the place I found a large number of Pariahs who asserted that they could not gain admittance. The Superintendent informed me that he had not had time to attend to them; but as this was 9 o'clock in the morning, and the people had come over-night, I am inclined to infer that it was rather a case of selection, and that the Pariahs were denied admittance, not on account of their social status, but on the plea that they were able to work. I will discuss this subject with the Collector, and may be able to make my suggestions when reviewing the diaries hitherto written and reporting on the general condition of the southern divisions of the Vencatagiri Zemindari.

NELLORE,
14th May 1877.

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Ag. 3rd Member, Board of Revenue.

Revenue Department, 1st June 1877, No. 1,875-A.

No. 12-B.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1877, No. 1,875-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of
Nellore.

2. With reference to his remarks regarding the want of assistance for the Bengal Overseer, Mr. Puckle should communicate with the Local Public Works and other officers in view to remedying defects which he detects.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. R. K. Puckle, Esq.
.. the Public Works Department.
.. the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

*From Vencatagherry to Gudur, 25 miles,
through the Vencatagherry Division
of the Vencatagherry Zemindari.*

THE road to Gudur passes through a very poor jungly country, apparently thinly inhabited. A considerable quantity of gravel and metal has been stocked and the road has been widened in places. I understand that there is an estimate of about a quarter of a lakh of Rupees for the thorough remaking of this road. The Rajah's tank repairs have not been proceeded with since the money was made over to the Collector, but the Rajah has furnished a list of 18 works for which estimates were prepared by his people and on which a commencement is said to have been made by him. Since writing Diary No. 3, I am told that the road work from Vencatagherry to Rapur has been stopped, so there is much need for other work in the Vencatagherry division. The population is about 50,000, of which only 1,000 are employed on the roads and 956 are in camp. The outlay on relief works (roads) hitherto is Rupees 1,420, irrespective of what may have been spent on collecting material on the Gudur road under the Public Works Department. The Rajah is anxious that his grant for relief should be spent on irrigation works only, and I conclude that the cost of the road in progress, Naidupet to Vencatagherry, will be debited to Local Funds, and that of the camp to Famine.

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NELLORE, (Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
14th May 1877. Ag. 3rd Member,
Board of Revenue.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From *R. H. Pickle Esq.*

Dated *14th May* 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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(Signed) R. K. Puckle
As 3rd Member
Board of Revenue

Mylapore
14th May 1877.

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