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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st June 1877, No. 1,878.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 17. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1877, No. 2,049.
Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to
H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April
1877, No. 398 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward the relief report and return of prices and rainfall for
the week ending 14th April 1877 with the following remarks.

2. *Statement No. 1.*—On the whole the slight variations in the price of grains
reported last week continue as shown in
the margin. The only noticeable change
was in the price of cholum and cumboo.
The former rose in Patticoonda from 10·21
to 9·14, and the latter fell in Cumbum and
Nandial from 8·25 and 9·26 to 9·90 and
10·69, respectively. These variations were
altogether owing to extraneous circum-
stances, such as briskness or dulness in the
import of private grains. The changes in
the price of other grains are too trifling
to require special remark.

3. Very slight rain was registered in Nandikotkur, Koilkuntla, and Nandial
during the week, the greatest fall being ·60 at Nandial.

4. The number of works sanctioned for execution, those in progress and com-
pleted in the week, are shown in the annexed table :—

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Koilkuntla	18	7	...
Nandial	59	23	...
Sirwell	46	16	...
Cumbum	42	14	...
Markapur	29	8	...
Total	360	104	...

5. No works were completed during the week, but some irrigation works were
newly sanctioned. Labor has been concentrated on main roads to a large extent, and
every effort has been and is being made to take up as many irrigation works of perma-
nent utility as possible.

6. A taluqwar abstract is enclosed to show the outlay on works in the week
and up to the end of the week, as also the number of coolies employed.

Revenue Department, 1st June 1877, No. 1,873.

7. The grants made up to the 14th April amounted to Rupees 37,21,000. The outlay on works during the week amounted to Rupees 1,28,220 against Rs. 1,23,121 in the previous week. The increase is due chiefly to the inclusion of an item of Rupees 3,208 under sundries in the Markapur Taluq, hitherto omitted in the returns for want of particulars now furnished by the Tahsildar. The total outlay on works since the commencement of distress is Rupees 33,23,332.

8. *Numbers on Relief Works.*—The numbers employed in each taluq as contrasted with those reported for the previous week are given below. There was a decrease of 12,261 in the numbers during the week, (1) because several thousands of coolies were struck off the nominal rolls in Ramalkota, they having received batta for their journey to the East Coast Canal, (2) because of dispersion of coolies before assembling on the trunk roads where they were being concentrated:—

Taluqs.	7th April.	14th April.	Difference.
Ramalkota	40,391	32,995	— 7,396
Nandikotkur	12,330	12,232	— 98
Patticonda	26,289	22,010	— 4,279
Koilkuntla	32,679	32,381	— 298
Nandial	31,103	28,044	— 3,059
Sirwell	16,449	16,630	+ 181
Cumbum	46,346	46,737	+ 391
Markapur	11,178	13,475	+ 2,297
Total ...	2,16,765	2,04,504	— 12,261

The latter have since joined the works, but it is doubtful whether the bulk of the former have left as yet for the canal. At the time they were prepared to start for the East Coast Canal, there was no special officer available to accompany them; many therefore gradually disappeared after receiving their batta. They will not dare to seek re-employment on the works.

9. The rates of wages paid throughout the district were in accordance with the sanctioned scale, and cholam is the standard grain adopted in Ramalkota, Patticonda, Koilkuntla, Markapur, and Cumbum, second-sort rice being taken as the standard in the other taluqs. Mr. Farmer writing on the 11th instant states that the lower scale, mentioned in G.O., No. 329, of the 31st January, was introduced in his division on the 24th ultimo. He adds that the "rates for the current fortnight are Annas 1-6 Annas 1-3, and 10 Pies in Cumbum, and Annas 1-5, Annas 1-2, and 9 Pies in Markapur."

The following money or grain wages were in force during the week:—

Taluqs.	MONEY.			GRAIN.		
	Man.	Woman.	Child.	Man.	Woman.	Child.
Ramalkota	A. 1 P. 6	A. 1 P. 3	A. 0 P. 9	TOLAS.	TOLAS.	TOLAS.
Nandikotkur	1 8	1 5	0 10	...	...	...
Patticonda	1 6	1 3	0 9	...	...	...
Koilkuntla	1 6	1 3	0 9	...	...	...
Nandial... ..	(2 2	1 8	1 1)	...	...	...
Sirwell	(1 6	1 3	0 9)	...	...	...
Cumbum	(1 8	1 5	0 10)	...	...	...
Markapur	1 5	1 2	0 9	...	...	...
	1 9	1 6	0 11	60	50	30
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Revenue Department, 1st June 1877, No. 1,873.

10. Grain payments were continued on certain works in the Cumbum Taluq, and Mr. Farmer writes that "under existing orders grain payments must still be made in Kristnemsettippally and Komarole Ranges." Grain wages will be re-introduced throughout the Cumbum Division under the recent orders of Government until the locally-purchased grain is exhausted. The variation in the rates in Nandial as reported last week, owing to the introduction of the higher rate on certain works under the supervision of the Department of Public Works, and that in Sirwell probably to the revision of the rates in the middle of the week in reference to the prices in the taluq.

11. *Gratuitous relief.*—A taluqwar abstract* is enclosed to show the outlay incurred on account of gratuitous relief and the numbers relieved. The numbers for the taluqs are compared in the following table:—

* Already sent.

Taluqs.	7th April.	14th April.	Difference.
Ramalkota	16,060	13,726	— 2,334
Nandikotkur	2,205	3,286	+ 1,081
Patticonda	10,652	4,460	— 6,192
Koilkuntla	5,409	10,000	+ 4,591
Nundial	5,750	7,185	+ 1,435
Sirwell	2,776	3,151	+ 375
Cumbum	3,172	6,453	+ 3,281
Markapur	817	4,850	+ 4,033
Total ...	46,841	53,111	+ 6,270

12. The increase of 6,270 in the numbers during the week is owing to the wide extension of village relief throughout the district. Instances have come to notice wherein the village headmen have abused the powers of relief entrusted, and prompt measures are being adopted to check further abuses as far as possible. For further particulars on this subject *vide* my letter to the Board, dated 23rd April 1877, No. 382. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rupees 14,745, and the entire cost since the commencement of distress amounts to Rupees 56,159.

13. The following table shows the number of persons who emigrated to the East Coast Canal during the week under report and up to the end of the week, so far as information is available:—

	Men.	Women.	CHILDREN		Total.
			Above 7 years.	Below 7 years.	
During the week	371	353	167	164	1,055
Details wanting	...	...	...	...	555
					1,610
To the end of the week	4,777	4,039	2,193	1,609	13,173

14. The following table shows the number of cattle fed with prickly-pear on the last day of the week and the expenditure incurred on that account in the town of Kurnool:—

No. of Cattle fed on the last day of the week.	Expenditure in the week.	Expenditure to the end of the week.
53	RS. A. P. 52 4 0	RS. A. P. 183 7 11

Revenue Department, 1st June 1877, No. 1,878.

15. A list of extra establishment is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The returns have already been reviewed in Board's Proceedings, dated 26th April 1877, No. 1,940.

3. The only point requiring notice is the desertion of people after they had received batta to go to the canal. Arrangements should be made, if possible, to pass them along the road without giving them money or food for several days by forming depots where they can be fed as they pass along. There can hardly be much security against the re-employment of deserters on works, and it is difficult to see how they can be excluded and left in danger of starvation.

4. The orders of Government have been separately requested as to the scale of grain wages adopted by Mr. Farmer, whereby no money payment at all is allowed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1877, No. 1,878.

Miscellaneous.

THE desertion of the coolies bound for the East Coast Canal from Nandial was not, under the circumstances,

altogether unnatural, kept waiting as they were at that place for want of an officer to take them on, nor should they be refused re-employment if really in need of it. When marched to the Canal under the guidance of an officer they are not likely to desert *en route*.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 3rd May 1877.

Read the following.
No. 398.

From, The Acting Collector of
Kurnool.

To, The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
the Relief Report and Return of
Prices and Rainfall for the week
ending 14th April 1877 with the follow-
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2. Statement No. 7. On the whole
the slight variations in the price of grains

Grain	7 th April	14 th April
Rice	7.23	7.28
Cholum	8.89	8.67
Ragi	10.42	10.27
Chumboo	9.06	9.83
Wheat	7.48	7.58
House-grain	8.22	8.34

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Nos. 17-18.
FARMING MEMORANDUM 1882
Relief Report and Return of Prices and
Rainfall in Kurnool District. - Observations, with
reference to Board's resolution for the week
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The changes in the price of other grains are too trifling to require special remark.

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Markapur	29	8	"
Total	360	104	"

5. No works were completed during the week but some irrigation works were newly sanctioned. Labor has been concentrated on main roads to a large extent and every effort has been and is being made to take up as many irrigation works of permanent utility as possible.

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Vandial	31103	28044	-3059
Sirwell	16449	16630	+181
Gumbum	46346	46737	+391
Markapur	11178	13475	+2297
Total	216765	204504	-12261

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9. The rates of wages paid throughout the District were in accordance with the sanctioned scale and cholam is the standard grain, adopted in Ramalkota, Pattikonda, Koilkuntla, Markapur and Cumbum. 2nd sort rice being taken as the standard in the other Taluqs. Mr. Farmer, writing on the 11th Instant states that

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that the Lower Scale mentioned in G. O. No. 329 of the 31st January was introduced in his Division on the 24th Ultimo. He adds that the rates for the Current fortnight are a 1-6, a 1-3 & 10 pias in Cumbum and a 1-5, a 1-2 & 9 pias in Markapur.

The following money or grain wages were in force during the week.

Taluqs	Money			Grain		
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Pattikonda	1-6	1-3	" 9	"	"	"
Koilkuntla	1-6	1-3	" 9	"	"	"
Nandial	2-2 1-6	1-8 1-3	1-1 " 9	"	"	"
Sirwell	1-8 1-5	1-5 1-2	" 10 " 9	"	"	"
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Pattikonda	10652	4460	- 6192
Koilkuntla	5409	10000	+4591
Nandial	5750	7185	+1435
Sirwell	2776	3151	+375
Cumbum	3172	6453	+3281
Markapur	817	4850	+4033
Total	46841	53111	+6270

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The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rs. 14745. and the entire cost since the commencement of distress amounts to Rs. 56159.

13. The following table shows the number of persons who emigrated to the East Coast Canal during the week under report and up to the end of the week so far as information is available.

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	Details wanting				555
					1610
To the end of the week	4777	4039	2193	1609	13173

14. The following table shows the number

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number of cattle fed with prickly pear on the last day of the week and the expenditure incurred on that account in the town of Kurnool.

N ^o of cattle fed on the last day of the week	Expenditure in the week	Expenditure to the end of the week
	Rs. As P.	Rs. As P.
53	52 — 4 — "	183 — 7 — 11

15. A list of Extra Establishment is herewith submitted.

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Kurnool Collectors office } Sd/ R. Davidson
26th April 1877 } A. Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government

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(True Copy & Extract)

W. H. M.

Secretary

To: The Adm. Secy to Govt. R.D.

with 2 original statements to be
returned.

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for the week ending 14th

April 1877

With order

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No 1848

The desertion of the coolies bound for the East-
Coast Canal from Kandival was not;
under the circumstances, altogether unexpected.
Kept smiling as they were at that place for some
your office to take them on. Now should the
be regarded as being really in need
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under the guidance of an officer they are
not likely to desert en route.

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