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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTEMENT.

4th June 1877, No. 1,892.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 46. Diary, No. 6, of the Acting Third Member of the Board of Revenue.

Nellore to Singaroyakonda, 55 Miles up the Northern Trunk Road in the Nellore District.

THE dry lands are being very generally ploughed and sown with suzza or three-month crop, and preparations are being made to sow the lands under rain-fed tanks with suzza and jonna, the small and large millets; the land under the river-fed tanks will be planted with paddy in due course shortly, and as the river-channels have carried 7 feet of water for some days, the tank under these channels must be well supplied. The rain-fed tanks are mostly half full, and the water is being carefully stored for future use. There is now a good deal of grass, and there is no fear for the cattle at present. A great many died, however, from exposure and cold during the late storm, and many will be carried off by the sudden change from dry to green food.

2. The rain has refreshed the small area of suzza sown after the previous rain-fall at the end of March, and this crop is just coming into ear, and will probably be ripe in a month; this will provide the seed-grain needed, and probably some food as well; the cultivated area along the northern trunk road is but small, as the anchas or jungly grazing tracts occupy the bulk of the uplands, and it is only round the village-sites that arable lands are to be seen; the wells are few, and garden-land hardly exists, but the people seem to be fairly well off, and, in the sub-division especially, there are very few on relief-works. In the Kavali Taluq under the Assistant Collector there are 12,000 employed on relief-works, but the reason for this is not clear, as the Cusba station is within 5 miles of the sea, and the canal work in progress traverses the whole length of the taluq. At the relief house at Kavali about 1,000 people are fed, and there is another relief-house at K. Jagiri, 8 miles distant, where a large tank is under repair. There is still a considerable volume of water flowing down the Maneru river near Singaroyakonda; but this I am told is not utilised but flows unchecked to the sea. This river is usually accepted as the margin of the south-west monsoon, which falls to the north of the Maneru, so the southern half of the Nellore District will only get occasional showers, if any rain fall at all, for some months yet to come. The west wind has set in steadily, and is blowing strongly, a sure sign of the approach of the rain clouds, which however take a month to traverse the 500 miles intervening between the western coast and this.

Revenue Department, 4th June 1877, No. 1,892.

3. As I have met the Sub-Collector here, and have ascertained that there are no relief-works in progress in the Ongole Taluq, and that the late rain has furnished the ryots of the Podali and Darsi Divisions of the Venkatagiri Zemindari with employment in ploughing their land and preparing for the expected monsoon, I have determined not to lose time in going round by Ongole, but to strike across the country direct through Kandakur and Kanagiri to Cumbum.

SINGARROYAKONDA,
25th May 1877.

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

No. 47.

ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1877, No. 1,892.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Collector of
Nellore.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE.

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Dated June 4th.

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Nos. 46-47.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,238.

Inspection Report of the Tract of Land between Nellore and Singaroyakonda.—Communicating to the Collector Mr. H. K. Pookie's—

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Ag. 3rd Member,
Board of Revenue.

SINGAROYA KONDA,
25th May 1877.

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From
A. H. Suckle Esq.
113. Newbury St.
London W.C.

Date 25th May 1877
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between Yellow and
Singapore Straits
No. 1892

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3967

From R. H. Suckle Esq.

Dated 25th May 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

To Collect
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S.H.

The actual
inspection of
yellow is not
reported. - This
is far too general
Mark - May.
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To the Hon. Mr. [illegible]

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