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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th June 1877, No. 1,929.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 1[illegible]7. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1877, No. 2,334.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1877, No. 454:—

In forwarding the relief reports and the return of prices and rainfall for the week ending 28th April 1877, I have the honor to make the following explanatory remarks.

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3. No rain is reported to have fallen in the week except at Nandikotkur where a slight fall of about ·30 of an inch was registered.

Average of the District.

Grain.	21st April.	28th April.
Rice	7·23	7·27
Cholum	8·51	8·49
Raggy	10·32	10·20
Cumboo	9·47	9·47
Wheat	7·58	7·45
Horse-gram	8·28	8·26

4. The number of works sanctioned for execution, those in progress and completed during the week, are shown in the subjoined table:—

Taluqs.	Number of Works sanctioned.	Number of Works in progress.	Number of Works completed during the Week.
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Nandikotkur	58	17	2
Pattikonda	51	17	...
Koilkuntla...	19	8	1
Nandial	59	24	...
Sirwell	45	15	...
Cumbum	40	13	...
Markapur	45	6	...
Total ...	368	117	3

5. Works Nos. 1 and [illegible], both roads, were completed in the week at a cost of Rupees 21,695 and Rupees 1,321 respectively in the Nandikotkur and Koilkuntla Taluqs; "the digging of two wells under Owk Tank" was finished at a cost of Rs. 587. A large number of coolies have now been concentrated on the Trunk Roads in the district. Irrigation works are in progress in four taluqs and will be begun in the other taluqs also as soon as possible. The great number of works classed as Miscellaneous are chiefly repairs of wells, spring channels, and drinking-water tanks.

6. The grants made up to the 28th April amounted to Rupees [illegible]7,21,000. The outlay on works during the week was Rupees 1,14,216 against Rupees 1,25,241 in

the previous week. The decrease, which is chiefly in Pattikonda, is the result of an under estimate by the Tahsildar of the expenditure on certain works for which no accounts were received by him. The total outlay on works since the commencement of distress amounts to Rupees 35,62,789.

7. *Numbers on Relief Works.*—The numbers employed on works in each taluq as contrasted with those reported last week are given in the margin. The decrease in Ramalkota is ascribed to the reduction of coolies by the Public Works Department officers to be transferred to the East Coast Canal, while that in Pattikonda is chiefly due to defective returns. The increase in Nandikotkur, Koilkuntla, Nandial and Cumbum is due chiefly to the fresh admission of distressed coolies on works, while the decrease in Markapur is attributed to the reduction of wages, transfer of coolies to the East Coast Canal, and concentration of labor.

Taluqs.	21st April.	28th April.	Difference.
Ramalkota ...	36,800	32,550	— 4,250
Nandikotkur ...	15,199	16,724	+ 1,525
Pattikonda ...	26,448	23,472	— 2,976
Koilkuntla ...	32,502	33,411	+ 909
Nandial	30,467	32,651	+ 2,184
Sewell	16,214	16,555	+ 341
Cumbum	45,532	49,434	+ 3,902
Markapur... ..	10,010	7,092	— 2,918
Total...	213,172	211,889	— 1,283

8. Higher task rates were given on some works under the Public Works Department in Ramalkota, Pattikonda, and Nandial Taluqs, and the lower rates elsewhere. The rate for a man cooly varied from 1 Anna 5 Pies to 1 Anna 8 Pies owing to the adoption in some parts of rice and in others of cholum, and also owing to the determination of the rates Taluqwar, with reference to the prices ruling in each taluq. With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 12th April 1877, No. 1,633, Messrs. Clogstoun and Gibson state that wages are fixed separately for each taluq (and not at one rate for the whole section), and that the equal rate of wages of all the taluqs of their sections (which does not however exist now) was but an accident. As regards the apparent divergence between wages and prices, Mr. Clogstoun adds that the prices quoted in the reports as ruling in the taluq cusbahs are subject to considerable fluctuations, while village prices range very little above the minimum of the taluq quotations. For fuller information I beg to enclose copy of Mr. Clogstoun's letter on the subject.

9. In the weekly return of Nandial for the 13th April it was reported that 2 Annas 2 Pies were paid to a man cooly on the Trunk Road. Mr. Gibson writes that the wages on the Trunk Road were by an oversight not reduced immediately upon the fall in the price of grain, and that this has been since rectified.

10. The following rates of money or grain wages were in force during the week:—

Taluqs.	MONEY.			GRAIN.		
	Man.	Woman.	Child.	Man.	Woman.	Child.
	AS. P.	AS. P.	AS. P.	TOLAS.	TOLAS.	TOLAS.
Ramalkota	2 0 1 6	1 6 1 3	1 0 0 9	...	...	...
Nandikotkur	1 8	1 5	0 10	...	...	...
Pattikonda	1 6 2 0	1 3 1 4	0 9 0 10	...	...	...
Koilkuntla	1 6	1 3	0 9	...	...	...
Nandial	2 0 1 6	1 6 1 3	1 0 0 9	...	...	...
Sirwell	1 5	1 2	0 9	...	...	...
Cumbum	1 6 1 5	1 3 1 2	0 9 0 9	60	50	30
Markapur	1 5	1 2	0 9	...	...	...

The two rates of wages in force in Cumbum were both of the lower scale, but the second or reduced rate was introduced in the middle of the week with reference to the change in prices.

11. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The numbers for the several taluqs are compared in the following table:—

Taluqs.	21st April.	28th April.	Difference.
Ramalkota	14,827	15,006	+ 179
Nandikotkur	5,826	3,397	— 2,429
Pattikonda	6,682	5,721	— 961
Koilkuntla	9,863	5,230	— 4,633
Nandial	9,384	7,283	— 2,101
Sirwell	10,393	5,867	— 4,526
Cumbum	8,186	16,530	+ 8,344
Markapur...	4,863	4,763	— 100
Total...	70,024	63,797	— 6,227

12. The decrease is chiefly in the numbers fed in camps and relief-houses, while there is an increase of 2,035 in the numbers relieved in villages. Every possible effort is being made to reduce this mode of relief within reasonable limits. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rupees 19,870, and the entire cost since the commencement of distress amounts to Rupees 93,400.

13. The following table shows the number of persons who emigrated to the East Coast Canal during the week under report and to the end of the week:—

	Men.	Women.	CHILDREN.		Total.
			Above 7 years.	Under 7 years.	
In the week	196	132	138	20	486
To the end of the week	5,138 + 555 particulars whereof are wanting.	4,314	2,437	1,701	14,145

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

Number of cattle fed.	Expenditure in the week.	Expenditure up to the end of the week.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
52	33 5 0	293 4 11

15. The list of extra establishment entertained is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated Chinna Takur, 19th April 1877, No. 152.

IN reply to your foot-note No. 899 on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. [illegible], dated 12th April, I have the honor to state that in my section of the district wages are fixed separately for each taluq and not at one rate for the whole section. That the wages are at present the same in each taluq is an accident.

2. As regards the apparent divergence between wages and prices, I may remark that the prices quoted weekly in the price reports as ruling in the taluq cusbahs are subject to consider-

able fluctuations, but in the villages these fluctuations are less marked, and during any particular month village prices range very little above the minimum of the taluq quotations.

3. Yesterday morning I visited two villages, one Nagalapuram on the Kurnool and Bellary road, 10 miles distant from Kurnool, and the other Chinna Tekur on the Kurnool and Gooty road, also at a distance of 10 miles from Kurnool. In one of the villages cholum was selling at 10¼ tolas per anna, and in the other 38 tolas per anna, and dependent upon the markets in these two villages. I have now upwards of 12,000 coolies who are engaged in constructing a road connecting them with each other and with the village of Narnoor on the Kurnool and Nandial Road. Ramalkota, the chief town of the taluq of that name, and which is the market for some 5,000 relief coolies employed in its vicinity, may be said to depend [illegible] the supplies of the morrow on the morrow's arrivals of imported grain from Adoni. On [illegible] occasions during the past month I have had emergent letters from the Deputy Tahsildar stating that, if the merchants' grain bandies did not arrive within twelve hours, there would be no grain whatever in the markets. A glance at the weekly price statements will show that prices in that town rose in the week ending March 24th from 8·90 seers per Rupee, the closing quotation of the previous week, to 7·30 seers per Rupee. With these facts before me I feel strongly the necessity of leaving a slight margin in favor of the cooly in fixing the wages, but I can assure the Board that at the present rate of wages the margin is in reality exceedingly small, and that the coolies throughout the section are getting very little indeed more than the pay which is due to them according to the sanctioned scale.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES NOS. 2 to 4.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 9th May 1877, No. 2,154.

2. With regard to the wages the Board observe that it is an odd accident that wages fixed with reference to the prices in each taluq in Mr. Clogstoun's division should have been from the beginning, and continue to be uniform. In the circumstances explained by Mr. Clogstoun however the present rates are probably not excessive. The rate paid in Nandikotkur seems to be still unrevised.

3. The statement in paragraph 13 shows that 14,700 persons have been sent to the canal. The Board think that some inquiry should be made as to the number who have reached it and taken labor on the work.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1877, No. 1,929.

Miscellaneous.

PARAGRAPH 13 of Mr. Davidson's letter will be communicated to the Collector of Nellore for report as to the number of coolies from Kurnool, who had reached the East Coast Canal up to the end of April.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Nellore.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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27 do	4542
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10 do	4571
17 do do	488
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3rd March	467
10th March	910
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24	483
31	442
7 April 1877	598
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To

The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 8th.
Recd. &c.

G.O., 8th June 1877, No. 1,929.

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Nos. 137-138.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,263.

Relief Reports and Returns of Prices and Rainfall in Kurnool District.—Communicating to the Collector of Nellore — for report as to the number of coolies from Kurnool who had reached the East Coast Canal up to the end of April.

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Kurnool

No 2334 Revenue Dept

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 22nd May 1877

[illegible] of

No: 454

From

The Acting Collector
of Kurnool

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Average of the District

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5 Works

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	a - p	a - p	a - p	Tolas	Tolas	Tolas
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	1 - 6	1 - 3	.. - 9			
Nandikotkur	1 - 8	1 - 5	.. - 10			
Pattinkonda	1 - 6	1 - 3	.. - 9			
	2 - .	1 - 4	.. - 10			
Koilkuntla	1 - 6	1 - 3	.. - 9			
Nandial	2 - .	1 - 6	1 - ..			
	1 - 6	1 - 3	.. - 9			
Sirwell	1 - 5	1 - 2	.. - 9			
Cumbum	1 - 6	1 - 3	.. - 9	60	50	30
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	+ 555 particulars whereof are wanting.				

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	Rs A P	
52	33 - 5 - "	[illegible]

15. The list of Extra E[illegible] -tained is herewith submitted.

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(Signed) R. Davidson
Ag Collector

Kurnool Collector's Office
11th May 1877

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to Board's Proceedings 9th May 1877 No 2154.

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(True Copy & Extract)

Secretary

To The Addl Secretary to Government R D
with 3 orig. Encl to be returned & copy of Mr Cloystoun's letter

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No 152

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The Special Asstt Collector
Kurnool

To
The Acting Collr
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Spl. Asst. Collr's office
Camp China Tekri
19th April 1877

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(Sd) H. Clogstoun
Spl. Asst. Collr.

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(Sd) R. Davidson
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