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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

11th June 1877, No. 1,950.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:

No. 173. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1877,
No. 2,461.

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, 9th May 1877, No. 1,094.

I HAVE the honor to submit a report on the state of my division; and the progress of relief-works from the date of my last report up to the end of April.

2. During the period under report I have ridden and driven upwards of 250 miles on the inspection of works in the Madanapalli, Voilpaud, and Royachoti Taluqs.

3. The total expenditure up to 30th April is as per statement given below. In my last progress report I omitted to take into account the amount expended on material, masonry, and metal, which is included under the head of Roads. I am sorry to say that the progress reports of Madanapalli and Voilpaud Taluqs by no means show the actual amount of work done, but, as far as I can judge, there are nearly 50 miles of road upon which material has been collected, so that the average cost of

* A mile of stored gravel costs from Rupees 450 to 480.—J. D. B. G. my roads per mile will be considerably reduced.* The actual number of miles of road is nearly the same as in my last report. They are gradually approaching completion, and the unfinished ones are being completed.

Taluqs.	MONEY SPENT.				
	Roads.	Village Improvements.	Irrigation Works.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Madanapalli...	9,35,291 2 10	32,031 13 9	13,244 0 0	48,577 0 2	3,37,114 0 3
Voilpaud ...	1,95,230 14 11	17,006 2 4	5,660 5 7	41,308 10 5	2,60,766 1 4
Royachoti ...	94,347 13 0	20,810 13 7	25,461 5 9	45,006 11 9	1,95,626 14
Kadiri ...	3,16,023 8 1	25,391 0 6	30,365 0 0	19,320 8 11	3,91,339 1 9
Total	7,44,923 6 10	95,132 13 4	70,433 14 4	1,54,613 15 2	10,65,010 1 9

4. The large river-channels which were undertaken are mostly completed, and are good works. The same may be said of the tanks which were put in hand, and the cost on these has not been excessive. Some of the tank-work, where the roads pass over the bunds, has been well done, and the work of this kind materially adds to the cost of the roads.

5. My koneris are going on well. The one at Voilpaud is nearly three-quarters finished, and will be a good work. One of the two koneris at Royachoti is getting on well as far as stone-work is concerned, and will also be a good work. One koneru at Kadiri has been completed, and the other is getting on well.

6. The wells are almost all completed with the exception of stone-work. Almost all have been successful, and in a great many good cheap work has been done.

7. Our principal work during the last month has been in relief-camps and in recruiting for the East-Coast Canal. The camps have entailed considerable trouble, labor, and anxiety, but are now all fairly under weigh. The old Langur-khanas have now been all abolished, and paupers are fed only in the camps or in villages. At Madanapalli the numbers in the relief-camp are highest (1,300 on present date), and I fear they will still increase. I have inspected this camp frequently with the medical officer in charge of the dispensary, and am of opinion not only that all the cases are deserving, but also that the numbers will still increase. Regarding this, however, I have already sent you a separate report.

This is as it should be.—J. F. P.

Mr. Gribble's theory is that all emaciated and diseased from villages should be sent to relief-camps. Hence heavy numbers. I shall be able in the course of the next fortnight to see for myself.—J. F. P.

As regards recruiting we have been fairly successful. It is only three weeks ago that I received orders regarding the rate of pay and bonus to be given to the recruiters; but since then I have despatched nearly 5,000 coolies to the various works at Royachoti, Voilpaud, and Madanapalli. In Kadiri the coolies are reported to show a strong dislike to emigrating, but I trust in a few days a fair number will be sent. In all the works a number of works have been stopped in order to induce coolies to emigrate. In such cases all do not go, but the

people are being carefully watched, and in the event of marked distress showing itself amongst those who remain, they will at once be given employment. I am trying to get off as many coolies as I can as quickly as possible, because I fear that I shall not be able to keep works long closed and at the same time refuse admissions on the other works; but directly I open my works to all, I know that I shall not be able to recruit a single cooly.

8. My reports and statistics regarding the physique of the coolies have been sent to you so frequently that I need not repeat them here. The opinion of my Assistants and myself, however, is that they are steadily falling off in condition. The numbers in the relief-houses are largely increasing; the cases of emaciation in the gangs are far more numerous, and it is now rare to find a gang of men (unless they are Chucklers, Wudders, or Maras) who are in anything like good condition of body.

9. Some of the works have now been restarted, and fresh recruiting has been stopped owing to an outbreak of cholera at Cuddapah.—J. D. B. G.

Had emigration continued the obvious course would have been to keep works closed to the able-bodied.

Result of inspection of 5,112 coolies as per last report, dated 9th instant, conducted by three separate officers in separate places. Good 62 per cent., weak 24 per cent., emaciated 13 per cent. Fractions are omitted. The "good" are said to be "well able to work," but to have no flesh to spare. Nothing is said of Malas or Chucklers in particular. In a previous report remark is made of the good condition of a large party of Wudders and Weavers.—J. F. P.

10. I do not understand why this should be, as I have met many Kadiri people in other parts of the district.—J. F. P.

11. I am glad to hear of this. Mr. Swan appears to have done much more satisfactorily than I did. Mr. Ottley is under suspension pending an inquiry into his conduct.

12. Lieutenant Money has proved, as I from the first thought, that he would be a valuable and hard-working officer.—J. F. P.

13. Since drafting this I have had an opportunity of inspecting one of Mr. Money's roads, on which he has upwards of 2,000 coolies at work. The road is a hill one, and is to join one now being constructed in North Arcot (Punganoor). Some of the work has been very difficult, but the 6 miles and more that I saw have been thoroughly well done, well laid out, good material, &c., &c., and reflects the very highest credit on Mr. Money and his subordinates. Rs. 5,846 has been spent since Mr. Money took charge of the work, and for this 1 mile 4 furlongs have been completed with gravelling and tamping 2 miles of earth-work and gravelling and half mile of earth-work; the whole being very difficult, heavy work.—J. D. B. G.

14. Mr. MacCartie has dem-officially expressed a very high opinion of Mr. Beeby's conduct and work.—J. F. P.

15. Mr. Beeby, who has been in charge of the Royachoti Taluq since Mr. Cotton's death, seems to be a thoroughly good workman. He has got all his works well in hand, and every thing is going on well under his supervision.

16. In Royachoti I have some wells more than 30 feet through hard rock, and only just succeeded in finding a small spring at the bottom.

9. A regards water-supply I can only repeat what I have said before, that everything depends on rain falling in this month or at least before the middle of June. I do not say that the water-supply will be everywhere exhausted, but it will be in a great many places where rivers are adjacent there is generally water available, but the sub-division river are not only few in number, but are either beds of sand or rock. In the former water can only be obtained by daily excavation, and in the latter in pools in places distant from each other.

There is no hardship in having to dig up a little sand.—J. F. P.

The people who will suffer first and most severely are the Malas and other Pariahs, whose wells are separate from those of the other higher castes, and very many of which are now dry. I have endeavoured to provide for these people wherever I can, but it is generally difficult and often impossible to dig wells in this rocky sub-soil without great expenses and delay.

If this reference to the koneru at the road-side going towards Madanapalli, I am astonished at it, as the excavation was begun in rock. The site was unchosen.—J. F. P.

10. Ill-health has compelled me to ask for three months' sick leave and rest; but I cannot leave without expressing my thanks to the officers who have been working with me. At present Kadiri Taluq is the best in every way as regards returns and steady work. Mr. Swan has been working very hard and apparently with considerable success. His Assistant in the taluq, Mr. Ottley, has not given me satisfaction, but I shall submit a separate report regarding him. Mr. Money has been in charge of my office during my absence from headquarters, and has also the supervision of a portion of the Madanapalli Taluq. He has his work well in hand and from what I have seen, makes his subordinates turn out good work, and submit regular returns. He has been most energetic in recruiting for Nellore. Mr. Fricks, who is in charge of the remainder of the Madanapalli Taluq, has not given me so much satisfaction. He is better in practical work than on paper, and I find it difficult to get returns and reports from him. Mr. Padbury, in Voilpaud, has done good service in recruiting, having despatched nearly 2,000 coolies. He has two camps, one at Peelair and the other at Voilpaud, and both are now enclosed and in good working order.

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11th June 1877, No. 1,950.

11. The number in the ... at Royachoti increased enormously towards the end of last ... ing cases, ... were undoubtedly a great many undery ... very bad were lying about the town. I have, however, to thank Mr. MacCartie for his energy, who, under your instig ... spent two days at Royachoti and ... that time managed to get the relief camp built up ready to receive all the paupers. Every one who was admitted was first carefully examined, and the consequence is that the numbers were greatly reduced. The last reports, however, show that there are now ... and nineteen inmates. A proper Superintendent and medical officer are urgently required both here and at Madanapalle, where there are ... 1,300 inmates.

Extra No. 1,094.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. Mr. Gribble has overlooked all mention of crops, cattle, public health, and many other matters of equal, if not greater, interest than those to which he refers.

2. He is, however, not in good health, and ... probably accounts for his overlooking topics which, I feel sure, that he would otherwise not have omitted.

LAKIREDDIPALLI,
14th May 1877.

(Signed) J. F. STOKES,
Acting Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. F. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 179.

ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1877, No. 1,950.

Miscellaneous

RECORDED. Since writing the report contained in the above Proceedings, Mr. Gribble's health has necessitated

his leaving the country; and the Governor in Council, therefore, takes this opportunity of recording his appreciation of the zeal and energy with which Mr. Gribble devoted himself to his duties in connection with the famine in the sub-division of Cuddapah.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantlam.

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11 June 1877
 Cuddapah
 Revenue Department
 No. 179

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
 Dated 26th May 1877.
 Read the following.

Boards
 of B. & C. 1877
 No. 1094

J. to B. Gribble Esquire
 Ag: Subcollector of Cuddapah

to J. E. Price Esquire
 Ag: Collector of Cuddapah

Sir, I have the honor to sub:
 mit a report on the state of
 my Division and the progress
 of relief works from the date of
 my last report up to the
 end of April.

During the period under
 report I have ridden and
 driven

Cont. of (1877) Board
 of REVENUE.
 No. 179-173.
 JUNE
 Famine Relief No. 1871
 Progress of Relief works in Cuddapah Sub:
 Division - Recording Proceedings of the Board of
 Revenue submitting - and observing that Officers
 have appropriate Mr. Gribble's report and copy it in
 connection with the famine duties of his division.

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Vaidpanda	196290	14	17705	2	4 1/2	5668	0	7 1/2	41985	10	26766	14
Royacherry	91347	13	20810	12	7	25761	8	9	4506	11	118626	12
Channarayana	216023	8	25391	-	8	2068	-	-	19220	11	28573	15
Total	704923	46	75239	13	4 1/2	74233	14	6 1/2	10068	15	148910	39

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