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Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 208. *From R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th March 1877, No. 225.*

With reference to your telegram of yesterday's date, desiring to be informed whether I found private trade in Cumbum and Markapoor sufficient to meet current demand of relief laborers, I have the honor to state it as my opinion that private trade is sufficient for the purpose if Mr. Farmer gives proper effect to the instructions conveyed in the official memorandum, dated 19th ultimo, No. 19-A (copy of which I enclose) and thereby affords the local merchants an opportunity for developing their trade.

2. Many of the Cumbum and Bestarpett merchants whom I interviewed assured me of their readiness to supply the laborers on the works with private grain if grain payments on account of Government are discontinued, and it was after they had given me this assurance, which I feel confident was reliable, that I issued the official memorandum in question.

3. In Markapoor Taluq I saw merchants selling their grain to coolies on the works, and I have not the least doubt the same thing will be done in the Cumbum Taluq if Mr. Farmer judiciously carries out the instructions I have given him on the subject.

4. I explained to the sowcars that the copper and small silver coin which they may receive in payment from the coolies will be readily exchanged at the Taluq Cutcherry for Notes or Rupees; or, that if they preferred it, I would give them drafts on Madras at par and supply them with a Kattubady escort to accompany their grain if they were afraid of having their carts plundered.

5. I have called on Mr. Farmer to inform me of the action he has taken in giving effect to my instructions and the result.

No. 19-A.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Acting Collector has had the advantage of communicating personally with some forty of the Cumbum and Bestarpett sowcars and grain merchants, and finds that in many places in the division private grain would be readily forthcoming, as elsewhere out of the division, if relief coolies were paid in money instead of grain.

2. The Acting Collector has repeatedly and very urgently impressed on Mr. Farmer the extreme desirability of substituting money for grain wages wherever practicable as enjoined by Government. He again directs Mr. Farmer's attention to this subject, and expects that he will, without further loss of time, discontinue making grain payments wherever this can safely be done.

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Kansas Chief—Acting Collector of Kansas informed that Government desires to see Mr. Farmer's reply to the instructions issued to him regarding the substitution of money for grain wages.

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