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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following paper:—

No. 301-C. Diary, No. 7, from the Acting Third Member of the Board of Revenue.

From the Northern Trunk Road to the Kurnool Frontier, 45 miles, through Kandakur and Kanagiri Taluqs of the Nellore District, 29th May 1877.

THERE is nothing green in Kandakur, even the trees are leafless. The tanks, however, have some water stored from the recent rain. There is a relief-house at the taluq head-quarters in which 470 persons are fed, and this and the relief-works are supervised by Mr. Stanley, formerly employed on the South Indian Railway. There were formerly 10,000 people on the works, which consist of three roads, the earth-work of which has been nearly completed for a distance of 35 miles at a cost of a lakh of rupees, but the greater part of these people have been drafted to the canal, and there are now but 1,500 employed. A good deal of material has been collected along the road to Cumbum, and this has been spread in some places. Both Kandakur and Kanagiri are very thinly inhabited, the villages are far apart, separated by miles of poor upland, and it is only round the villages that cultivation is met with. The face of the country dips in Kanagiri towards the foot of the hills that bound Nellore on the west, and the deep red soil in the hollows has been, and still is, in places cultivated with jonna and sajja. The lighter lands under the tanks are being ploughed for a crop, and the sajja sown early in April is now being brought to maturity by the recent rain and by the water stored in the tanks. Only 4 inches, however, fell in Kanagiri. The relief-works of that taluq have been closed, with the exception of a small reservoir in the cusbah station, which employs 100 people. The principal work has been the road from Kanagiri to Pamur, a distance of 20 miles, on which about 50,000 Rs. have been spent; a relief-house is open at Kanagiri, there is another at Chundi, and one is proposed at Pamur; in the two former 570 people are fed; there is no apparent distress in this part, and the children look remarkably well. The only real sufferers are the coolies returning from the canal. There are many stories current as to the reason why coolies from the Ceded Districts will not remain on the canal. Some assert that the bulk of the coolies who engage to go to the canal are the idle and worthless, who will not work in their own country but are attracted by the advance and batta offered. Others assert that the coolies do go to work, but cannot gain what they expected, and are disheartened by this and the change of climate. One man told me that he and his companions were returning, as they got no pay for six days, while the canal was full after the rain, and another said that his work was never measured, but he merely received 1 lb. of rice and 6 pies per diem, which he could get by remaining at home. Anyhow the people who are returning seem to be returning in poor plight, and as they must suffer greatly, even though fed at the relief-houses along the road, it seems to me better to stop recruiting in the Ceded Districts and to trust to local labor, which, I understand, is amply sufficient. The course adopted in Kandakur and Kanagiri, within easy reach of the canal, seems to be very judicious. Relief-works are virtually stopped, and those people who want labor are allowed to suit themselves, which they do by going to the canal; while the feeble and helpless are fed in relief-

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VENULAPAD,
29th May 1877.

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

No. 301-D.

ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1877, No. 1,996-B.

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.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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From

R. K. PUCKLE, Esq.,

Acting 3rd Member Board of

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Dated 29th May } 1877.
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R. K. Puckle Esq.

Dated

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