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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th June 1877, No. 2,062.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 452. Diary, No. 11, of the Acting Third Member of the Board of Revenue.
The Budwail Taluq of the Cuddapah District, 10th June 1877.

This taluq is bounded by the Vellagunda and Nallamala Hills on the east and west, and is a continuation of the Cumbum and Markapur tract last described; it is traversed from north to south by the Cumbum and Cuddapah road, which has not yet been metalled in the Budwail Taluq. The Special Deputy Collector, Mr. Cox, of the Settlement Department, is now engaged in preparing metal, and has stored large quantities along 18 miles of this road. He has 13,000 coolies employed, and these receive the higher rates of pay sanctioned by Government; the coolies appear to be in worse case than in Cumbum and Markapur, but are better off than in Chingleput and the southern part of Nellore.

There is water in all the tanks, and a considerable breadth of land under them has been sown with jonna and suzza, but nothing can be done with the dry lands until the south-west monsoon sets in.

About 6,000 coolies have been sent from this taluq to the East-Coast Canal, but it is believed that most have returned.

Metal has also been stored on the Cuddapah and Nellore road which traverses the taluq from west to east, and on a new line of road from Purnamamilla to Midakur. The earth-work of a new line of road from Purnamamilla to Kalasapad has been completed and some gravel has been stored; improvements have also been effected in 75 villages.

The outlay up to date has amounted to Rs. 1,31,953 irrespective of tools and establishment. Though the storage of metal has been carefully supervised and has been thoroughly well done, it has cost upwards of one rupee per cubic yard; it is, however, the most useful work that could have been devised, and it will be a great thing to effect the junction of Cumbum and Cuddapah by a metalled road throughout.

Mr. Cox has his labor concentrated at present on these work spots, and I think it would be well to continue this arrangement until all the metal is stored; the recent orders of Government in the matter of village relief may enable him to get rid of the inefficient, aged, weakly, and young from his gangs, as well as most of the women with children, by sending them home with tickets to receive a money dole in their villages, and, if he retains only the most efficient, they will finish the work in hand on the Cumbum and Cuddapah road by the time that the crop now sown is reaped. The payment to children on the work is liable to some abuse; payment is made twice a week, and it is believed that children are borrowed to produce on those occasions.

Mr. Harden, the Relief Officer at the northern end of the taluq, is laid up with small-pox at Purnamamilla, where there is a Dresser attached to the relief-camp. There are two camps in this taluq, one at Purnamamilla and the other at Budwail; in the former there are 600 and in the latter 300 inmates. These mostly consist of the aged and very young, the village beggars and deserted children; some of the latter have been undoubtedly starved; here as at Cumbum and Markapur the scrutiny into the circumstances of applicants for relief is too severe, as any one

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BUDWAIL,
10th June 1877.

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

No. 453.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1877, No. 2,062.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of
Cuddapah.

2. His attention is called to the alleged fraud with regard to the 3-pie children and to the necessity for relaxing the severe scrutiny of applicants for admission to the relief-camps mentioned.

3. The papers will be communicated to the Public Works Department, in order that the District Engineer may be called on to explain what has been done towards carrying out the budgeted works of the year.

(True Extract.)

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

To R. K. Puckle, Esq.
„ the Collector of Cuddapah.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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P. K. MOULDER, Esq.

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Letter June 20th

Issued in MS. 20th

P. K. MOULDER, Esq.

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10th June 1877. Board of Revenue.

Revenue (1877) Department.

F. No. 4,518.

Diary No. 11.

From

R. K. PUCKLE, Esq.,
Acting 3rd Member,
Board of Revenue,
on Special duty.

Dated 10th } June 1877.
Recd. 12th }

Submitting Inspection Report No. 11 of
the Budwail Taluq, Cuddapah District.

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From

R. K. Puckle Esq.

Dated

10th June

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