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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th June 1877, No. 2,065-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 459-A. Diary No. 9 of the Third Member of the Board of Revenue.

The Markapur Taluq of the Kurnool District, June 4th, 1877.

THE southern half of the Markapur Taluq is an open plain of treacherous soda soil intersected by ravines and the affluents of the Gundlacumma river, which effectually stop local traffic after a fall of rain. The stone-wheel carts of the country, however, manage to get along fairly well in dry weather, and, as there is no through traffic and the country is but thinly inhabited, there seems to be no need of made roads. A relief-work however has been laid out from Cumbum to Dupad with branches to Dulal and Vinukonda, and on this about a lakh of rupees has been spent, earthwork has been thrown up, and metal has been collected and even in some cases spread; but before more metal is spread, the work should, I think, be inspected by a professional officer to determine whether the earthwork thrown up is sufficient, and whether enough water-way has been allowed. When the Collector visited this taluq he restricted the work on this road to the section south of Dupad, as the northern part of the taluq is fairly well off and the soil is hard and firm. In the northern villages there have been frequent showers, and there is a good deal of cultivation; the people are not badly off, and, with the exception of a few Chensus on the Mantral ghaut and a few others on the Chapa Madaga tank, there are no people employed on relief-works north of Dupad; about 8,000 are employed on the road south of Dupad, mostly women and children. No task is exacted from these, but they pick up stones and break them, and the men do a little earthwork.

I do not think it probable that this road will ever be completed, or that it will carry traffic; it avoids the direct line between Cumbum and Markapur; it has engineering faults; the metal will probably be swallowed up in the treacherous sub-soil; there is no traffic to speak of; and the Local Fund Board will not be able to afford either to finish or to keep up this road. I recommend the abandonment of all work north of Vemulakota (where a branch turns towards Markapur) and the completion of the earthwork at all events from Vemulakota to Cumbum under instructions from a professional officer. This would enable the Head Assistant Collector to contract the area over which work is now spread, to draw the people within easy inspection distance from both ends of the work, to make some needful arrangements for the extension of gratuitous relief, and to get rid of part of his excessive extra establishment.

Of the 8,000 people employed there are probably 2,000 at least who might well be fed in relief-houses, and I calculate that, if the whole 8,000 were fed gratuitously, there would be a direct saving to Government of some thousands of rupees per mensem. The arrangements made for gratuitous relief are very complete in theory; there are three relief-houses and twenty village centres for feeding the destitute, but owing to excessive care in allowing admission in practice, but 600 people are fed in the taluq. It would be better to feed 6,000 and transfer selected hands only to the Cumbum end of the road and to the Cumbum and

Ongole road which lies within fifteen miles of Markapur. An establishment comprising two European Officers, a Settlement Supervisor, a Head Surveyor, a Road Superintendent, two Overseers, a Deputy Tahsildar, four extra Revenue Inspectors, and twenty-six Settlement and Survey Subordinates, costing altogether Rupees 2,000 a-month might thus be partly got rid of and partly utilized elsewhere, and there would be time and opportunity to measure up work done and to prepare estimates and completion certificates.

The country is being ploughed and sussa is being sown; there is, however, great need of seed grain, and the smaller ryots crowd to relief-works to get money to buy seed grain. Rather than employ them thus I suggest that advances be made to the necessitous puttadars of sums not exceeding 3 Rupees to enable them to purchase seed grain; this will keep a good many off the works and enable them to push on with their agricultural operations at once. This is the more important, as there is every prospect of the early commencement of the south-west monsoon.

There are six depôts of grain in this taluq, containing an aggregate of 5,000 bags; of these 200 bags are known to have been spoiled by the recent rain, and the Tahsildar is apprehensive that the entire stock will be destroyed during the south-west monsoon. I think that it would be well to revert to grain payments temporarily, to supply relief-houses from Government stores, and to pay the batta allowed to Revenue and other subordinates in grain at, say, 7 seers per rupee. The grain, I am told, was purchased at 6, 7, and 8 seers per rupee, and, as prices are rising, it is not impossible that local merchants would take some of the surplus stock at the rate of 7 seers per rupee.

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TADICHERLA,
4th June 1877.

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

No. 459-B. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1877, No. 2,065-B.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of
Kurnool.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Kurnool.
" R. K. Puckle, Esq.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

DIARY No. 9.

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PAVING RELIEF, No. 1,329-A.

Inspection Report of the Markapur Taluq, Kurnool District, Communicated to the Collector Mr. H. K. Focke's.

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TADICHERLA, Ag. 3rd Member,
4th June 1877. Board of Revenue.

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Revenue (1877) Department.

F. No. 4,294.

Diary No. 9.

From

R. K. PUCKLE, Esq.,

Acting 3rd Member,

Board of Revenue,

on Special duty.

Dated 4th }
Recd. 7th } June 1877.

SUBMITTING Inspection Report No. 9 of
the Markapur taluq, Kurnool District.

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Comd to the Govt
Kurnool
20 June 1877

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but any Gov. order
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at - 13/6

As to the value of the Chuttees, I think that the grain
market is not so good as it was some years ago, and the
price of the Chuttees will not rise anything like the rice. The
price suggested for the Chuttees is 35 percent of the value of the
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FOR ORDERS.

7. No. 4294

From

Dr. H. Buckle Esq^r

Dated

June

1872

FOR ORDERS.

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No 9 Storey St. Prof. D. C. C.

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Dr. Geo. J. Mearns

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I have been thinking of you and your family.

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Dear Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Lawrence Dear Sirs

A. M. D. C.

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