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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1877, No. 2,069-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 466-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1877.

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, 14th May 1877, No. 1,150.

In forwarding enclosed intelligent report from Mr. Beeby, in charge of the Royachoti Taluq, regarding the state of the coolies in Sundupalli, I can only say that when I inspected the same gangs in the middle of March last I noticed a great many cases of very reduced condition.

2. In continuation of the above subject and of my letter, No. 994, dated 30th April 1877, I beg also to state that I have had a correct census of the inmates of the Madanapalli Relief-camp taken, and the Superintendent reports that out of 1,458 inmates 428 have been coolies on different works. This shows that the paupers in the camp are not drawn only from the professional beggar class, but that 1 out of 3½ in the Madanapalli Camp has been a cooly on relief-work. This I think, conclusive that the present rate is not sufficient.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Mr. E. V. BEEBY, Overseer, Public Works Department, in charge of relief-works, to J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, dated Royachoti, 12th May 1877, No. 533.

HAVING on the 8th instant, while inspecting the road from Sundupalli to Rayaveram, mustered and examined the coolies on it, I beg to report as follows on the condition of the people there.

I counted 752* coolies altogether in 16 gangs. Of these 58† were old and 168‡ weak. Of the weak ones, several were old. The weak people were composed of the numbers shown in the margin.

* Men...	237
Women...	390
Children...	125
Total ...	752

† Men ...	16
Women...	42
Total ...	58

‡ 1st class ...	59
2nd „ ...	70
3rd „ ...	39
Total ...	168

I also observed about 70 young children. A few looked plump, but these were rare objects, most of the little ones being ill-fed. Some of them looked pale and had that peevish look resulting from privation. One case in particular I made a note of. A woman had 3 children, none of them being fit to work. She herself got 1 Anna 2 Pies a-day the children together 9 Pies, making a total of 1 Anna 11 Pies a-day. Rice was sold at Sundupalli Shandy on the 7th at 4 seers per rupee; it was slightly cheaper the week before. With her daily income the woman could not have got quite half a seer, or a very small fraction over the 20 ounces (3½ ollocks) given to an adult pauper in the relief-camp who gets extras besides. The woman and children, I need hardly remark, were half-starved. Even if the woman had got the higher rate of 1 Anna 5 Pies, her condition would hardly be better. This may be taken as an individual case, but I am certain there must be many families in the same condition. The wonder is that the relief-camp has not a larger number in it than it has.

Revenue Department, 21st June 1877, No. 2,069-A.

That these low rates are telling much upon the condition of the people is clear; how much longer the coolies can hold out on them is a matter depending entirely on each individual's personal strength.

I also noticed in Sundupalli, when the bags of rice were being examined, that the men who came to move them could not carry them as those in Royachoti do. They were certainly not accustomed to the work, but they breathed hard over the exertion and were soon tired. The men who do the work in Royachoti are chiefly Mussulmans who get paid as head coolies, a necessary

the coolies working between Gundupalli and Rayaveram were in a poor condition, the proportion of weak persons in the gangs being above 22 per cent. I am sorry I could not stay to see the coolies between Sundupalli and Sodipay also, as I had to return to attend to late indents for money.

It will be noticed that there are nearly 60 per cent. more women than men on the Rayaveram road. Two gangs, in fact, contain no men at all. A few big boys come under the head of "women," but they are not numerous enough to alter the proportion much. Mr. Beardon, the Superintendent, takes interest in his work, and has his gangs fairly tasked, but owing to the scarcity of water, the extreme dryness and consequent hardness of the soil, and the several weak condition of the people, he cannot do all he desires. The want of suitable assistance in the way of Maistries and Gumastahs is also a great drawback to him.

Extra No. 1,137.

FORWARDED, with enclosure, for the information of the Board of Revenue.

GURRAMCONDAH,
19th May 1877.

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

SUBMITTED to Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 466-B.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1877, No. 2,069-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to G.O.,
22nd May 1877, No. 1,788.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 6th June 1877.

Read the following
No. 1150.

Bo^d of Rev^y 5787

From.

J. D. B. Gribble Esq^{re}
Acting Sub-Collector of
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To,

J. H. Price Esq^{re}
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Guddapah Sub. Coll^y Office I have &c &c
Madanapalli 15th May 1877 (S^d) J. D. B. Griddle
A. T. Sub-Collector

(True Copy)

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Camp, Gurramkonda
in the Volpand Taluk.
19th May 1877
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Enclosure I.

No. 533.

Royachoti 12th May 1877.

From

The Officer in charge
Relief work, Royachoti.

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(3 1/2 o'clock) given to an adult pauper in the Relief Camp who gets 2 annas besides. The woman and children I need hardly remark, were half-starved. Even if the woman had got the higher rate 1 anna 5 pice her condition would hardly be better. This may be taken as an individual case, but I am certain there must be many families in the same condition. The wonder is that the Relief Camp has not a larger number in it than it has.

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(S^d) E. V. Beeby.
Overseer D.P.W. in Charge
Relief works.
(True Copy)
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J. D. B. Sub-Collector.
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J. F. Collector

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Witness
Secretary

To

The Addl. Secy to Govt R. D.

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Classed 6th June 1877
Rev. J. F.
With note

Submitting to you

Copy of letter from

the Sub. Collector

Landreghat with the

enclosure reporting

on the state of roads

in the Parganah

of Jalang. (Sub. Collector)

And copy to the Board of Revenue
as the Sanitary Commissioner
the Financial Secy