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27th March 1877, No. 1076.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 328. From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st March 1877, No. 186.

I have the honor to forward, in original, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a report, dated the 12th March 1877, by Surgeon O'Hara on the Medical and Sanitary operations in connexion with the East-Coast Canal Famine Relief Works.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon W. O'HARA, in Medical charge, East-Coast Canal Famine Relief Works, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Singaracudah, 12th March 1877.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Surgeon-General, the Medical and Sanitary working of the East-Coast Canal Famine Relief Works.

	Admissions	Deaths
2. Epidemics—Cholera	6	1
Small-pox	8	0
"	13	2
Ague	12	1
Diarrhoea and Dysentery		
Other Diseases		

3. Food and Water-supply; Rainfall.—Grain readily procurable, average 8 Nellore measures per rupee. No lack of water. There has been no fall.

4. Numbers on Relief Works.—Return not received, estimated at Rupees 28,000. Medical subordinates in charge of camps and hospitals report favorably on general health and sanitation.

5. General.—Weather warm and dry; "long shore wind" (southerly) prevalent. The European Engineer Officers have already suffered considerably from heat and exposure. My stay at Oolapoliem was prolonged by the indisposition of the Executive Officer, Northern Division. In some instances the coolies are not inclined to occupy the huts built for them, although they are clamorous until the construction of their camp is completed. As a rule they are strong and well nourished, especially those in the north. Task-work is almost universally insisted on, and the rates allowed are such that an ordinary cooly earns Annas 2 and Pies 6, while a woman of the same class earns Annas 2. A professional tank-digger, or one accustomed to dig, gains as much as Annas 6 per diem. I am proceeding north to make observations on the effects of the reduced scale of diet; if at all, this will obtain only in the Kanarpaty section.

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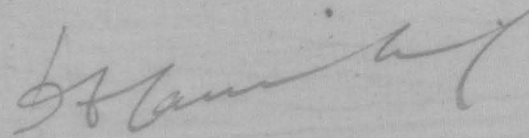
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Communicated to the Revenue (Famine) Department, and to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)



Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.

" Public Works Department.

" Board of Revenue.

" Sanitary Commissioner.

" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd J. Wright.

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