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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th June 1877, No. 2,109.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 546. From W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Peracolum, 12th June 1877, No. 1,904.

In continuation of the fortnightly narratives for May, I have the honor to submit a return of the persons found dead on roads and in fields during that month, and who are reported to have died from disease caused by want of sufficient food. Relief officers will rarely report any death as caused by starvation, and it is clear that the cause of death in these cases can never be proved in the absence of reliable medical evidence. A wandering beggar attacked by any disease must have a poor chance of recovery, and the real cause of death in most of these cases is the wandering in search of food instead of settling down in some place where sufficient relief is provided. Such deaths may be looked for in places where least distress exists among the residents, for to such places wanderers are most attracted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing Number of Deaths from Want or Starvation during the Month of May 1877.

Name of Division.	ADULTS.		JUVENILES.		Remarks.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Nellacottah ...	1	.....	.....	.....	An old man about 55 years old, name, residence, and caste not known, died of starvation on 14th May 1877 at Sanyampetty. He had only some rags of cloth about him.
Thangachiammapetty	1	.....	.....	.....	An old man about 80 years old, name, residence, and caste not known, was lying down near Dharapuram road; the Conji Totty servants took and gave him conji, but the man was reduced in strength by starvation and died on 13th May 1877. The deceased had not any property on him but an old cloth.
Do. ...	1	.....	.....	.....	An old man about 40 years old, name and residence not known, was lying insensible and unable to walk at Cottayam village. The Village Magistrate gave him food, but the man died on the 6th May 1877. On inquiry it was ascertained that the man had become lean and weak on account of continued hunger and died.
Do. ...	1	.....	.....	.....	An old man about 70 years old, name, residence, and caste not known, was found lying dead at the foot of a tree at Perumalainavalasai on 13th May 1877. On inquiry it was ascertained that the man lived by begging, and as he could not get sufficient food, became weak gradually and died.
Peracolum ...	1				A man about 35 years old, name Valapa Gonnden, was lying dead under a tree in Varadarajapuram village on 11th May 1877. On inquiry it was ascertained that the deceased lived by begging, and was long suffering from fever, and that starvation and fever were the cause of death.

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STATEMENT showing Number of Deaths, &c.—(Continued.)

Name of Division.	ADULTS.		JUVENILES.		Remarks.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Pereacolum	1	.....	.....	.....	A man aged 40 years, name Solai Alagu, was found dead in a choultry in Collaparam village on 16th May 1877. On inquiry it was ascertained that he died of starvation.
Do.	1	.....	.....	.....	A man, name and residence not known, aged 45 or 50, was found dead near Vadavarsaik-npaty village on 23rd May 1877. The deceased had nothing but a woman's cloth. On inquiry it was known that he had died by want of food.
Do.	1	.....	.....	.....	On 24th May 1877 a body was found dead near a stream passing into a tank between the villages of Thamaracolum and Paducottai, being eaten up by crows, &c. A rag of cloth was also found near the corpse. On inquiry it was known that the deceased may have died by starvation. Neither the name of deceased nor the sex could be ascertained.
Do.	1	.....	.....	.....	On 30th May 1877 a man, apparently 30 years of age, was found lying dead on the road near Kadapully. On inquiry no information regarding name, caste, or country could be obtained. Verdict, died from want.
Do.	1	.....	.....	.....	On 30th May 1877 a man, apparently 50 years of age, found lying dead on the road near Pichempully. On inquiry no information regarding name, caste, or country could be obtained. Verdict, died from want.
Chinnamanur	1	.....	.....	.....	An old man, aged about 80 years, name Annamalai Chetty, of Tharapuram village, in Tinorelly District, was found dead in a choultry in Vallanady village on 15th May 1877. On inquiry it was ascertained that the man died from starvation.
Do.	1	.....	.....	.....	A man, name and place of residence unknown, aged 35, was found dead on the high road north of Cottara, leading from Pereacolum to Cumbam, &c., places. Inquiry showed that he died of starvation.
Tirumangalam	1	.....	.....	.....	On 4th May 1877 a man about 60 or 65 years old, name and residence not known, lay dead under a tree near a tank west of Ramanujapuram village. On inquiry it was ascertained that the man died from want of food.
Oosilampy	1	.....	.....	.....	A dead body of an old man, age about 60 or 70 years, was found lying close to a stream near Sottinpaty on 14th May 1877. The body appeared very much reduced, and the villagers who had given nishazur are of opinion that the man had died by starvation.

(Signed) W. McQUIHAE,
Collector.

No. 547. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1877, No. 2,109.

Miscellaneous.

His GRACE in Council desires that the Collector will impress on all taluq and village officers the necessity, as indicated by the above return, of constant supervision and exertion on their part to avert, by all means in their power, loss of life by starvation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Madura.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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12th June 1877

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W. M. Lusk Esquire
Collector of Madras

J. H. Garstin Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt.

Mr. Innes
Collector

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An old man aged about 80 years named Annamalai (fully known name) living in Annamalai District was found dead in a Choultry in Vallur, Village on 18 May 1977. Enquiry it was ascertained that the man died from starvation.

A man name & place of residence unknown aged 33, was found dead on the high road north of Chollu leading from Perambur to Manikam place. Enquiry showed that he died of starvation.

On 9 May 1977 a man about 60 or 65 years old name & residence not known lay dead under a tree near a tank west of Ramanga. Enquiry showed that the man was seen & named that the man died from want of food.

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A man about 30 years of name Uthappa Gundam was lying dead under a tree in Varad or Ajappuram Villages on 11th May 1977. On enquiry it was ascertained that the deceased lived by logging and was long suffering from fever and that starvation and fever were the cause of death.

A man aged 40 years name Solai Blagu was found dead in a Woolley in Chelipuram Villages on 16th May 1977. On enquiry it was ascertained that he died of starvation.

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On 24th May 1977 a body was found dead near a stream flowing into a canal between the Villages of Uttaramakulam & Adicottai being 5 or 6 m. by cross the way of Cole was also found near the stream. On enquiry it was known that the deceased may have died by starvation. Further the name of deceased was the Sex and the river said.

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Rev. Mr. Shaw June 1/77
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