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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th June 1877, No. 2,159.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 670. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1877.

Read the following letter from F. A. NICHOLSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Manamadura, 8th June 1877, No. 308.

Relief-works.—I HAVE the honor to submit my relief report for May.

Combigoody and Nettur Tanks.—The Combigoody and Nettur tanks have been in hand. Expenditure on the former Rs. 1,828 and on the latter Rs. 368 to 31st May.

The greatest number of men at work on the former in one day was

Name of Work.	Number on the 1st day.	Number on the 12th.	Number on the last day.
Combigoody...	926	733	136
Nettur...	60	67	108

733 on the 12th, on the last day of the month 136. The reduction is due to heavy rain on the 25th and 26th, so that the laborers went off to cultivate.

Nettur has never flourished as a tank, and has been a laborer's tank of adults and other employment, such as ragi sowing and transplanting. The numbers began to rise towards the end of the month, and are still increasing.

No other works are in progress. Estimates have been prepared for other tanks if needed.

Gratuitous Relief-camps.—Shevagungah, Mangalam, and Manamadura camps

Name of Camp.	Number on the 5th May.	Number on the 19th May.	Number on the 2nd June.
Shevagungah ...	219	264	553
Mangalam ...	73	119	400
Manamadura ...	77	163	203
Tripattur ...	...	...	33

were open throughout the month; a small tentative camp was opened at Tripattur on the 22nd. The annexed table shows the numbers on the 5th, 19th May, and 2nd June. This increase is due—(1) to increased pressure of scarcity, (2) to good rations, (3) to better knowledge of the camp system, &c., as explained by the Relief Inspectors and others.

The medium scale of rations, viz., 20 oz. rice with dhol and vegetables has

Men.	Women.	Children.
16	45	39

been in force throughout the month, and there have been no complaints. The children on one-fourth and half rations are in fine condition and healthy with, of course, two or three hopeless cases, sometimes of years' standing.

The undue proportion of females and children to men is very marked. I do not know of a single male adult of laboring age (say, 20 to 50 years of age) in any of the camps except those constitutionally disabled. The inmates are mostly the regular paupers, but a number of women whose husbands and relatives have emigrated are now coming to camp usually with one or more small children. Real famine-stricken cases are still rare.

Revenue Department, 29th June 1877, No. 2,159.

Village Relief.—Only two persons (bed-ridden) are relieved in the villages.

Relief Inspectors.—Four Inspectors are at work, each in his circle. They visit as many villages as possible, report in weekly diaries and by special report; if necessary, inform the people of the existence and system of the camps and relief-works and inspect all cases of alleged pauperism. I believe the work is fairly done.

Condition of people.—The people on the tank works are ordinary coolies and are in no way famine-stricken, but are able-bodied and vigorous. The Inspectors' diaries show that in the villages pauperism is on the increase as might be expected in the long interval since last harvest. Many, however, still refuse to go to camps, being able to live by begging, by relatives, by doing odd jobs, and so forth, including petty theft. By the May rains cultivation is going on in many villages, and coolies get work at ploughing, sowing, and other operations.

No cases of starvation have been reported.

No. 385.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue.

PAREACOLUM,
14th June 1877.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The operations consist of gratuitous relief to a small but increasing amount. It must be expected to increase further. The system

for Secretary.

No. 671.

ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1877, No. 2,159.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.

And A. Garstin.

MISCELLANEOUS No.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 21st June 1877.

Read the following

Board's Order
No. 6783

No. 308

FROM

The Acting Head Assistant Collector
Madras.

TO

The Collector, Madras.

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Nanumadurai }
8th June 1877 } by F. S. Nicholson
by B. B. Asst Collector

(True Copy)

No. 385

Submitted to the Board of Revenue.

11th June 1877 }
Camp Periaculam }
Madura Collect Office } Signed W. Mc Lure
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Submitted for the information
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(True Copy & Extract)

W. Mc Lure
for Secretary

To
The Addl. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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and by the Secretary

Jan 1877

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

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to the Secretary of the
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