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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

2nd July 1877, No. 2,169-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 691-C. Fortnightly narrative from 12th to 26th May 1877, District of North Arcot, dated 11th June 1877, No. 86.

State of country crops.—Rain fell more or less copiously throughout the district on the 16th, 17th, and 18th May. The heaviest fall was in the Kalastri and Karvetnugger Zemindaris, where the tanks have received good supplies of water, varying from two to four months. Elsewhere the rainfall was moderate, and it was very scanty towards the western parts of the districts. It varied in different parts of the district from 1 to 10 inches. Dry cultivation has been commenced almost everywhere in consequence of the rain, and wet crops have also been cultivated where water is available. The crops under wells and channels, in which springs did not fail, thrive well and may yield good produce.

Fodder.—The late rains have vastly improved the supply of pasture for cattle. Grass is springing up again, but requires farther showers to keep it alive.

Water-supply.—Has greatly improved owing to the recent rains. The springs in wells and channels have increased and tanks have received a few months' supply where it rained the most.

Agricultural operations.—The late rains have greatly stimulated agricultural industry, and dry cultivation is being largely carried on. Wet cultivation was also commenced in proportion to the quantity of water received in tanks and other reservoirs.

Cattle.—Were dying in numbers for want of fodder, but in consequence of the recent rains grass is available; their condition is much improved, and their future far more hopeful.

General remarks on above subjects.—A general improvement has taken place in the character of the season in consequence of the late rainfall, and the deficiency of water-supply has been greatly reduced.

Condition of people on works.—The people employed on relief-works generally enjoy good health. The reduced scale of wages hitherto in force had not injuriously affected their physical condition to any serious extent, and the order now received directing that the first scale of wages is applicable to all those who perform 50 per cent. of the fixed rates of work, and that nursing mothers are entitled to the same rates as male adults, will tend greatly to improve their bodily strength and will certainly induce a large number of the destitute poor to resort to the relief-works.

In villages.—Much distress prevailed in outlying villages in consequence of the continued drought. The late rains have, however, given the people hopes of an early improvement in the season, and they are sanguine of still further amelioration in their condition.

Mortality.—Cholera prevailed in certain parts of the district and resulted in many deaths. Every effort is being made to arrest its further progress, and precautionary measures are everywhere enforced to avert its appearance in places it has not yet reached.

Sickness.—Cholera and small-pox prevail, though the latter disease is happily now on the decline. Cholera which had at one time quite disappeared from the Kalastri Division is again reported to have re-appeared.

Remarks.—None.

Relief measures, relief-works in which tanks open.—Relief operations are in progress throughout the district. The guntahs and wells which were under repair in the Kalastri and Aderpauk Divisions have received supplies of water in consequence of the late rains, and their pairs have, therefore, necessarily been stopped. The collection of materials for roads has been instituted to a larger extent than before, and thus relief is afforded to those that are really in need of it. The Head Assistant Collector has written deprecating the discontinuance of relief operations in his range on the ground that the poor people there are, notwithstanding the recent rains, still in want of employment; the General Deputy Collector has not as yet replied to my communication with him on this subject. I do not propose to suggest the closing of the relief-works as the largely decreasing numbers of coolies on the works show that such a form of assistance is no longer required.

Relief-houses in what places, and the numbers at each.—There are relief-houses at Tripatti, Kalastri, Arconum, Kangundi, Punganoor, and Arni. A considerable number of paupers are lodged in each, but the exact number is not known.

Relief camps, in what places, and the numbers at each.—The relief-camps and the approximate number of their inmates are noted below:—

Sathoova Chary (Vellore)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,600
Ranipett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,600
Maderpauk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,600
Punganoor	...	...	...	...	...	...	about	1,600
Palmanair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	800
Chittoor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
Trichanoor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360
Damalecheruva	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	850
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500

The camps are now rapidly becoming popular; there are very much fewer desertions, and people of their own accord are now flocking to the camps, applying voluntarily for assistance and accommodation. Food is given in the first three camps while money payment is made in all the rest. Even Brahmins who are generally averse to be fed in relief-camps have resorted to the one at Maderpauk, and are being fed there. Due care is taken to exclude able-bodied men.

Village relief and number of deaths from starvation.—Gratuitous relief is afforded to the deserving poor in almost every village in the district, and reports have been received from 172 villages during the fortnight. 1,369 people were fed thus, and no case of death from starvation has been reported.

Remarks.—None.

Grain-supply.—The rice trade continues active as heretofore, large quantities being daily imported from Madras. It having come to notice that rice damaged in Madras by the late rains is brought up-country for sale, strict orders were issued to detect such grain and destroy it; and these orders are being vigorously enforced by the Local Magistracy in all parts of the district.

Imports by rail.—No information is available.

Known or estimated stock in taluqs.—Nearly a week's supply, but, as just observed, daily consignments are being received from Madras, and the markets are everywhere well supplied though prices show a slight tendency to increase.

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grain.

State of markets, Prices at chief markets of principal food-grain.				Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
Rice, 2nd sort.	Cholum.	Raggy.	Cumboo.			
8-5	...	9-4	...	...	...	Wallajah.
9-0	9-1	10.	8-3	Vellore.	...	...
8-0	10-6	10.	...	...	...	Tripathi.
7-0	9-1	10-2	8-2	...	Gudiattum.	...

Taluqs and places visited by the Collector during the fortnight.—The Palmanair Taluq and Punganoor Zemindari.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

No. 691-D.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1877, No. 2,169-B.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector's attention is drawn to his remarks regarding the condition of people on works. The Government rely on him to see

that increased rates do not draw other than deserving people to the relief-works.

2. It is noted that the money relief given in camps is not stated.

3. The Government desire that the Collector will give more attention to the stocks of grain in his district and the imports, stating whether they are in his opinion sufficient or the contrary.

((True Extract

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

To the Collector of North Arcot.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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*North Street, Toronto, Ont.,—*Trusting
 officers on their return from the College or university the
 10th 12th to 20th May 1877.

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G.O., 2nd July 1877, No. 2169-B.

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Dated July 2nd

THE COLLECTOR OF NORTH ARCOT,
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REVENUE.

Cont. of (1877) Subms

Chas. Palmer

H. L. H. J. J. J.
March to 26 May

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sufficient supply must
be provided -

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to send to the Relief works
This will depend on
the management of the
Coll^d where duty it is
to see that they have

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Who need relief are
employed. That as
employment in agriculture
becomes available men
are sent from work
camps in suitable numbers
& that the weak
women & children are
not allowed to obtain the
higher rate of work in
preference to village
relief sustenance —

I do not find any work camps
the rate of money relief
given in the 3 camps

Coll. says no

~~Supports by rail~~
Supports by rail

V. F. No 4068 &
Notes of Drunken &
Gov. Kemo.

Kemo.

Before issuing the
draft for ^{Shanghai} ~~compensation~~
on the remarks of
his grace the
former I beg
to point out that
Dr Whitside has
authorized by a
Gov. ^{or Gov.} No 63. to omit
all mention of grain
imports by rail in
his weekly telegram.

Is? Kempford suggests
that Para 2 of the
draft may be

Yes given up!

No it is still the matter of
insufficiently narrative - it
is not in fact as it is
to be done but No 396

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No 86-

Fortnightly Narrative. 13/1

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Relief Camps.
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& the numbers
at each.

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imate number of their inmates
are noted below.

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Pungauoor	800
Palmanair	350
Chittor	360
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visited by the
Collector during
the fortnight. Laminclari. (at low level)

North Arcot Collector
Office Camp Paluanair
11th June 1874

to Whiting
Collector.

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The Collector of
North Coast.

To the Col. W. Anderson
& Government.

Recd. at 11. June 1877.

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June 13. 1877

No. 86

It is respectfully requested
of the Collector of
North Coast from
12. 8. 26. Aug 1877.

No. 2169B

The Col. W.'s attention is drawn to his
memos regarding the condition of people
on board. The Govt. upon his memo that
in ancient times do not draw them from
deserving people to the wharf workers.
2. The notes that the many wharfmen in
camps is not at all.

3. The Govt. desire that the Col. W. will give more
attention to the stocks of grain in his Dist.
the imports, ^{stock} ^{there} in his opinion, sufficient
or the contrary.

2/7/77 JH

Col. W. of N. Coast.

M.L. Col. of N. Coast Aug. 6/7/77
 Board of Revenue } O.C. dist.
 Fiscal Dept. } 21 July 1877.