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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

17th April 1877, No. 1269.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 128. *From Surgeon G. L. WALKER, M.D., Acting Civil Surgeon, Chittoor, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency and Northern Districts, dated Chittoor, 17th March 1877, No. 43.*

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 1745, dated 6th March 1877, received by me on 15th March 1877, I have the honor to report to Government, through your office, on the physical condition of the laborers on the Relief Works in the Chittoor Taluq.

2. I yesterday inspected nearly 2,000 coolies, and I arrived at the following conclusions:—

I.—That the majority were healthy, in good condition, and physically capable of doing good work. Judging from their general appearance, I should consider that their diet was sufficient and nutritious. With reference to this class I ascertained—

(a). That they had been on the works for periods varying from two weeks to three months or more.

(b). That each of these laborers expended the whole of his wages on his own diet.

II.—That the minority (I should think about 10 per cent.) were thin in poor condition, incapable of doing any good work; and some of them, from their great emaciation and sickly appearance were more fit for hospital than work. On questioning the men of this class, I found that they could be classified under the following heads, viz.:—

(a). Those who, on their relief wages, supported two, three, or even four small children; and in some instances a wife or parents who were unable to work.

(b). Those who had very recently (within seven days) come on the works, and who before that were starving.

(c). Those who had recently suffered from sickness, chiefly fever, cholera, diarrhoea, and dysentery.

(d). Very old men.

(e). Those who, out of their relief wages, were weekly paying off debts.

3. I have spoken hitherto of the men only. With regard to the women, almost all were in good condition, some quite fat. Those who were thin, I ascertained to be either nursing infants, or to have been recently ill.

4. The majority of the children employed were in fair condition.

5. In conclusion, the reduced scale of wages has now been in operation for four weeks; and I am of opinion that it has been sufficient to keep in health and strength those laborers who spent their earnings altogether on their own maintenance.

Surgeon Walker has been six months in the country and is consequently a very inexperienced Medical Officer.

5th April 1877.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General.

No. 2638.

Surgeon Walker reports favorably on the health, condition, and physical capabilities of the working poor, and argues from those particulars the adequacy of their food. The subjoined table proves their condition to be considerably below what it ought to be. His premises being incorrect, Surgeon Walker's conclusion falls to the ground:—

	MEN.		WOMEN.		JUVENILES.	
	Nellore Standard.	Relief Coolies.	Nellore Standard.	Relief Coolies.	Nellore Standard.	Relief Coolies.
Average age ..	32.54	31.98	31.38	31.16	13.66	14.25
" height ..	5-2.71"	5-3.42"	4-10.81"	4-7.75"	4-7.44"	4-7.12"
" weight ..	109.13	91.03	92.31	73.03	70	57.5

MADRAS,
28th March 1877.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,
Deputy Surgeon-General, I.M.S.
Presidency and Northern Districts

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon G. L. WALKER, M.D., Acting Civil Surgeon, Chittoor, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency and Northern Districts, dated 26th March 1877, No. 48.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 2477, dated 20th March, I have the honor to enclose lists of the age, weight, and height of six gangs of coolies. These gangs have been on the works for periods varying from two weeks to three months.

2. I also enclose herewith my report No. 43, dated 17th March 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

GANG No. 1.

Head Cooly—VENKATASAWMY. How long employed—Three months.

MEN.				WOMEN.				CHILDREN.			
Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.	
YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.	
30	97	5 4½		15	75	4 10		12	63	4 10	
25	76	5 1		20	85	5 2		10	50	4 3	
23	107	5 7½		30	82	4 11		9	41	3 11	
18	67	5 0½		15	57	4 8½		12	53	4 3½	
50	81	4 11½		40	66	4 10		16	43	4 11	
30	86	5 2		..	..	..		..	..	..	
20	85	5 2½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
18	81	5 0½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
20	90	5 0½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
30	87	4 1½		..	..	..		..	..	..	

GANG No. 2.

Head Cooly—CHANNAGAN. How long employed—Three months.

MEN.				WOMEN.				CHILDREN.			
Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.	
YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.	
25	108	5 6		30	78	5 0		12	62	4 7	
30	111	5 4½		25	77	5 1		10	50	4 6	
40	97	5 3½		30	64	4 9		9	34	3 11	
40	99	5 6½		30	73	4 10		11	35	3 11	
40	94	5 5½		20	87	5 2		11	59	4 4	
30	114	5 5½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
35	104	5 7½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
35	96	5 3½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
40	82	5 4		..	..	..		..	..	..	
30	88	5 2½		..	..	..		..	..	..	

GANG No. 3.

Head Cooly—NARASMENABOO. How long employed—Two months.

MEN.				WOMEN.				CHILDREN.			
Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.	
YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.	
50	96	5 7½		60	87	5 1½		14	59	4 5	
45	92	5 2		30	117	5 2½		9	40	4 0	
19	69	4 11½		36	77	4 11		12	53	4 5½	
30	96	5 3½		18	80	4 11½		9	44	4 1½	
25	87	5 2½		16	71	5 0		12	46	4 4½	
40	99	5 6½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
45	105	5 9		..	..	..		..	..	..	
50	66	4 9		..	..	..		..	..	..	
30	75	5 0½		..	..	..		..	..	..	
40	104	5 6½		..	..	..		..	..	..	

GANG No. 4.

Head Cooly—CHENNEPEEM. How long employed—Two months.

MEN.				WOMEN.				CHILDREN.			
Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.	
YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.		YEARS.	LBS.	FT. IN.	
35	94	5 6		25	101	5 1		15	63	4 9	
30	93	5 3		30	79	5 3		12	38	4 0	
25	90	5 2		30	74	5 1		11	41	4 1	
28	105	5 4		25	78	5 1½		12	51	4 2	
45	56	5 2		20	97	5 3½		14	57	4 9½	
18	70	5 3		..	..	..		..	..	..	
50	96	5 4		..	..	..		..	..	..	
35	129	5 8		..	..	..		..	..	..	
20	89	5 4		..	..	..		..	..	..	
30	106	5 6½		..	..	..		..	..	..	

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GANG No. 5.

Head Cooly—GOVENTHORAGOOLOO. How long employed—One month.

MEN.				WOMEN.				CHILDREN.			
Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.	
YEARS.	LBS.	FT.	IN.	YEARS.	LBS.	FT.	IN.	YEARS.	LBS.	FT.	IN.
20	85	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	90	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	48	4	2
23	95	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	73	4	10	12	46	4	0
60	92	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	79	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	81	4	5
25	101	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	95	5	3	14	65	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
30	95	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	67	4	11	12	58	4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
70	87	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
55	92	5	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
22	96	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45	92	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	95	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

GANG No. 6.

Head Cooly—GAMGAYA CHETTY. How long employed—Two weeks.

MEN.				WOMEN.				CHILDREN.			
Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.		Age.	Weight.	Height.	
YEARS.	LBS.	FT.	IN.	YEARS.	LBS.	FT.	IN.	YEARS.	LBS.	FT.	IN.
30	103	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	71	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	65	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
28	116	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	93	4	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	60	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
28	92	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	67	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	49	4	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
27	110	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	72	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	41	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
25	87	5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	79	4	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	54	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
30	95	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28	85	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	50	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	69	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	62	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for submission to Government.

Fort St. George,
6th April 1877.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

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[Signature]
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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