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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th August 1877, No. 2452-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 66-A. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 1st August 1877, No. 1487.

From Surgeon W. O'HARA, "Buckingham Canal," to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Madras; dated Singeracondah, 24th July 1877.

I have the honor to submit the following weekly report for the information of the Surgeon-General:—

		Admissions.		Deaths.	
2.	Epidemics {	Cholera ...	2	...	0
		Small-pox ...	6	...	0
	Ague ...	...	31	...	0
	Diarrhoea and Dysentery ...	...	39	...	1 (Diarrhoea).
	Other Medical and Surgical Com-plaints ...	...	102	...	2 { 1 General Debility. 1 Dropsy.
		Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
General Total...		180	160	3	242

3. (a) Food; (b) Water Supplies; (c) Rainfall.—(a) Price of rice, 6 to 6½ Nellore seers per Rupee; (b) abundant along coast line, the dry west wind has parched up the pasturage to a great extent; (c) no rainfall, sky occasionally overcast with rain clouds.

4. Numbers on Relief Works—48,237. Of these, locals 38,624, Cuddapah 4,652, Kurnool 1,780, Bellary 2,576, Kistna 605.

5. Public Health.—Generally good. Cholera broke out amongst some local coolies in a small encampment at Pullipalliem, in Kanaparty Section. There were eight seizures and two deaths; only one case was treated in hospital, the others having been quickly conveyed away by friends.

6. First Class Hospital Assistant Appiah has not as yet reported his arrival; remaining staff as in last report.

7. General.—On the 16th instant, 658 Kurnool coolies arrived at Oolapoliem in charge of the Famine Relief Officer, Captain Vernon. They had been sixteen days on the march, and were allowed three days' rest with batta before being set to work. It was evident on their arrival that thirty-three were unable to earn wages, and were consequently placed on subsistence allowance. Seven were suitable cases for hospital, and so gained admission—one, a case of cholera. My examination of this gang was made on the 22nd July 1877. Of those on the works, special notes were taken by me of 150 persons, the subjects not being chosen, excepting that the maistries, who in almost all instances are strong, well-conditioned men, were avoided. On summarising, the following are the results:—

Adults, i.e., above 16 years of age.	Children, i.e., below 16 years of age.	Tongue morbidly affected in	Conjunctiva markedly anæmic.	Skin rough and dry in
96	54	28	18	29

General Health.

Fair.	Good.	Bad.
46	74	30

As a body, health standard—low.

Besides the above, there are 700 (?) Kurnool coolies belonging to gangs imported so long ago as three months; they are managed by Deputy Tahsildar Basika Row, who apparently enjoys their entire confidence, and who takes a real interest in his charge. As a body, these afford a striking contrast to the majority of the recent arrivals; they are fairly nourished, and have improved much in general health. Light work, e.g., 1st yard cutting is readily undertaken and executed by them, but they are averse to excavating in water. The following will show their average earnings, with which they are fairly content:—

No. of Days.	Total No. of Coolies.	Total Value of Labor performed.	Per Workman per Day.
11th to 21st July.	6,049.	Rupees 821-10-0.	As. 2, Ps. 2½

A new camp is in course of construction, as there is a want of accommodation.

Local Coolies.—Their health standard is much above that of the immigrants; and their labor more remunerative.

No. 473.

MEMORANDUM.

FORWARDED to the Chief Secretary to Government, for the information of Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31st July 1877.

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

No. 1487.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department.

1st August 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 66-B.

ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1877, No. 2452-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Sanitary
Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

- „ the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ the Financial Department.
- „ the Board of Revenue.
- „ the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. A. Raiff.

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The following papers -
 No. 660 Indemnity of the July 24th 1877.
 dated 1st Aug 1877. No 1487
 Surgeon William O'Hara
 "Buckingham Canal"

Secretary to the Surgeon-General
 J. M. D.
 Madras

Sir,
 I have the honor to submit the following weekly
 report for the information of the Surgeon-General

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	Small-pox	"	6	"	0
	Scrub	"	31	"	0
	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	"	39	"	1*
	Other Medical & Surgical Complaints	"	102	"	2*
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 been quickly conveyed away by friends.

6. 1st Cl. Hosp. Asst. Appiah has not as yet reported
 his arrival, remaining staff as in last report.

Cost of (1877) Rupees.

REVENUE.

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

Do., Do., Do.

Dated August 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th August 1877, No. 2452 A.

AUGUST.
 No. 66A-66B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1527.

Sanitary Condition of Buckingham Canal.
 Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner,
 Surgeon O'Hara's report on the — for the week
 ending 24th July 1877.

General, On the 16th inst 658 Kurnool Coolies arrived at Solapoliem, in charge of the Family Relief Officer Capt^m Vernon. They had been 16 days on the march, and were allowed 3 days rest with the batta before being set to work.

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excavating in water. The following will show their average earnings, with which they are fairly content.

No. of Days	Total No. of Coolies	Total value of labor per formed	Per workman per diem
11 to 21 July	6,049	Rs 820.18	12 p 2 1/6

A new camp is in course of construction as there is a want of accommodation.

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Have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
William O'Hara
Surgeon

No 473.
Recommendation.

Forwarded to the
Chief Secretary to
Government for the
information of
Government.

Copy to the
Chief General
Lieutenant Mr. St. John

For the Chief
31 July 1877

Transferred to the
General Dept

1 Aug 1877. Chief Secretary
11/22/77

Rev. Mr. St. John
Surgeon General
Buckingham Palace

to Secretary to the

Surgeon General

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