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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

August 1877, No. 2,463.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 105. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1877.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Voilpau, 10th July 1877, Extra No. 1,898.

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,701, A, dated 12th May last, and communicated in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 7,354, dated 21st idem.

2. I regret that, owing to the Jamabandi being on my hands until very nearly the end of last month, I was not able, until a late date, to make an inspection of coolies sufficient to satisfy me as to the real state of the mass of those employed in the taluq.

3. The enclosed statement gives the particulars of the individual examination by me of 9,191 coolies, and to it is appended the result of the inspection of 113 3-pie children and 99 suckling infants, all belonging to the Mushtoor party.

4. I may mention that no per-centages were calculated until after the whole of the inspections had been made, and that I therefore, when looking at the people, had not in my mind any per-centage up to which to work.

5. It is to be observed—

(1) that the gangs inspected by me included those seen by Dr. Cornish, viz., Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive. The total of these was 3,417, or about 1,500 below what they were at the time of the Sanitary Commissioner's visit.

(2) that the Madanapalli village-site party contained all the drafts out of the relief-camp, and that Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10 had not been weeded by any European officer. From No. 9, however, the ryots had been eliminated the day before it was inspected by me, and only pariahs and the poorest of laborers were to be found in it.

6. The result of my examination, the greater part of which was made with the assistance of Apothecary Mr. T. Ward and my recently-joined Dresser, is that whilst there was but a small proportion of the coolies in "good" condition, a large per-centage was in "fair" order. It is remarkable that, taking the people as a whole, the per-centage of women in "good" and "fair" condition was the highest, and that of those in "bad" and "very bad" the lowest.

7. The coolies may have, of course, recovered very much during the two months which elapsed between Dr. Cornish's visit and mine, but if they did, it was upon the same wages as they were receiving in March with the disadvantage that dry grains had, in a great measure, disappeared from the market and prices risen.

8. I must confess that I have failed to see any very marked difference in the condition of the coolies since I saw them in February last. They have, as a body, certainly declined in physique, but not to the extent which Mr. Gribble has asserted, or any thing like it. Some of the weaker in constitution have gone to the

wall, and the result has been the greater proportion of the figures under "bad" and "very bad" in my statement. I have, however, on questioning any particularly emaciated specimen, generally found that he or she was a new comer.

9. The state of affairs, as painted by the late Acting Sub-Collector in paragraph 5 of his letter to me, embodied in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,676, dated 14th April last, will appear in a different light when I mention that the enormous increase in the numbers in the relief-house to which he refers was *not* the result of coolies coming in from gangs, but of his, instead of causing village-coolies to be administered in the villages themselves, having every one sent in to head-quarters. The books of the relief-camp show whence these people came. An inspection by the most casual observer will prove how many of the aged, maimed, and permanent incapables of outlying villages have been brought or sent in to swell the camp numbers, which have further been added to by incursions of paupers from Punganoor and Mysore. These persons have, with very few exceptions, never been upon the works, and I doubt very much whether their condition could have been even remotely influenced by the reduction in the rate of wages.

10. Mr. Gribble has, in my opinion, written hastily and without due consideration, inspection, or inquiry. He has himself already contradicted his assertion that 80 per cent. of the coolies at Madanapalli were in a reduced state;

his inspections were, so I have since learned, not made with sufficient care and deliberation, and his inquiries were of the most superficial description. He got an idea into his head and rode it to death.

11. I cannot, and I do not, think that his successor will endorse his views as having been entirely correct. I do not, from the extensive inspections that I have made, consider that the coolies on the works were reduced to the alarming extent that Mr. Gribble has alleged.

SUBMITTED TO Government with reference to G.O., 12th May 1877,
No. 1,701-A.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Place	Date	Components of Gang.			Good Con- dition.			Fair Condition.			Per- centage			Indifferent Condition.			Per- centage			Bad Condition.			Per- centage			Very Bad Con- dition.			Remarks.
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.				
1. Madanapalli, new village- site ..	24th May 1877.	460	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	29	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	36	
2. Madanapalli, new village- site ..	Do.	..	715	..	..	26	..	..	..	553	..	78	..	113	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	16	..	2	..	..	..	..	
3. Madanapalli, new village- site ..	Do.	..	..	176	..	..	..	..	..	..	115	..	65	..	36	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	3	..	8	..	..	..	
4. Madanapalli, Punganur road, late Lingi Chetty tank gang ..	Do.	..	619	130	..	41	10	..	7	..	48	96	78	66	..	77	24	12	18	..	16	7	3	6	..	..	..	..	
5. Punganur road ..	Do.	583	761	246	61	51	20	10	7	11	385	161	66	78	109	91	56	19	12	23	24	21	9	..	..	..	..	..	
6. Punganur road, late Lingi Chetty tank ..	Do.	227	..	..	19	..	..	..	9	..	165	..	88	..	82	..	..	17	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
7. Kulkadury road ..	7th June 1877.	810	859	291	22	49	22	3	6	8	606	61	168	75	258	136	171	76	17	20	36	36	20	18	3	2	6	11	2
8. Mushoor road ..	Do.	621	785	199	25	86	15	4	10	8	450	45	167	72	58	56	113	215	42	18	29	23	29	20	4	4	11	11	2
9. Kondamary road ..	Do.	87	145	31	6	7	..	..	6	5	46	94	15	53	63	48	27	31	12	31	11	7	11	2	8	7	2	4	2
10. Kottikola ..	Do.	435	868	189	20	28	12	5	5	6	298	58	116	63	62	81	210	48	18	24	26	41	7	6	5	4	11	6	3
Mushoor road, 3-pie chil- dren ..	9th Do.	3,224	4,762	1,253	168	288	90	5	6	7	2,241	13,386	758	69	71	603	908	294	19	19	23	154	69	5	3	5	36	22	42
Mushoor road, sucking infants ..	Do.	..	..	177	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

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No. 443.

ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1877, No. 2,463.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is glad to learn that Mr. Price's opinion of the condition of the coolies in the neighbourhood of Madanapalli is on the whole so favorable.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.
the Sanitary Commissioner.
the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 25 July 1877.

Read the following:

From *Encl. No. 1098.*
J. F. Price Esq.
As Collector of Maddurah.
L. C. A. Galton Esq.
As Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir, I have the honor to submit the report
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Encl.

G.O. 7th August 1877. No. 2,463

AUGUST.

Nos. 105-106.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,531

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Camp Toilpanah } (Sd) J. H. Price
10 July 1877. } Asst Collector

Submitted to Government with
reference to G.O. 12 May 1877 N^o 1901 A.

(True copy & Extract)

Collector
Asst Secretary

To
The Asst Secretary to Govt. R.D.
with copy of statement

G. D. B.
Munster

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Paul D. Smith
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