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Famine Relief.

Read the following papers :—

No. 58-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1877.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 17th August 1877, No. 753.

I HAVE the honor to submit the following explanatory remarks with reference to the Relief Reports and Return of Prices and Rain-fall for the week ending 21st July 1877.

2. *Statement No. I.*—On the whole, the rise in the price of grain reported last week continues as shown in the margin. Rice rose in Nandial and C[illegible] in and Cumbum rose in Cumbum, while [illegible] a material rise in the price of wheat in Nandial. In Cumbum and Sirwell horse-gram rose from 9·07 and 7·12 in the previous week to 8·25 and 6·41.

Grain	14[illegible]	21st July
Rice	5·55	5·36
Cholum	6·91	6·56
Ragi	7·38	7·21
Cumboo	7·96	7·59
Wheat	5·62	5·48
Horse-gram	7·38	7·07

3. No rain was registered during the week under report, except a slight fall of ·07 inch at Ramalakota.

4. The number of works sanctioned for execution, those in progress and completed during the week under report are shown in the annexed table:—

Taluq	Number of Works sanctioned.	Number of Works in progress.	Number of Works completed.
Ramalakota	48	7	..
Nandikotkur	44	5	..
Pattikondah	74	4	..
Koilkuntla	13	5	..
Nandial	31	3	..
Sirwell	31	5	..
Cumbum	36	5	..
Markapur	22	2	..
Total ..	299	36	..

5. The grants up to the end of the 21st July amounted to Rupees 56,71,000; the outlay on works during the week was 1,62,846 against Rupees 1,62,835 in the previous week. The total outlay on works since the commencement of distress came up to Rupees 51,86,024.

6. The numbers for the taluqs are compared below :—

Taluqs.	14th July.	21st July.	Difference.
Ramalakota	36,992	38,582	+1,590
Nandikotkur	26,362	26,742	+ 380
Pattikondah	25,784	25,593	— 191
Koilkuntla	27,234	26,902	— 332
Nandial	32,274	30,560	—1,714
Sirwell	19,695	19,674	— 21
Cumbum	37,249	36,140	—1,109
Markapur	6,748	6,409	— 339
Total ..	2,12,338	2,10,602	—1,736

7. The increase in Ramalakota and Nandikotkur is due to the fresh admission of distressed coolies. The decrease in Pattikondah, Sirwell, and Markapur is small, and calls for no remark; that in Koilkuntla and Nandial is owing to drafting infirm coolies to relief-camps and village-relief and the expulsion of a few who were able but unwilling to work. The decrease in Cumbum is due to the desertion of [illegible] certain distant works to which [illegible]

8. The authorised rates of wages were in force throughout the district, except in Koilkuntla where the rate of money as well as grain-wages was not correctly given, and steps have been taken to rectify the same.

9. The following statement shows the money or grain-wages paid in the district during the week under report :—

Taluqs.	Money.			Grain.		
	Man.	Woman.	Child.	Man.	Woman.	Child.
	A. P.	A. P.	A. P.	TOLAS.	TOLAS.	TOLAS.
Ramalakota	2 3	1 9	1 2	40 + 1 a.	40 + 6 p.	20 + 6 p.
Nandikotkur	2 4	1 10	1 2			
Pattikondah	2 5	1 11	1 3	40 + 1 a.	40 + 6 p.	20 + 6 p.
Koilkuntla	2 4	1 10	1 4	40 + 1 a.	40 + 6 p.	20 + 6 p.
	2 1	1 7	1 1			
Nandial	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sirwell	2 2	1 8	1 1	..	..	..
Cumbum	2 3	1 9	1 2	..	..	..
Markapur	2 3	1 9	1 2	..	..	..
	..	..	..	40 + 1 a.	40 + 6 p.	20 + 6 p.
	..	..	..	40 + 1 a.	40 + 6 p.	20 + 6 p.

10. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The taluq totals compare as follows with those entered in last week's report :—

Taluqs.	14th July.	21st July.	Difference.
Ramalakota	13,043	13,747	+ 704
Nandikotkur	8,426	8,588	+ 162
Pattikondah	8,540	9,189	+ 649
Koilkuntla	6,743	7,910	+ 1,167
Nandial	5,100	10,271	+ 5,171
Sirwell	4,718	6,310	+ 1,592
Cumbum	12,582	13,451	+ 869
Markapur	3,194	3,485	+ 291
Total ..	57,346	67,951	+ 10,605

11. There were thirty-one camps and relief-houses, at which 17,113 persons were being fed. Village-relief was given to 8,766 in 539 out of 753 villages, which were divided into twenty-six inspection circles. The total number of children paid the special allowance of 3 pies per head was 42,072.

12. The following table shows the distribution as to class of the persons relieved in camps and villages as far as reported :—

Class.	In Camps.		In Villages.	
	Number.	P. C.	Number.	P. C.
Men	4,495	26	2,101	23
Women	7,103	41	3,881	44
Children	5,515	33	2,784	33
Total ..	17,113	100	8,766	100

13. The deaths in camps and relief-houses are reported to have been 221, among recipients of village-relief eighty, and among children receiving 3 pies per head 42.

14. The number of deaths is in proportion to the increased numbers relieved, and is, in a great measure, due to the emaciated condition of the paupers at the time of admission and their liability to be attacked with famine-diarrhœa. Special measures are being taken to check the latter cause by establishing quarantines in close camps under medical supervision.

15. The following table shows the numbers on the hands of Government in each taluq and the proportion they bear to the population.

Taluqs.	Population as per Census of 1871.	Numbers. Relief-works.	Gratuitous Relief.	Total.	Per-centage.
Ramalakota	147,552	38,582	13,747	52,329	35
Nandikotkur	103,783	26,742	3,588	30,330	29
Pattikondah	175,118	25,593	9,189	34,782	20
Koilkuntla	99,424	26,902	7,910	34,812	37
Nandial	106,454	30,560	10,271	40,831	38
Sirwell	72,179	19,674	6,310	25,984	36
Cumbum	124,453	36,140	13,451	49,591	39
Markapur	92,665	6,409	3,485	9,894	10
Total ..	919,628	210,602	67,951	278,553	30

16. Advances, amounting to Rupees 910, were given during the week under report in the taluqs of Nandikotkur and Koilkuntla under the Land Improvement Act.

17. The usual establishment return and taluqwar abstracts are herewith submitted.

18. I regret the delay in the submission of this report, which is owing to my Special Assistant Mr. Knox's absence at Pattikondah for jamabundy and to my being otherwise fully employed.

... in the Kurnool District for the Week ending 21st July 1877.

Taluqs.	Outlay on Works in progress: In the Week.	Outlay on Works in progress: To the end of the Week	Outlay since the commencement of Distress. On Relief-Works.	Number of Coolies employed on the last Day of the Week. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Last Week's Total.	Difference.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.						
Ramalakota	26,425	12,03,289	12,66,6 4	11,642	19,594	7,346	38,582	36,992	+1,590
Nandikotkur	20,893	3,35,385	3,62,041	8,175	13,094	5,476	26,742	26,362	+ 380
Pattikondah	18,154	4,98,933	4,98,933	8,744	13,149	3,700	25,593	25,784	— 191
Koilkuntla	17,048	6,99,607	7,22,120	6,607	16,414	3,881	26,902	27,234	—332
Nandial	28,776	7,67,138	7,69,146	9,817	14,775	5,968	30,560	32,274	—1,714
Sirwell	16,468	4,26,317	4,27,826	6,470	9,656	3,548	19,674	19,695	— 21
Cumbum	39,263	8,94,412	9,15,647	16,194	17,607	2,99?	36,149	37,249	—1,100
Markapoor	5,019	2,21,618	2,23,594	3,157	3,113	1,139	6,409	6,748	— 339
Total ..	1,62,846	51,07,349	51,86,024	68,716	1,07,595	34,201	2,10,602	2,12,338	—1,736

KURNOOL,
21st August 1877.

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Special Assistant Collector
for Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

RETURN of Establishments employed in connection with Relief-works in the Kurnool District for the Week ending 21st July 1877.

1. Supervision of execution of works—

Ordinary Revenue Establishment.

Number of—
- 8 Tahsildars.
- 3 Deputy Tahsildars.
- 26 Revenue Inspectors, (employed on village-relief inspection).
- 2 Taluq Gumastahs.
- 3 Overseers, D.P.W.
- „ Others.

Establishment specially entertained.

Number of—	Aggregate Monthly Pay. Rs.	A.	P.
29 Special European Officers	8,807	0	0
2 Deputy Collectors	850	0	0
Tahsildars	..	..	..
8 Deputy Tahsildars	..	..	..
19 Overseers	560	0	0
28 Revenue Inspectors..	973	0	0
119 Settlement and Survey Establishment	795	0	0
78 Head Maistries	3,004	8	0
119 Village Officials, specially remunerated	4,183	0	0
368 Others above the grade of head cooly or ganger	857	0	0
17 Village Relief Superintendents	2,859	0	0
2. Payment of wages—	313	0	0
Number of—			
227 Paymasters or paying Gumastahs	2,091	0	0
51 Others (Clerks for grain depôts, &c.)	531	12	0
3. Accounts—			
Number of—			
41 Special Clerks			
19 For audit and check of labor bills and accounts	430	0	0

KURNOOL,
21st August 1877.

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Special Assistant Collector,
for Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 1st August, No. 3,583.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 58-B. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1877, No. 2,648-A.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE.

Return of Establishments employed in connection with Relief Works in the Kurnool District for the week ending 21st July 1877

1.—Supervision of execution of works

Ordinary Revenue Establishment.

Number of		Aggregate monthly pay. Rs.	A.	P.
8	Tahsildars			
3	Deputy Tahsildars			
26	Revenue Inspectors (Employed on village Relief Inspection)			
2	Taluk Gumastahs			
3	Overseers, D. P. W.			
—	Others			

Establishment specially entertained.

Number of				
29	Special European Officers	850	—	—
2	Deputy Collectors	80	—	—
	Tahsildars			
8	Deputy Tahsildars	160	—	—
19	Overseers	278	—	—
25	Revenue Inspectors	92	8	—
119	Settlement and Survey Establishment	3004	8	—
78	Head Maistries	1183	4	—
19	Village Officials specially remunerated	857	—	—
368	Others above the grade of Head cooly or ganger	2957	—	—
17	village relief Superintendents	313		

2.—Payment of wages

Number of				
227	Paymasters or paying Gumastahs	2091	—	—
61	Others (Clerks for grain depots, &c.)	531	12	—

3.—Accounts

Number of				
41	Special Clerks	541	—	—
19	For Audit and check of labor bills and accounts	430	—	—

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Special Asst Collector for Collector

Abraham Pratt
Esq

Talukwar Abstract of Relief in the Kurnool District for the Week

Taluks.	Grants of funds sanctioned for Relief works up to	Probable cost of work & sums sanctioned for their execution.	Outlay on works in progress. In the week.	Outlay on works in progress. To the end of the week.	Outlay since the commencement of Distress. On Relief works.	Outlay since the commencement of Distress. Gratuitous relief.	Cost of gratuitous relief during the week.	Number of coolies employed on the last day of the week. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Last week's Total.	Difference.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Ramalkota	..	..	26425	263289	266612	..	..	1162	1959	734	3858	3699	+ 159
Nandikotkur	..	..	20693	335386	362611	..	..	875	1309	476	2674	2636	+ 38
Pattikonda	..	..	18154	498935	498935	..	..	874	1314	370	2559	2578	- 19
Koilkuntla	..	..	17048	697697	722120	..	..	1107	1641	388	2690	2723	- 33
Nandial	..	..	28776	767788	769148	..	..	981	1477	596	3058	3227	- 171
Sirvel	..	..	16468	426317	427829	..	..	670	965	354	1967	1969	- 2
Cumbum	..	..	30263	894412	915647	..	..	1114	1780	323	3616	3724	- 110
Markapoor	..	..	5019	221618	223694	..	..	217	313	113	640	674	- 33
Total	..	..	169846	4030925	4186026	..	..	6971	10759	3429	21062	21338	- 176

E. Thomas
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21st August 1877

Asst. Collector

Ag. Collector

Bd. Khadirabad 6th
Bd. Kurnool 7th

