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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,682-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 145-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 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 17th August 1877, No. 755:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following explanatory remarks with reference to the relief reports and the return of prices and rainfall for the week ending 4th August 1877.

2. *Statement No. I.*—On the whole there was a slight fall in the price of grain except cholam and cumbu as shown in the margin. Rice fell in Nandial, Sirwell, and Markapur, while it rose slightly in Cumbum; cholam fell in Ramalkota and rose in Sirwell and Cumbum; ragi fell in the taluqs of Cumbum and Nandial. There was a material fall in the price of cumbu in Cumbum and in that of wheat in Ramalkota.

Average for the District.

Grain.	28th July.	4th August.
Rice	5.28	5.42
Cholam	6.48	6.39
Ragi	6.71	6.82
Cumbu	6.81	6.60
Wheat	5.36	5.42
Horse-gram.	6.97	7.01

3. There was rain throughout the district except in the Cumbum Division during the week under report averaging

·76 inch. The rain was pretty heavy in the taluqs of Ramalkota and Nandikotkur, in the latter of which 1·35 inches were registered. The lowest fall was ·12 inch which was in Koilkuntla.

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

Taluqs.	Number of Works sanctioned.	Number of Works in progress.	Number of Works completed.
Ramalkota	48	7	...
Nandikotkur	45	4	...
Pattikondah	74	4	...
Koilkuntla	13	4	...
Nandial	31	3	...
Sirwell	31	2	...
Cumbum	36	5	...
Markapur	22	2	...
Total ...	300	31	...

Rice fell in Nandial

5. The small proportion of the works in progress is due to 94 of the irrigation works having been undertaken by the Department of Public Works from the budget grants.

6. The grants sanctioned up to the 4th August 1877 were Rs. 56,71,000. The outlay on works during the week was Rs. 1,76,641 against Rs. 1,65,579 in the previous week. The increase is due to the payment of increased wages in certain taluqs during the week under report.

7. *Numbers on Works.*—The numbers for the taluqs are compared below:—

Taluqs.	28th July.	4th Aug.	Difference.
Ramalkota	39,132	38,696	— 436
Nandikotkur	26,539	22,806	— 3,733
Pattikonda	25,677	25,950	+ 273
Koilkuntla	26,561	26,459	— 102
Nandial	29,722	25,820	— 3,902
Sirwell	19,660	16,473	— 3,187
Cumbum	38,723	45,814	+ 7,091
Markapur	8,357	11,458	+ 3,102
Total ...	214,371	213,477	+ 894

8. The decrease in Ramalkota is due to the absence of certain coolies from the works on the last day of the week, while that in Nandikotkur, Nandial, and Sirwell is owing to the relegation of infirm coolies to relief houses and village relief, and to the expulsion of such as were able but unwilling to work. The increase in Pattikondah, Cumbum, and Markapur is reported to be due to the fresh admission of distressed coolies, but as it is very great in the two latter taluqs particulars have been called for from the Acting Head Assistant Collector.

9. The following table shows the rates of money or grain wages that were paid in the district during the week:—

Taluqs.	MONEY.			GRAIN.		
	Man.	Woman.	Child.	Man.	Woman.	Child.
Ramalkota	2 6	2 0	1 3	40 + 1 A.	40 + 6 P.	20 + 6 P.
Nandikotkur	2 7	2 1	1 4	Do.	Do.	Do.
Pattikonda	2 5	1 11	1 3	Do.	Do.	Do.
Koilkuntla	2 3	1 9	1 2	Do.	Do.	Do.
Nandial	2 6	2 0	1 3	Do.	Do.	Do.
Sirwell	2 7	2 1	1 4	40 + 1 A.	40 + 6 P.	20 + 6 P.
Cumbum	2 7	2 1	1 4	40 + 1 A.	40 + 6 P.	20 + 6 P.
Markapur	2 7	2 1	1 4	Do.	Do.	Do.

10. The money rates paid in the taluqs of Pattikonda, Koilkuntla, and Sirwell have been increased during the week under report with reference to the

recent rise in prices. The lower rates paid on certain works in the taluqs of Ramalkota, Nandikotkur, and Nandial have been abolished during the week and the higher rates paid uniformly on all works.

11. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The numbers for the taluqs are compared below:—

Taluqs.	28th July.	4th Aug.	Difference.
Ramalkota	15,618	13,519	— 2,099
Nandikotkur	5,170	7,544	+ 2,374
Pattikonda	9,577	8,941	— 636
Koilkuntla	10,027	11,275	+ 1,248
Nandial	10,083	9,202	— 881
Sirwell	7,398	7,602	+ 204
Cumbum	14,028	13,338	— 690
Markapur	3,631	4,611	+ 980
Total ...	75,532	76,032	+ 500

12. The increase which was mainly in relief camps and houses and under village relief is owing partly to the relegation of infirm coolies from works and partly to harder times.

13. There were 28 camps and relief houses at which 22,811 persons were being fed; village relief was given to 14,689 in 591 out of 753 villages which have been divided into 26 inspection circles. The total number of children paid the special allowance of 3 Pies per head was 38,532.

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

	IN CAMPS.		IN VILLAGES.	
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Men	6,027	26	3,905	27
Women	9,505	42	6,898	47
Children	7,279	32	3,886	26
Total ...	22,811	100	14,689	100

15. The money dole system of village relief has been introduced throughout the district, and steps are being taken to strengthen the supervising staff and increase the number of inspection ranges, so that the village relief system may be further extended.

16. The deaths in camps and relief houses are reported to be 202, among recipients of village relief 95, and among children paid 3 Pies 35.

Rice fall in ...

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
Taluqwar Abstract of Relief in the Kurnool District for the Week ending 4th August 1877.

Talugs.	1	Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to			Probable Cost of Work or Sum expended for their execution.	OUTLAY ON WORKS IN PROGRESS.		OUTLAY SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF DISTRESS.		NUMBER OF COOLIES EMPLOYED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE WEEK.				REMARKS.
		Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to	In the Week.	To the end of the Week.		On Relief Works.	Gratuitous Relief.	Cost of gratuitous Relief during the Week.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Last Week's Total.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	9	10	11	12	13	Difference.
Ramalkota	...	...	30,344	12,22,092	...	...	...	...	11,532	19,399	7,465	38,396	39,133	436
Nandikotkur	...	...	21,324	3,31,961	...	...	...	...	7,488	10,442	4,376	22,306	25,639	3,333
Pattikonda	...	...	21,501	5,30,351	...	...	...	...	9,331	13,257	5,763	28,351	25,677	2,674
Koilkuntla	...	...	24,188	7,40,450	...	...	...	...	6,365	16,362	3,893	26,620	28,361	1,741
Nandial	...	...	23,311	8,12,298	...	...	...	...	8,416	13,503	5,101	27,020	29,732	2,712
Sirwell	...	...	16,347	4,53,072	...	...	...	...	5,515	8,110	3,848	17,473	19,650	2,177
Cumbum	...	...	32,803	9,50,786	...	...	...	...	19,568	22,042	4,189	45,814	48,723	2,909
Markapur	...	...	67,763	2,31,573	...	...	...	...	4,219	5,289	1,931	11,439	11,437	2
Total	...	...	1,76,641	54,49,589	...	...	...	...	73,179	107,141	31,934	312,477	312,471	6

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

KURNOL,
21st August 1877.

17. The following table shows the total number on the hands of Government in each taluq and the proportion which they bear to the population:—

Talugs.	Population as per Census of 1871.	NUMBERS.			Per Cent. of Population.
		Relief Works.	Gratuitous Relief.	Total.	
Ramalkota	147,552	38,696	13,519	52,215	35
Nandikotkur	103,783	22,806	7,544	30,350	29
Pattikonda	173,118	25,950	8,941	34,891	20
Koilkuntla	99,424	26,459	11,275	37,734	38
Nandial	106,454	25,820	9,202	35,022	33
Sirwell	72,179	16,473	7,602	24,075	31
Cumbum	124,453	45,814	13,338	59,152	47
Markapur	92,665	21,459	4,811	16,670	17
Total	919,628	213,477	76,932	290,509	31

18. The average number of paupers relieved by the Nawab of Banaganapally during the week under report was 4,753, and the total weekly cost on that account was Rs. 2,363.

19. Advances under the Land Improvement Act were given only in Koilkuntla Taluq to the extent of Rs. 1,025.

20. The usual taluqwar abstracts and return of establishment are herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Return of Establishments employed in connection with Relief Works in the Kurnool District for the Week ending 4th August 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	560	0	0
15 Overseers	815	0	0
39 Revenue Inspectors	1,049	0	0
122 Settlement and Survey Establishment	2,663	0	0
70 Head Ministries	1,145	0	0
103 Village Officials specially remunerated	616	0	0
380 Others above the grade of Head Cooly or Ganger	2,834	0	0
16 Village Relief Superintendents	283	0	0

2. Payment of Wages.

Number of—

- 247 Paymasters or Paying Gumastahs 2,291 | 0 | 0 |- 46 Others (Clerks for grain depôts, &c.) 446 | 8 | 0 |

3. Accounts.

Force grain 6-97 7-01 Rice fall in hand

Number of—		Aggregate. Monthly Pay.	
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50 Special Clerks	...	671	0 0
21 for audit and check of labor bills and accounts	...	400	0 0

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

KOENIG,
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SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's
Proceedings, 15th August, No. 3,799.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 145-B.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,682-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.

Ed. C. Howell.

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	2-3	1-9	1-2			
Kumbha	2-6	2-1	1-3	-	-	-
	2-7	2-1	1-4			
Radial	2-7	2-1	1-4	40+1a	40+6p	20+6p
Swell	2-7	2-1	1-4	"	"	"
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Pattikonda	1,73,118	25,950	8,941	34,891	20
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	9,19,628	2,15,477	76,032	2,89,509	31

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The average number of
ampers relieved by the Ma-
ab of Bangalorepally during
a week under report was

53 & the total weekly cost
that account was Rs 2353.

Advances under the
aid improvement Act were
only in Koilakutta
to the extent of Rs 1,025.

The usual Sahiguar ab-
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S. Collector

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