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Read the following paper:—

No. 255. Endorsement of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Fort St. George, 29th August 1877, No. 549.

Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major Æ. M. ROSS, Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Service, Presidency and Northern District, Madras, dated 22nd August 1877, No. 152.

I HAVE the honor to report the result of my examination into the condition of the coolies on relief-works in the neighborhood of Nellore on the 22nd July 1877. The price of second-sort rice was six seers. The wages were: for men Annas 2¼, for women Annas 1¾, for children Annas 1⅛.

COOLIES FIRST EXAMINED.

Men.—Eleven were examined. Three gained weight—one 4½ lbs., one 3 lbs., one ½ lb., total 8 lbs. Seven lost weight—one 5½ lbs., two 3½ lbs., two 3 lb., one 2½ lbs., one 2 lbs.; total 23 lbs. One remained stationary. One was anæmic, one anæmic and dropsical, two scorbutic (one of them emaciated), two anæmic, [illegible] emaciated, and three dropsical.

Women.—Twenty-one were examined. Four gained weight—one 3 l [illegible] three 2 lbs. each; total 11 lbs. Sixteen lost weight—one 7½ lbs., two 5 lbs., one 4½ lbs., one 3½ lbs., two 3 lbs., three 2 lbs., two 1½ lbs., and four 1 lb.; total 44½ lbs. One remained stationary.

Every one was in a more or less cachectic condition. Two were anæmic, six anæmic and scorbutic, eight anæmic and dropsical (one very much so), three anæmic, scorbutic, and dropsical, two emaciated and scorbutic.

Boys.—Four were examined. Two gained—one 1 lb., one ½ lb.; total 1½ lbs. One lost 1 lb. One remained stationary. One was dropsical and scorbutic, two scorbutic and anæmic.

Girls.—Eleven were examined. Four had gained weight—one 2 lbs., one 1½ lbs., two ½ lb.; total 4½ lbs. Five lost weight—one 3 lbs., one 2½ lbs., two 1½ lbs., and one ½ lb.; total 9 lbs. Two remained stationary.

All were in a more or less cachectic condition. Six were anæmic, one (No. 13 on the list, Kanuboyana Poli, who had, since first examined on the 15th March, lost 4 lbs.) was very much so, one was scorbutic and four were anæmic and scorbutic.

RELIEF COOLIES ON ROAD WORKS.

Men.—Eight were examined. Four had gained weight—one 3½ lbs. (a boy of 16, who for 9 weeks had been working in his village), one 2 lbs. (a boy of 17 who had for 11 weeks been absent from relief-work), two 1½ lbs.; total 8 lbs. Four had lost weight—two 3½ lbs., one 2½ lbs., one 2 lbs.; total 11½ lbs. One was scorbutic, one anæmic and dropsical, one scorbutic and dropsical, one dropsical, and one dropsical and emaciated.

Women.—Fourteen were examined. Five had gained weight—one 3 lbs., one 2½ lbs., one 1 lb., and two ½ lb.; total 7½ lbs. Six had lost weight—one 6 lbs., one 4 lbs., one 1½ lb., one 1 lb. and two ½ lb.; total 13½ lbs. Three remained

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Boys.—Nine were examined. Three had gained weight—one 1½ lbs., two 1 lb.; total 3½ lbs. Four lost weight—one 1 lb., three ½ lb.; total 2½ lbs. Two remained stationary. Two were anæmic, one scorbutic, two anæmic and scorbutic, one anæmic and dropsical.

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Of the road-work coolies, all classes, except the boys who gained slightly, lost weight. Their condition in other respects was also much worse than usual.

The increased wage appears to be almost neutralised by the increasing price of grain, while the rice sold in bazaars, particularly to the relief coolies, who generally purchase their supplies late at night, is of very poor quality, involving much wastage in preparing and cooking.

Many sources of extra food-supplies available at the commencement of the famine are now closed, and the coolies now, as a rule, have to live entirely on the wages they receive.

No. 6,852.

FORWARDED for information.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,
Deputy Surgeon-Gen[illegible]
Service, Presidency and [illegible]

MADRAS,
[illegible]gust 1877.

FORWARDED to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for information of Government.

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

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1877, No. 2,729.

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 Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Collector of Nellore.

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Govt. of 1877, Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 14th.
Printed 17th.
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G.O., 14th September 1877, No. 2,729.

SEPTEMBER
Nos. 255-256.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,808.

Condition of Famine Coolies in Nellore District.—Communicating to the Sanitary Commissioner letter from the Zillah Surgeon reporting on the— for the week ending 22nd July 1877.

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152 Dated 22d August 1877 Municipal Disp
Nellore

From
A. M. Ross Esquire
Zillah Surgeon
Nellore

To
The Dy. Surgeon-Gener
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Madras

Sir

I have the honor to repor the result of my examination into the Con of the Coolies on Relief Works in the neighbourhood of Nellore on the 22d Ju 1877.

The price of 2d Sort Rice was 6 Seers
The wages were for men annas 2¼, for wo annas 1¾, for children annas 1/6.

Coolies first examined

Eleven were examined
Three gained weight, one 4½ lbs, one 3 one ½ lbs, total 8 lbs
Seven lost weight, one 5½ lbs, two 3½ lbs two 3 lbs, one 2½ lbs, one 2 lbs, total 2
One remained Stationary.
One was anaemic, one anaemic and a tical, two Scorbutic (one of them ema ted) two anaemic, Scorbutic and emac d three Dropsical.

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Two gained, one 1 lb, one ½, total 1½ lbs.
One lost 1 lb
One remained Stationary.
One was dropsical and Scorbutic,
two Scorbutic and anaemic.

Eleven were examined.
Four had gained weight, one 2 lbs
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Five lost weight, one 3 lbs, one 2½ lbs
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Two remained Stationary.
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Three remained Stationary.
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Boys

Nine were examined.
Three had gained weight, one 1½ lbs, two
total 3½ lbs.
Four lost weight, one 1 lb, three ½ lb
Two remained Stationary.
Two were anaemic, one Scorbutic, two anae
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Girls

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One had gained 2 lb
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t. Sv^t.
Norman M Ross. Surgeon Major
Zillah Surgeon
Vellore

warded for information.

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Deputy Surgeon Gen^l.
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From

The Zillah Surgeon
No. 7186 Nellore

To

The Dy. Surg. Genl.
I. M. D.
Presy. & A. Dist.
Madras

Ext.

Report the result ~~after~~ of the Condition of the Famine Coolies in the Neighbourhood of Nellore, on the 22nd July 77.

Recd 28 August
Regd 30

28/8/77

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Forwarded to the Additional Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept for the information of Government

Geo. Smith MD
Surgeon General I.M.D.

Fort St George
29 Aug 77.

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Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner.

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Surgeon General I.M.D.
Board of Revenue
Famine Dept
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