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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th September 1877, No. 2,748.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 291. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1877.

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 13th August 1877, No. 1,675.

I HAVE the honor to report, in continuation of my letter, dated 27th July 1877, Extra No. 8, that on the 24th I left Narasarowpeta for Vinucondah. On the road I noticed a large extent of land on which the crop was drooping for want of rain, but which I expect the rain that has since fallen has so revived that with a little more rain a fair crop may be confidently expected.

2. I inspected in the two days I was on the road the people of nine villages who have been receiving or are applicants for the village-dole, and I found that it was being judiciously given, but the work has been entirely done by the General Deputy Collector and his Tahsildars. The new Village Inspector had not arrived a long enough time to have commenced work.

3. During my stay of two days at Vinucondah I inspected a further nine villages, and found no fault with the distribution of the dole. It is chiefly given to the old and decrepit whose usual bread winners have gone elsewhere in search of living, to their children, and to nursing or pregnant women. As a rule, I find the able-bodied people to be still of good physique, looking well nourished, and capable of work; and there is a little work still to be had.

4. I was on the 26th July 1877 at the villages near the low hills that lie to the north of Vinucondah. Here most of the poor people assert themselves to be living on the leaves of certain shrubs that grow on the hills; the Curnums supported their statements. They were all most carefully inspected by myself, my Dresser, and the Deputy Collector; and the only conclusion I can come to is that if it be the truth, these things are capable of more in supporting life than has been supposed. The people were in quite as good condition as those of the other villages.

5. Comparing the village-dole with the relief-camp system I would give my experience in favor of the former. It keeps the people at home, and so enables us to keep a better watch on them.

6. Continual supervision will, I think, prevent fraud; for any large excess in the number of people doled is known at once and can be checked. I think the village-people prefer it vastly to being fed; lastly, it is so very much cheaper. I do not see my way at Vinucondah to feeding adults for less than Rs. 3-2 a-head, while at Guntoor it will be more than that.

7. In places like Guntoor, Bezwada, there must be relief-camps or houses: first, to keep, so far as may be, the towns free from the wandering people; secondly, because these very people, being strange to the town, are not in a position to expend their dole to the best advantage; thirdly, because to many an immediate meal is essential.

8. I have not the exact figures, but I think there are about 2,000 people in each taluq receiving the village-dole, and about twice that number have gone to work at Santaravur, being able bodied.

9. There has been, from some cause of which I am ignorant, a great sudden increase in the numbers applying for work at the Commamur Extension. The strangers have increased by upwards of 5,000, and there are now on that and the Romperu Drain more than 13,000 at work.

10. The Public Works Department officers have been found, however, quite able to arrange for them at present.

11. I have the honor to request the Board will sanction the following establishment in connection with the arrangements herein reported.

Bezwada Relief-camps and Hospital.

A writer on a monthly salary of Rs. 10.
A servant on a monthly salary of Rs. 6 to attend on the patients

Guntur Relief-camp.

1 Scavenger ... ... } Each on a monthly salary of Rs. 6.
1 Warder ... ... }

Narasaraopeta and Vinucondah Village-relief System.

4 Extra Taluq Gumastahs, two to each taluq, each on a monthly salary of Rs. 15.

General Deputy Collector's Office.

1 Auditor on a monthly salary of Rs. 25.

Palnad Taluqs.

1 extra Revenue Inspector on a monthly salary of Rs. 25.
9 extra peons to attend on the Village Inspectors in Narasarowpeta, Vinuconda, and Palnad Taluqs. } Each on a monthly salary of Rs. 6.

Vinucondah Relief-camp.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's report is satisfactory. There does not appear to be any severe distress, and it is hoped that having been taken in time, the measures adopted will be sufficient to prevent wandering and more intense suffering. It is likely that numbers on the delta works will largely increase, and the Public Works Department officers should be prepared for this.

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4. As regards establishments no specific sanction is required for Warders, Scavengers, and servants to attend on patients whose salaries may be charged in the lump under Petty Establishment. The Writer for the Bezwada camp was applied for in the Collector's previous letter, and has been sanctioned. The Board sanction an Auditor on Rs. 25 for the Deputy Collector's Office and an extra Revenue Inspector and nine Peons, on the presumption that they are required for village relief inspection. The sanction of Government is requested for four extra Taluq Gumastahs and two camp Peons.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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No. 292. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1877, No. 2,748.

Miscellaneous.

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To the Board of Revenue.
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