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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

24th September 1877, No. 2,830.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 562. Endorsement of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Fort St. George, 13th September 1877, No. 586.

Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major E. M. ROSS, Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. vanSOMEREN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Service, Presidency and Northern District, dated Nellore, 8th September 1877, No. 160 :—

I have the honor to report the result of my examination into the condition of the coolies on relief-works in the neighbourhood of Nellore on the 12th August 1877.

2. The prices of the necessaries of life during the preceding week were as follow. The rates of wages were for men 2 Annas 5 Pies, for women 1 Anna 11 Pies, for children 1 Anna 3 Pies :—

		lb.
Rice, second sort, per Rupee	... ...	10
,, third sort, ,,	... ...	11
Jonnaloo, ,,	... ...	11
Raggi, ,,	... ...	15
Horse-gram, ,,	... ...	16
Green-gram, ,,	... ...	10
Dholl, ,,	... ...	10
Bengal-gram, ,,	... ...	10
Sugar, 3 Annas per lb.	... ...	1
Jaggery, 1½ Annas per lb.	... ...	1
Ghee, 7 Annas per lb.	... ...	1
Mutton, 3 Annas 9 Pies per lb.	... ...	1
Lamp-oil, 1 Annas 6 Pies ,,	... ...	1
Cocoanut-oil, 4 Annas ,,	... ...	1
Gingelly-oil, 5 Annas ,,	... ...	1
Chillies, 3 Annas ,,	... ...	1
Black Pepper, 9 Annas ,,	... ...	1
Tamarind, 1 Anna ,,	... ...	1

Coolies under treatment.—*March*.—Seven were examined. Five had gained weight—one 3¼ lb., two 2 lb., two 1 lb. = total 9½ lb.

One lost weight to the extent of 4 lb.

One remained stationary. One was emaciated, one emaciated and dropsical, and two dropsical.

Women.—Sixteen were examined. Four had gained weight—one 4 lb., one 2 lb., one 1½ lb., one 1 lb. = total 8½ lb. Nine had lost weight—one 5 lb., one 3½ lb., one 2½ lb., one 2 lb., one 1½ lb., three 1 lb., one ½ lb. = total 18 lb. *Three remained stationary.* Three were anæmic, one was scorbutic, two scorbutic and anæmic, three anæmic and dropsical, one scorbutic and dropsical, and two were dropsical.

Boys.—Five were examined. Four had gained weight—one (a boy who had been five weeks absent from the work) 2½ lb., one 2 lb., one 1½ lb., and one 1 lb. = total 7 lb. One had lost 1 lb. One was dropsical and scorbutic.

Girls.—Two were examined. One had gained 2½ lb. One had lost 1 lb. One was anæmic.

Coimbatore Road Relief-Works.—*Men.*—Four were examined. Two had gained weight—one (who was dropsical) 3 lb., one 2 lb. = total 5 lb. One had lost 2 lb. One remained stationary. One was dropsical, one dropsical and emaciated.

Women.—Eleven were examined. Four gained weight—one 7½, one 5 lb., one 1½ lb., one 1 lb. = total 15 lb. Six lost weight—two 2 lb., one 1⅓ lb., one 1 lb., two ½ lb. = total 7⅓ lb. One remained stationary. One was anæmic and dropsical, two scorbutic, one scorbutic and dropsical, and one dropsical but less so than formerly (lost 2 lb).

Boys.—Two were examined. Each had gained 2 lb. = total 4 lb. One was anæmic.

Girls.—Eight were examined. Seven had gained weight—two had gained 4 lb. each, one 2½ lb., two 1½ lb., one 1 lb., and one ½ lb. = total 15 lb. One remained stationary. One was scorbutic and one anæmic. Of the first batch of coolies examined, all classes except the women had apparently retained in weight and also in condition, but of the men who gained weight two were dropsical and the women of this set were all in very bad condition.

Of the coolies on road-works all had gained weight and most had improved in condition, the girls notably so.

I am of opinion, however, that the improvement was not due entirely to the increase in the famine wage, as I observed that every man, woman, and child had two or three heads of cholum which they were eating as they waited to be examined.

I ascertained that they had had one of the small patches of cholum in the neighbourhood under tribute.

No. 7,397.

Forwarded for information.

Madras, 12th September 1877. (Signed) W. H. HARRIS, M.D., Surgeon-Major, *for* Deputy Surgeon-General, I. M. S., Presy. and Northern Dist.

Forwarded to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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

Revenue Department, 24th September 1877, *No.* 2,880.

No. 563. Order thereon, 24th September 1877, No. 2,880.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

1869

Sir

I have the honor to request
that you will be examined by the Board of
Medical Officers on the 2nd proximo at
Fort Wadsworth at 10 A.M.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Surgeon U.S.A.

To
The Medical Director
Dept. of the East
New York

Sir

I have the honor to report
that I was examined by the Board of
Medical Officers on the 2nd instant at
Fort Wadsworth and found incapacitated
for service in the field by reason of
[illegible]

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Surgeon U.S.A.

To
The Medical Director
Dept. of the East
New York

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Cooled or Roast Beef Cutlets

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