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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

24th September 1877, No. 2,907.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 615. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1877,
No. 4,315.

Read the following letter from J. H. M. COX, Esq., Special Deputy Collector,
Budwail Taluq, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah,
dated Kalsapad, 25th August 1877, No. 935-425.

I HAVE the honor to report on famine relief operations which have been carried
on under my supervision in the Budwail Taluq and Hoblam Valley of Sidhout
during the month of July.

2. I was able to move about a good deal during this month and visited no
less than 95 villages including hamlets,
Good work. The man who has been collecting 10 of them twice. I tried as much as
bones is the agent of some one in Madras who possible to go through the Mala and
is purchasing in order to export for manure.— Madigapallies looking up any cases for
J.F.P. relief, and was glad to find in one place

that they had made a collection of all the bones which had been lying about and
had been of them. I had been trying several times in vain to get all this filth
together and bury it in a pit to be
change had been brought about by an enterprising native from Wontimitta they
said, who gave them something to collect the bones, and said he would call again
and take them away. This was one of the villages bordering in the Sidhout Taluq,
and, although I made other inquiries about the man, I could not find that he had
been anywhere else in this taluq at least.

3. At the cusbah villages I generally assisted during part of the time of
distribution of relief, making a general
Do not be too hard with the mothers who have check of the paupers assembled and look-
small children in bad condition. It is better ing into the accounts. I found it neces-
that they should come upon relief than that sary in some cases to strike out names,
the little ones should die. Even if the women for the most part those of mothers with
went upon the works, they would not do much. children. Often it was only the latter
Where the children are in good or fair order who were receiving the dole as the
the mothers should be made to work.—J.F.P. mothers were quite equal to work, and I thought it better to try and force them to
go to work on the road if possible, as otherwise they seemed to be lazily eking out
a subsistence with what little they got for their children. Where the parents were
not taking proper care of their children I told the villagers they better send in the
children to be cared for in the relief-camp. Some cases which the villagers were
hesitating about I had to order on relief.

4. My examinations of road-works were confined to that going on on the
Cumbum and Nellore Roads in the neighbourhood of Budwail, and I paid several
visits to the relief-camp there at different times.

5. Besides dividing his attention between the relief-camp at Porumamilla
and road-work going on in that direction,
I am sorry to hear demi-officially that Mr. Horden Mr. Horden also looked up village-relief
has had a slight attack of cholera.—J.F.P. in 27 villages at some distance in differ-

ent directions. I am glad to say that he has now quite recovered his strength after the severe attack of small-pox he had.

6. Both Mr. Horden and myself had a good deal to do in disposing of the numerous applicants that daily besieged our tents for village-relief tickets, which were granted subject to being cancelled if the villagers knew of any reason why the persons should not receive help on account of any resources that they might have.

He should clear the applications for advances off as sharp as he can. It is important that they should be disposed of quickly. He cannot have much in the way of revenue work to do.—J.F.P.

7. The Tahsildar was also about a good part of the month looking after village-relief, as well as disposing of all applications for advances under the Land Improvement Act and other revenue work.

8. *Village Supervision.*—The five Inspecting Gumastahs employed in the previous month still continued to look after their ranges, though the increased dimensions which the village-relief began to assume from this month made it difficult for them to grapple with the work as fully as could be wished, and I have since proposed to your approval a sixth since proposed to your approval a sixth Inspecting Gumastah behindhand with the distribution of tickets to all who had been admitted to village-relief by the Panchayet that I had formed in each village from the influential men of different castes to make out lists of who they thought fit subjects of relief. These lists were scrutinized by the Reddi and the circumstances of the different persons further gone into by the Inspecting Gumastah before he issued a ticket to the person. Meanwhile, of course, the parties nominated by the Panchayet and approved by the Reddi were granted relief.

9. *Minor Village-works.*—No new works were sanctioned under this head in this month under report.

Roads.	number of coolies not including Head Coolies.
Nellore Road	3,441
Cumbum Road, central section...	2,818
Do. near Porumamilla	6,380
Do. northern section	5,884
Total ...	18,523

fourth party employed at the beginning of the month and employed in the immediate vicinity of Porumamilla, while the other half of the old party were moved further north to push on with the road towards the Cumbum frontier. The particulars of the strength of each party at the end of the month is given in the margin, and the amount of work turned out by them during the month is as follows:—

(1). The *Nellore Road* party also worked some part of the time on the southern section of the *Cumbum Road*. Besides 83½ cubic yards of metal 248½ of earthwork and 13,472 of gravel collected, 16,192 running yards of metal and 1,833 of gravel was spread, and side berms made up, and a good part of it watered and rolled.

The cost amounted to Rs. 10,714-10-1 besides Rupees 1,507-4-8 paid for carriage of metal and gravel, which had in some places to be carted to the road from where it had been stacked. A few gangs from this party were employed for a short time in removing the prickly-pear fencing put round the Budwail Relief-camp at a cost of Rs. 211-14-0, and a small party of men were deputed to accompany the Public Works Department Range Officer in marking out one of the lines of road from the Jangarazpalli Pass to Mallapalli, for which I had asked him if he could make out an estimate in case it might be thought desirable to undertake it when new work was required. The cost came to Rs. 23-6-1.

(2.) The Mydekur Road party was employed during this month as the central section of the *Cumbum Road*, where they collected 5,220½ cubic yards of metal and 3,746 of gravel and made a beginning in the way of spreading the metal after arranging the earth-work foundation and side berms. The cost of the party was Rs. 9,404-8-9 besides Rs. 542 paid for carriage of gravel by carts.

(3.) The newly-formed party working on the central section of the *Cumbum Road* in the immediate neighbourhood of Porumamilla had afterward a few gangs told off to the northern section of the *Mydekur Road* branching off near Porumamilla. The work turned out by it was 441 cubic yards of metal, 21,586½ of earthwork, and 7,456 of gravel, besides 4,818½ running yards of metalling spread, watered, and tamped, the cost being Rs. 17,655-2-0, besides Rs. 1,300 paid for carting of metal and gravel.

(4.) The party on the northern section of the *Cumbum Road* collected 2,650½ cubic yards of metal and 1,881½ of gravel besides doing 24,556 cubic yards of earthwork for the foundation of the new road and setting it with the large roller, besides other odd jobs at the Porumamilla Relief-camp, and the whole costing Rs. 20,359-2-10.

11. The continued large number on the two parties working near and to the north of Porumamilla is, I think, one great cause of the high rate of cost, as it is, of course, very difficult for one Superintendent to manage such a large party properly, and I have called Mr. Horden's attention again to asking him to transfer the *Cumbum Road*. The distance that the metal has had in many cases to be carried has also added to the cost, though, where the distance was very great, it was stacked at convenient localities and afterwards carted to where it was wanted. It must likewise be remembered that the price of rice was rather higher than usual at the beginning of the month under report.

This is correct. The increased price of rice caused a considerable difference in the charge for wages.—J.F.P.

12. *Condition of the Coolies.*—My fortnightly reports during the month will have shown that the physical condition of the coolies has been improving, especially since the old and weak have been weeded out of the gangs.

This, however, had not been carried out to the same extent in the northern part of the taluq, where the state of the people and country is worse than it is about Budwail itself. The gratuitous allowance to the non-working children was raised to six pies for those above three years from about the middle of the month, but the coolies are in many cases keeping back their children from the roads, as they find they can get more of them in the villages, where the allowance for children under 12 was, during part of the time, eight pies.

13. *General Health.*—No deaths from either cholera or small-pox were reported from any of the roads, but four deaths from the former and twenty-two from the latter disease took place in different parts of the taluq.

14. *Vaccination.*—Thirty-eight children were vaccinated in the Budwail Relief-camp and 13 in Porumamilla, besides which I personally started the vaccinators with this work among the children of the coolies on the southern section of the Cumbum Road, where 34 subjects were operated on. Of the above, 36, 12, and 25 respectively are reported as having been successful. This is not enough. The vaccinators should be pushed. They could easily do this work in one day.—J.F.P.

15. *Condition of Cattle.*—The cattle continue to improve with the pasturage that the past rain has given us, but they have suffered in part from Saruka.

16. *Rainfall.*—There was no proper rain during the month, and the slight showers which fell towards the end of the month did not aggregate more than about half inch in Budwail, but rather more than one inch at Kalsapad. I am afraid that there is no chance of more until the north-east monsoon sets in.—J.F.P.

17. *Advances made under Land Improvement Act.*—Twenty-seven applications for advances for digging wells were rejected during this month, and only six were passed for an aggregate amount of Rs. 825. Do not be too hard. Where the security offered is anything near the mark, do not reject because it is 10 or 15 Rs. below the mark.—J.F.P.

18. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The following are the particulars of the numbers on gratuitous relief at the end of the month:—

In Relief-camps, Budwail and Porumamilla	1,563
In villages (117 villages)	14,547
Children of coolies on road-work at 3 pies and 6 pies each	2,521
Total	18,631

The 117 villages mentioned above represent the whole taluq including 30 aghaharam and shrotriem villages for which separate accounts are being kept. I shall feel quite satisfied if they remain anything like stationary. reports how it is the numbers are increasing so much, and there is every prospect of their increasing yet more before they begin to mend.

19. *Conduct of Sappers.*—I must again refer to Mr. Horden's statement to the Treasury Deputy Collector for particulars of the conduct of the two sappers who are working in this taluq.

No. 502.

SUBMITTED for the information of the Board of Revenue.

2. Mr. Cox's report is as satisfactory as under the circumstances can be expected.

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,
Special Deputy Collector,
for Acting Collector.

Cuddapah,
4th September 1877.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The report is for the month of July. Since it was written some rain has been registered.

3. The arrangements made appear good and show that Mr. Cox is a careful officer.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 616.

ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1877, No. 2,907.

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. J. W. Fischer.

Caddispat

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4315

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14th September 1877.

Read the following

No. 935
425

From

J. H. Me. Car Esquire
Special Deputy Collector
Budwail Taluq

To

J. J. Price Esquire
Agri Collector of Caddispat

Sir

I have the honor to report on Famine
Relief operations which have been carried
on under my supervision in the
Budwail Taluq and Hoblam valley
of Sidhout during the month of July
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deal during this month and visited

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated 21st September 1877.

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G.O. 2444 September 1877, No. 2,307.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 615-616.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1912.

Famine Relief Operations in the Eastern Taluq
of Hoblam Valley, Caddispat District. Records
of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue with
their orders and reports of the Special Deputy
Collector Mr. Car on —

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for relief and was glad to find in one ^{of some one in}
place that they had made a collection ^{Madras who is}
of all the bones which had been lying ^{purchasing in}
about and made a heap of them. I ^{order to export}
had been trying several times in vain ^{for manure}
to get all this filth together and bury ^{signed J. D.}
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Reliefs

9 No new works were sanctioned under Minor Village
this head in this month under ^{works}
report

10. As stated in my last report at the Road works
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the beginning of this month and employed
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Roads	No of coolies not included Head Coolies	of work turned out by them during the month is as follows—
Nellore Road—	3441	
Gumbum Road } Central Section }	2818	
Do near Purnanulla—	6880	
Do Northern Section—	5884	
	18523	

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Page of J. F. O.*

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Page of J. F. O.*

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Gratuitous Relief

18. The following are the particulars of the
numbers on gratuitous Relief at the end of
the month.

In Relief Camps Budwail & Porumalla 1563

In villages (117 villages) 14547

Children of coolies on Road work at } 2521
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Total 18631

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Camp Kalsapad }
Badminal Taluq }
25 August 1877 }
Signed J. N. M. Cox
Special Dy Collector
(True copy)

No 502

Submitted for the information of
the

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Cuddapah Collector's
Office 14 September 1877

Signed J. W. Johnston
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To
The Asst. Secy to Govt. R. D.
Col. Secy
Ag. Secretary

R. D. P. J. J.

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Proceedings of the Board
 of Revenue of 14 September

1877
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Submitting for the information

of Govt. Report from

Special Dy Collector on Form

Relig. Colonization in Madras

Telangana & Madras Valley

of Madras 20th July 1877

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