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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th September 1877, No. 3,042.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 880. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1877,  
No. 4,294.

Read the following letters:—

From R. S. BENSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq.,  
Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Nallapa Reddipally, 1st September  
1877, No. 945.

1. I have the honor to report on the physical condition of the coolies on relief-works in my division for the fortnight ending this 1st September.

2. The following is a statement showing the number inspected by Dr. McNally and myself in two parties on the road from Chitwail to Kodur, Second Section, on the 18th ultimo, and the result classified in the manner directed by Dr. Cornish for Inspecting Medical Officers. Your docket directing a different classification was only received yesterday. The form will be adopted in future reports.

| Name of the Road.                                         | Condition. |      |        |       |        |           | PERCENTAGE. |      |        |       |        |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|-------------|------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
|                                                           |            | Men. | Women. | Boys. | Girls. | Children. | Total.      | Men. | Women. | Boys. | Girls. | Children. |
| Kodur to Chitwail road<br>(near Nagaripad.)               | Fair       | 52   | 61     | 10    | 32     | 21        | 176         | 29   | 34     | 6     | 13     | 12        |
|                                                           | Thin       | 57   | 46     | 15    | 20     | 20        | 158         | 36   | 22     | 9     | 12     | 12        |
|                                                           | Emaciated  | 70   | 100    | 10    | 14     | 30        | 224         | 31   | 44     | 4     | 6      | 13        |
|                                                           | Total      | 179  | 207    | 35    | 66     | 71        | 558         | 32   | 35     | 6     | 12     | 3         |
| Chitwail-Kodur road<br>(near Chitwail), Second<br>Section | Fair       | 124  | 163    | 21    | 63     | 64        | 425         | 29   | 38     | 5     | 13     | 15        |
|                                                           | Thin       | 97   | 113    | 22    | 66     | 72        | 360         | 24   | 31     | 6     | 15     | 20        |
|                                                           | Emaciated  | 126  | 177    | 30    | 39     | 103       | 477         | 26   | 37     | 6     | 8      | 22        |
|                                                           | Total      | 347  | 453    | 73    | 147    | 242       | 1,262       | 26   | 37     | 5     | 12     | 19        |

3. The results are those arrived at by Dr. McNally, and I have given them in preference to my own, as his professional opinion is of more value than my lay opinion can be. He remarked that the coolies were considerably better than those he had seen in the sub division.

4. This, as I have elsewhere pointed out, is partly due to the continuity with which they have been employed, and partly to the recent ripening of sazza. This they pluck in the fields and eat. It is also sold by the ryots in some villages near the road in small quantities, but at a rate considerably cheaper than rice which still governs the wages rate. Sazza can often be had at 8 or 9 measures (80 tolas) or even 10 measures per rupee where rice sells at 6½ or less.

No. 524.

Submitted for the information of the Board of Revenue.

2. As I do not know the standard taken, I can form no correct opinion of the results given.

3. Mr. Benson has hitherto followed my plan of classification.

4. I am at a loss to conceive why upon this occasion he abandoned it.

Cuddapah,  
4th September 1877.

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

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Royachoty, 4th September 1877, No. 171.

I HAVE the honor to submit my fortnightly report on the physique of coolies on the works.

10,140 were examined by me and 5,294 by Mr. Higgins in the Vollpand Taluq; but as this was done for the purpose of weeding out inefficient to village-relief, we had not the time to take them separately by sexes and age. On the whole, however, the children were still the worst, and after them the men and women were throughout shown best.

2. Captain Money, in his report on Madanapully, thinks that the coolies are not looking so well on the whole as they did. He thinks this is not due to inadequate wages and still less to irregular payments which have ceased in his taluq, in fact in the sub-division, but to their desire to save something for worse time, actuated by which desire they eat less rice than they might and make up the difference with devadari leaves, &c.

3. Mr. Beeby made the inspections in Royachoty Taluq; none have as yet been received from Kadiri.

4. The bad and very bad are rather over 10 per cent. according to my examination, rather less than 10 per cent. according to Captain Money's, while Mr. Higgins makes them 6 per cent., and Mr. Beeby only 2 per cent. I do not believe the difference lies so much in the condition of the coolies as in the application of the standard, Messrs. Higgins and Beeby having classed many as indifferent whom Captain Money and I would have considered as "bad."

5. Good and fair together vary from nearly four-fifths, Mr. Higgins' classification, to three-fifths, Captain Money being about two-thirds and Mr. Beeby's half. On the whole I think it probably correct to say that two-thirds of the coolies are in fair condition and fit for a full day's work and that of the remaining one-third, a proportion varying from 5 to 15 per cent., are in decidedly bad condition. I am afraid that at present rates of village-dole it is not very likely that many of these will rally; they, with most of the indifferent classes, are now being weeded out of the gangs and sent to village-relief.

The difference in the rates in this, the Royachoty Taluq, for a man is as much as 1-1. The wages of a man cooly, being Annas 2 to 4 and that of a man on village-relief Annas 1-3.

6. The question as to whether the present rate of wages is sufficient is difficult, because if insufficient it is so slightly so that it takes time to produce an effect. The next month will make this clear as now being left on the work after weeding, but persons in good or fair condition, we shall be able to see whether any considerable number of these fall off so as to come down to the standard of indifferent and bad.

No. 527.

Submitted for the information of the Board of Revenue.

2. The condition of the coolies in the sub-division is on the whole not satisfactory.

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,

Special Deputy Collector,  
for Acting Collector.

Cuddapah,  
7th September 1877.

Enclosure No. 1.

Report on Physique of Coolies in the Royachoty Taluq during the Fortnight ending 24th August 1877.

| Sex.                 | Good. | Fair. | Indifferent. | Bad. | Very Bad. | Total. |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------|------|-----------|--------|
| Men ... ..           | 59    | 599   | 624          | 19   | ...       | 1,295  |
| Women ... ..         | 125   | 853   | 824          | 39   | ...       | 1,837  |
| Children ... ..      | 20    | 161   | 245          | 26   | ...       | 412    |
| Total of Coolies ... | 204   | 1,613 | 1,663        | 72   | ...       | 3,554  |
| Nursing Mothers ...  | 14    | 98    | 73           | 1    | ...       | 186    |
| 3-pie Children ...   | 61    | 186   | 192          | 90   | 12        | 539    |
| Grand Total ...      | 276   | 1,786 | 1,928        | 163  | 12        | 4,375  |

(Signed) E. W. BEEBY, Relief Officer.  
(True Copy.)

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

Report on Physique of Coolies in the Madanapully Taluq during the Fortnight ending 24th August 1877.

| Sex.                | Good. | Fair. | Indifferent. | Bad. | Very Bad. | Total. |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------|------|-----------|--------|
| Men ... ..          | 343   | 1,080 | 471          | 167  | 17        | 2,078  |
| Women ... ..        | 382   | 1,545 | 620          | 192  | 25        | 2,764  |
| Children ... ..     | 138   | 815   | 181          | 58   | 12        | 1,204  |
| Nursing Mothers ... | 107   | 176   | 52           | 26   | 7         | 368    |
| 3-pie Children ...  | 64    | 108   | 58           | 54   | 48        | 332    |
| Total ...           | 1,044 | 3,224 | 1,342        | 497  | 111       | 6,198  |

(Signed) G. E. MONEY, Lieut., Relief Officer.  
(True Copy.)

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

Report of Physique of Coolies in the Vollpand Taluq.

|                                                                        | Good. | Fair. | Indifferent. | Bad.  | Very Bad. | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| By Sub-Collector of Cuddapah.                                          | 1,964 | 4,491 | 2,463        | 756   | 465       | 10,140 |
| By Mr. Higgins, Assistant Collector in charge, Relief Works, Vollpand. | 728   | 3,155 | 1,141        | 260   | ...       | 5,294  |
| Total ...                                                              | 2,702 | 7,646 | 3,604        | 1,016 | 465       | 15,434 |

(Signed) A. J. STUART, Sub-Collector.  
(True Copy.)

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Benson should adhere to the Collector's mode of classification. With reference to the remark that the coolies in the Head Assistant's Division were in better condition than those inspected by Dr. McNally in the sub-division, the Board observe that the inspection report submitted with the Collector's letter of the 7th September, No. 557, seems to show the contrary. About two-thirds of the coolies in the Head Assistant Collector's division are classed as thin or emaciated and considerably more than one-third as emaciated, whilst the indifferent and bad do not amount to half even in Royachoti which shows most.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 881.

ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1877, No. 3,042.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. These reports may  
now be discontinued.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
" the Financial Department.  
" the Sanitary Commissioner.  
" the Collector of Kistna.  
" the " of Nellore.  
" the " of Cuddalore.  
" the " of Bellary.  
" the " of Karnool.  
" the " of Chingleput.  
" the " of North Arcot.  
" the " of South Arcot.  
" the " of Tanjore.  
" the " of Trichinopoly.  
" the " of Madura.  
" the " of Tinnevely.  
" the " of Coimbatore.  
" the " of Salem.  
" the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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Cuddapah Revenue District

No. 4274

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue  
Of 14<sup>th</sup> September 1877

Read the following

No. 945

From

The Acting Magistrate Collector  
of Cuddapah.

To

The Acting Collector of  
Cuddapah

On

I have the honor to report  
on the physical condition of the  
our relief works in my Division for  
the fortnight ending the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The following is a statement  
showing the number inspected by  
D. G. McVally and myself on two  
parties on the road from Chitradurga

to Madras second section on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
 of June and the result classified  
 in the manner directed by Dr. Corbridge  
 for inspecting medical officers. Your  
 sheet directing a different classifica-  
 tion was only received yesterday.

The form will be adopted  
 in future reports.

| Name of the Place  | Condition |     |       |      |       |          | Percentage |     |       |      |       |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|-------|------|-------|----------|------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
|                    |           | Men | Women | Boys | Girls | Children | Total      | Men | Women | Boys | Girls |
| Road near Nagarpad | Febr      | 59  | 61    | 10   | 52    | 21       | 116        | 29  | 34    | 6    | 18    |
|                    | June      | 57  | 46    | 15   | 28    | 20       | 158        | 26  | 29    | 9    | 12    |
|                    | Emaciated | 70  | 100   | 10   | 14    | 31       | 224        | 31  | 44    | 4    | 13    |
| Total              |           | 179 | 207   | 35   | 116   | 71       | 588        | 82  | 85    | 19   | 29    |
| Chitwanb Road      | Febr      | 124 | 163   | 21   | 53    | 64       | 425        | 29  | 38    | 5    | 12    |
|                    | June      | 97  | 113   | 22   | 55    | 73       | 360        | 24  | 31    | 1    | 10    |
|                    | Emaciated | 126 | 177   | 30   | 39    | 115      | 477        | 21  | 57    | 8    | 10    |
| Total              |           | 347 | 453   | 73   | 147   | 212      | 1272       | 74  | 126   | 13   | 22    |

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 at by Dr. Mc Nally and I have  
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 better than those he had seen  
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 with which they have been employed  
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 small quantities but at a rate con-  
 siderably cheaper than rice which is  
 still governing the market. Sappas  
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 (80 tolas) or even 10 measures per 6  
 rupees.

where rice sells at 6 1/2 or less.

Mr. M. C. O'Brien } I have  
Camp Mahabharata } per R. I. Brown  
July 1st September 77 } CP 2 1/2 off M. C. O'Brien

(True copy)

NR 524

Submitted for the information of  
the Board of Revenue

2. As I do not know the standard  
taken I can form no correct opinion  
of the results given.

3. Mr. Brown has hitherto followed  
my plan of classification I am  
at a loss to conceive why upon  
this occasion he abandoned it.

buddhapah lobby } per R. I. Brown  
officer of the } per R. I. Brown  
for the } per R. I. Brown

Read also the following

NR 174

Thore

CP 2 1/2 off M. C. O'Brien  
per R. I. Brown

To

J. H. Price Esquire

CP 2 1/2 off M. C. O'Brien

Per

I have the honor to acknowledge  
your fortnightly reports on the progress  
of work on the works.

10-120 were examined by me and  
5-294 by Mr. Higgins in the village  
of Sata, but as this was done for the  
purpose of ascertaining the number of  
village relief we had not the time to take  
them separately by sex and age. On  
the whole however the children were  
still the worst and after them the  
men, women were throughout about  
last.

2. Captain Strong in his report on  
circumstances thinks that the work  
are not looking so well as the work  
as they did, he thinks this is not  
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time, actuated by which desire they  
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make up the difference with  
Dumakani leaves etc.

3. Mr. Reilly make the inspections  
in Rayachoti taluq more than as  
yet been received from K. K. K.

4. The bad and very bad are rather  
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5. Do not believe the difference  
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and I would have considered  
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to  $\frac{3}{4}$  mine Captain Stoney being  
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Recd  
Cuddapah Sub-Collector's Office  
Camp Royachety  
14th September 1877  
I have the  
Report of Stuart  
Sub-Collector

Thur

(True copy)

No. 537

Submitted for the information  
of the Board of Revenue

2. The condition of the coolies in  
the sub-Division is on the whole  
not satisfactory.

Cuddapah Taluq 7/9/77 W. Johnston  
Office 7th Sept 77 } Col. G. H. Colclough  
for Col. Colclough

Submitted for the information of Govt.

2. Col. G. H. Johnston should adhere to the  
collector's mode of classification with  
reference to the remark that the  
coolies in the W. Johnston Division  
were in better condition than those  
inspected by D. J. Abernethy in the  
sub-Division the Board observe  
that the inspection report submitted  
with the collector's letter of the 7th  
September No. 537 remains to show  
the

contrary. About two thirds of  
the copies in the 1st & 2nd  
Division are classed as those  
annexed & considerably more  
than one third as annexed,  
while the indifferent & bad  
do not amount to half even in  
Rajachoti which shows

(True copies & extracts)

~~Copy~~  
The Secretary

The Adlty Secretary to Govt. D.  
with copy of stat.

