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29th May 1877, No. 1597.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 254. From Surgeon W. O'HARA, in medical charge East Coast Canal Famine Relief Works, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Ramayapatam, 8th May 1877.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Surgeon-General, the following report:—

2. Epidemics	Cholera	Admissions 16	Deaths 11
	Small pox	" 3	" 0
	Ague	" 4	" 0
	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	" 19	" 1
	Other Medical and Surgical Diseases	" 57	" 0

General Total of Hospital Cases—Remained 182, admitted 99, discharged 103, died 12, remaining 166.

Cholera has again appeared at Iskapilly, Tumelapenta, Chennypolium, and Razupolium.

Small-pox declining. Cases occur amongst the immigrant coolies, but are not restricted to them.

Guinea-worm only among imported coolies.

3. Food and Water supply.—There is a large quantity (nearly 8,000 bags) of rice belonging to Government stored at Ramayapatam; native merchants have also imported a considerable amount; more than 5,000 bags are now procurable from them. Price—eight Nellore measures per rupee. The circulation of grain and food stuffs along the line of canal is free. The "Cematies" employ pack-bullocks to convey the rice along foot-paths where no "bandy tracks" exist.

Water.—As stated before, and for the same reasons, no cause to apprehend failure of drinking supply.

Cattle, however, are still dying from starvation; the pasturage due to the last rains is in many places quite exhausted.

Weather.—Dry, hot, and windy (south-east) during the day; sultry and dewy at night. No rain.

4. Numbers on Relief Works.—Nearly 50,000 working people.

5. General.—Immigration from Cudlapah, Bellary, and Kurnool is very active. The foreign gangs of coolies, though possessing a larger percentage of weakly persons than the locals, are notwithstanding physically capable of a fair amount of labor (indeed, as a new experience, a large batch of 2,000 is now performing a moderate share of work at Chennypolium). On their first arrival they are clamorous and unruly and are with difficulty got to settle down to work.

Other two European (Canal) Offices are incapacitated for work; exposure to the sun and the nature of the work have acted judiciously on these also.

The Tumelapenta (tenth and last) section is without a Medical Subordinate; as it was not possible to carry out the proposed medical arrangements for this sub-division, an urgent application has been made to the Deputy Surgeon-General for another Hospital Assistant. Intelligence has just reached me that cholera has broken out

there; I am hastening back to arrange matters personally. The epidemic is amongst a fresh batch of Cuddapah coolies.

Village Sanitation.—Inspections, as usual; progress of sanitary reform, slow; in some instances, however, improvement is very marked. Whenever neglected, representation is made to the authorities.

No. 317.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st May 1877.

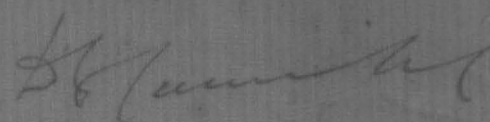
(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-Genl., Indu. Medl. Dept.

No. 255. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1877, No. 1597.

Communicated to the Revenue (Famine) Department, to the Board of Revenue, and to the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. Intimation will be conveyed to the Civil Engineer of the illness of two European officers referred to.

(True Extract.)



Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department. ✓
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
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