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5th June 1877. 1636.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 20. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. DREVER, Commissioner of Police, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th May 1877, No. 78.

In forwarding the weekly Famine Relief Reports for the 26th instant, I have the honor to intimate that with the exception of the Red Hills, none of the camps have suffered much damage during the late cyclone there has, I am glad to say, been no casualty of any kind.

2. At the Red Hills the wind was at violence and has wrecked the large sheds very considerably; repairs are, however, making active progress.

3. There were eighteen deaths at Red Hills during the inclement weather. The admissions during the week numbered over 1,100; about 1,800 have been under instructions from Government, been back or have returned to their villages in the Chingleput District, each receiving sums as batta and half measure of raw rice.

4. The new camp at Perambore for the Powder Mills Traverses is in course of construction, similar to Chepauk camp, and will hut 2,000 people.

5. The fact that there were but a few absentees from the daily distribution depôts in the town during the severe weather of the 17th to 19th, may be taken, I think, as fair proof that none but those in actual want are being relieved at the expense of Government.

6. The Munnalay camp being on lowground was submerged during the rains, and the paupers were transferred temporarily to the Mauritius Emigration Depot through the courtesy of Dr. Conran the Agent. In a day or two more I shall have the repairs completed and these people again put on the earthworks at the Expense Magazine.

7. I have broken up the Hospital Establishment at Salt Cotaur Camp, sending inmates and staff to Monegar Choultry, with a view to forming the latter into a Relief camp proper, where the new dietary will be put into force.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1877, No. 1636.

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

2. In order to discourage as much as possible the evil habit of a wandering life, the removal of the paupers who have come from Nellore and North Arcot to their own camps must be persisted in; and all who are able to travel should be sent back to their respective districts, where, on arrival, they should be put on the Relief works, or returned to the camps or to their villages.

(True copy.)

Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Collector of Nellore.
" " of North Arcot.

Esd. T. O'Connor.

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