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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

13th June 1877, No. 1692.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 95. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. D. EVER, Commissioner of Police, to the
Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 11th June 1877,
No. 90.

The Returns for the week ending 9th, herewith forwarded, show a decrease of 3581 in the total "Resident" Paupers in Town Camps as compared with those of the preceding Saturday. But the admissions during the week (confined to the Red Hills and Monegar Choultry Camps as marginally noted) reduce the net decrease accordingly.

Red Hills	626
Monegar Choultry Camp	300

2. The Deputy Collector from Chingleput District has sent 944 people to their villages from the Monegar Choultry and Tondiarpet Camps, and he and the Deputy Collector from Nellore are now at the Red Hills Camp for a like purpose.

3. The latter officer to-day informed me that of the 4015 Nellore paupers at the Red Hills Camp he personally knew numbers who had been on work under him in that district and who had disappeared on the introduction of the reduced wage. I do not suppose he will have much difficulty in making them return now that the old rate of payment has been adopted.

4. The Monegar Choultry Camp is, as previously reported, being made a refuge for the sick, emaciated, or absolutely broken-down; indigent and reduced persons from the neighbouring districts are, however, daily flocking into the city in considerable numbers and, in fact, the town is only in some degrees better in this respect than it was in December. I have received, as might be expected, many complaints of the annoyance caused to the inhabitants from this invasion, but am powerless to apply a remedy. I have no doubt that when G.O. No. 1788, of 22nd May, granting the higher rate of payment, has become more widely known, this wandering from their homes will diminish; but I would strongly urge on Government the propriety, if not the necessity, of adhering to the principles enunciated in their Proceedings of 5th January 1877, No. 73, whereby the local Town Camps were to be but temporary shelters for these waifs and strays till they could be sent to the Red Hills Camp, fed up and finally returned to their respective districts or placed on work.

5. I now have the numbers marginally noted on "Relief works" in town limits as indicated; these have all, so to speak, been recruited and recovered by their stay in camp (varying from five months to one month) and are rapidly improving in appearance.

Powder Magazine, Veysarpandy	700
Veysarpandy Tank Bund	200
Powder Mills	1,000
Chepauk	2,100

I shall during this week place 1000 from Tondiarpet and 1250 from Salt Cotaure on work at the Powder Mills.

6. I append a letter just received from Dr. Thompson, Surgeon, 1st District, for the information of Government.

From Surgeon D. R. THOMPSON, M.
Famine Relief-camp, to the C.

I have the honor to inform you that I visited the Salt Cotaar Camp and there been assembled for examination by or commenced to occupy the open space where there every evening to cook their food at

2. From amongst those who were to be sent to the Monegar Choultry Camp less dangerous state of emaciation and of

3. As it was then late in the evening congee to be given to them and to be morning.

4. Besides this party I have the batches of destitute and emaciated paupers who were brought to this place by the

No. 96.

ORDER THEREON
Communicated to the

13TH JUNE 1877, No. 1692.

URE No. 1.

Surgeon, 1st District, in charge Monegar Choultry
Honour of Police, dated Madras, 9th June 1877.

On the evening of the 6th instant Captain Heming and
lected a large number of destitute paupers who had
Captain Heming. These people, I believe, had
in front of the Salt Cotaar Camp gate, and resorted
to sleep during the night.

From we selected 115 men, 51 women, and 61 children
there taken care of, as they were all in a more or

It was considered advisable to order a meal of rice
to be sent to the Monegar Choultry Camp the next

Also to inform you that since the 6th instant smaller
have been admitted into the Monegar Choultry Camp

13th June 1877, No. 1692.

Revenue (Famine) Department.

(Extract.)

[Signature]

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Collector of Nellore.
" " of Chingleput.
" Commissioner of Police.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Rec 1877 24th

Rs. 4746

Cost of 1877 30 adras.

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To
THE REVENUE (FAMINE)
DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 18th

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G.O., 13th June 1877, No. 1692.

JUNE.

Nos. 95-96.

Famine Relief.—Communicating letter from
Commissioner of Police, Madras, forwarding, with
remarks, Returns of the number of Resident Paupers
in Town Camps for the week ending 9th June
1877.

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