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Cumbum—Sanitary.

No. 335. Read the following Report on the progress of the Sanitary Work at Cumbum for the Week ending Saturday, the 18th November 1876, by H. R. FARMER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, Kurnool District:—

Sunday the 12th November 1876.—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the work set opposite them.
Filling in cesspools 43

From the diary of the extra Clerk for this day I learn that only a few laborers were employed from midday for want of stones in sufficient quantities.

2. Monday the 13th November 1876.—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the work set opposite them.
Filling in cesspools 168

3. Tuesday the 14th November 1876.—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the work set opposite them.
Filling in cesspools 129

I returned from Yadavalli this morning on account of a Local Fund Meeting and to arrange for the purchase of some grain. I told the Bestavarpur grain dealers that the Acting Second Member of the Revenue Board had telegraphed for 500 tons of grain. I was able to make an agreement with them to supply, at the rate of 600 measures a-day, 18,000 measures of cholam, within a month, at the rate of six measures for a rupee. The total cost will therefore be Rupees 3,000. The grain is to be sent to the most distressed part of the district tomorrow, and I am going, at the same time, to get the famine works fairly started at Cumbum before visiting Markapuram. I arranged with the Deputy Collector a distribution of work. The Tahsildar is to take the two firkahs where distress is most prevalent—those firkahs at the south of the taluq. He is to be relieved of all Magisterial work, and devote his whole attention to famine relief, &c., works, and what revenue work he can. The Deputy Tahsildar is to take all second-class Magistrate cases which the Deputy Magistrate does not transfer to his own file. Besides this, the Deputy Tahsildar is to attend to relief works in the other firkah—that surrounding Cumbum. The Sheristadar is to dispose of third-class Magistrate cases and Treasury work, and to employ any spare time he may have in looking after relief work at Cumbum town under the supervision of the Deputy Collector and helped by the extra Overseer. The nine Taluq Gumastahs are to be divided as follows:—

Two with the Tahsildar,

Two with the Deputy Tahsildar, and

Five at the headquarter with the Sheristadar for Treasury and routine work.

Of my own four clerks two are to accompany me and two to remain with the Deputy Collector. I arranged these preliminaries with the Deputy Collector, then held a Local Fund Meeting, and afterwards issued orders to the subordinates concerned to distribute work and subordinates as indicated above. Our great want is a few practical subordinates capable of hard work. I discussed with the Deputy Collector work which might be taken up at Cumbum, as the filling in of cesspools

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is nearly completed. We arranged to go over the town together tomorrow morning with the extra Overseer, the Nuisance Overseer, and Sheristadar.

4. *Wednesday 15th November 1876.*—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the work set opposite them.

The subjoined statement shows the correspondence on the special work at Cumbum which passed through the office today:—

From.	To.	No.	Date.	Subject.
1	2	3	4	5
Head Assistant Collector.	District Engineer.	16	15th November.	Enclosing statement showing the amount expended on the different channels of the Cumbum tank, and stating that he has directed the Tahsildar of Cumbum to pay the Assistant Engineer on special duty Rupees 3,937-7-11, the sum left unexpended.
Do.	Assistant Engineer	17	Do.	Stating that he has directed the Tahsildar of Cumbum to pay Rupees 8,997-7-11, and requesting to furnish him with duplicate receipts for the same.
Do.	District Engineer.	18	Do.	Requesting to direct Mr. Peters to place himself under the orders of the Deputy Collector at Cumbum during his absence from that place on tour with reference to famine.

In the morning I met the Deputy Collector, Sheristadar, and the extra Overseer at the north of the town where relief coolies for filling in cesspools were being mustered. I then went over the town with these officers and saw all that has been done, and what the extra Overseer proposes to do in the way of widening and straightening streets to improve ventilation. It is quite clear that any work carried on in future must be by gangs of relief-work coolies, and that in the absence of adequate supervision makes it impossible to expect an amount of work which will fairly represent the expenditure. We decided that the Deputy Collector should take up the question of ventilation and surface drainage. By removing houses and cutting drains we shall get materials (now much wanted) with which to fill in cesspools. The Deputy Collector has, likewise, kindly promised to turn his attention to the selection of new sites for burial-grounds, as Surgeon Harrison said they should not be within 250 yards of drinking water. The subject of manure-heaps and holes for burying night-soil and refuse will also receive the Deputy-Collector's attention. I explained my views to the Deputy Collector as I visited the places where work had been done or was required. Of

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the eighteen cesspools twelve have been filled, one is nearly filled, two are to be left alone for the present at all events, and three remain to be filled. The Deputy Collector will I am sure during my absence look after the work as well as I could. It is of course uncertain how long I shall have to be absent from Cumbum about relief work. I beg to submit a copy of a letter sent yesterday to the Collector about the prevailing scarcity. One or two large contract works must be opened, and the sooner the better. Mr. Johnston is expected back from privilege leave tomorrow. It would be well if forms of accounts for famine relief works were prescribed. I have prescribed for the Division (1) a form of village daily expenditure, giving names of coolies and other particulars; (2) weekly abstract founded upon this daily list. This is to be sent to the taluq every week. It will have the daily lists attached as vouchers, and from the abstract the Tahsildar will compile the weekly report called for by the Collector in his letter, No. 1161, dated the 6th November 1876. This will be sent through me, and submitted after translation (if possible) with a covering letter to the Collector. The Acting Second Member of the Board of Revenue was to reach Nandial yesterday. I sent a demi-official letter to him there by special messenger, giving a sketch of what I had done and proposed, and thanking him for the very great help and support he had given me in sending for grain. I have also written to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. and to the Collector of Cuddapah, so that I may arrange to get what carriage I can for the grain. I heard this morning, both from the Collector of Cuddapah and the Second Member of the Revenue Board, that eleven tons of rice are to be at the most distressed part of the Division in two or three days. I have made the necessary arrangements to guard the rice after it crosses the Cuddapah frontier.

5. *Thursday the 16th November 1876.*—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the work set opposite them.

6. *Friday the 17th November 1876.*—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the work set opposite them.

7. *Saturday the 18th November 1876.*—The marginally-noted number of laborers were engaged on the famine relief work set opposite them.

During this week I was absent from Cumbum for five days. During my absence the extra Clerk was supervising work.

The subjoined statement shows that the number of deaths during the week was three as compared to thirteen during the corresponding week of last year. If registration is as complete as last year health must be improving. A dry year has no doubt something to do with the improvement.

Out of the sum of Rupees 10,000 placed at my disposal Rupees 5,126-5-5 were spent up to 16th instant, leaving a balance of Rupees 4,873-10-7.

From the 16th November Rupees 1,429-14-3 were spent on sanitary work done at Cumbum by famine relief coolies.

KANCHIWALLI,
20th November 1876.

(Signed) H. R. FARMER,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

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No. 336. ORDER THEREON, 27th December 1876, No. 2448.

If he has not already done so, the Acting Collector will direct Mr. Farmer to reduce his scale of grain wages to the rate approved by Government, viz., 1½ lb. for a laboring man, with proportionately smaller rates for women and children performing work.

(True Extract.)

L. Indrath

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Karnool.
.. Public Works Department.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Accountant-General.

Ed. J. Wright.

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To THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF
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Dated December, 27th.

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G.O. 27th December 1876, No. 2446.

DECEMBER.

No. 335-336.

Quorum - Saturday, - With reference to the
 report for week ending 18th November 1876, the
 Assistant Magistrate to be approved to reduce his
 scale of daily wages to the rate approved by
 Government.

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