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Red Hills
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From Mr. J. Sykes
Medical Officer in charge Relief Camp
Red Hills

To The Deputy Surgeon General I. M. D.
Presidency and Northern Districts
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to make the following report on the condition of the paupers in the Red Hills Relief Camp for the fortnight ending 21st July 1877.

During the fortnight under review the camp has contained an average number of 800 paupers, of whom about 400 have been on the diet recommended by Surgeon-Generals Gordon and Smith. The remainder, who are all able-bodied, receive the diet formerly in use in this camp.

An examination of the former class which I made this morning gave the following results:—

Physique. There were 199 adults (including children over 12 years of age) of whom 36 were in good condition, 82 had a fair proportion of muscle and fat, and 81 were in a bad state.

The children between 3 and 12 years of age numbered 207, of these the physical state was good in 106, fair in 97, and bad in 42.

State of the tongue. Amongst the adults 79 tongues were found healthy, 75 anæmic, 38 anæmic and fissured, and 7 red and fissured. Of the children's tongues 119 were healthy, 78 anæmic, 6 anæmic and fissured, 2 red and fissured, and 2 abraded and red.

The following table compares the results above mentioned with those recorded in my last report.

	Fortnight ending 7th July.	Fortnight ending 21st July.
Total number examined —	394	406
Physical condition		
Good	36	142
Fair	169	141
Bad	189	123
State of tongue		
Healthy	107	198
Anæmic	174	163
Anæmic and fissured	47	44
Red and fissured	60	9
Red and abraded	16	2

The numbers above given clearly show that the diet received by these paupers is sufficient to restore them to a great extent, if not entirely, to their normal physical condition. All of them

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To J. van Someren Esq
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were in as dangerous state of emaciation when admitted into the camps and though they have been receiving the daily ration only since the 27th ult. Dated 1877. some of them from a more remote date - upto 142 out of an average of 400 are now fit for work and 151 more are progressing towards recovery. Another marked effect of the distribution, besides the restoration of muscle and fat, is the improvement noticeable in the state of their tongues. On my report of the 7th July, 66 tongues were stated to be red and abnormal or flavoured out of an total of 374, whilst in the present report the number has diminished down to 11 out of a total of 406. These results are in my opinion highly satisfactory.

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From Surgeon
Surgeon Gen. L.R.A.