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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th April 1877.

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, 24th March 1877, No. 589:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my progress report of relief works for February and March. I regret that I am obliged to put the two months into one report, but the progress reports from my divisional officers for the first month were so incorrect that they had all to be returned. I have since been so busy that I have had scarcely any time for writing.

Mr. Gribble's activity is very creditable to him.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

2. During these two months I have ridden upwards of 700 miles and have personally inspected every work in Madanapalli, Kadiri, Royachoti and a portion of Voilpaud.

3. My expenditure is as shown below. I have now about 250 miles of road finished as far as earthwork is concerned, and about 210 miles fully complete as regards damassing, &c. The average per mile is Rupees 2,639, being considerably in excess of what it was in my last report. The increase* is due to the large number of frauds. A great number of these have been detected, and at present a very large proportion of my native subordinates are either dismissed, under trial, or in jail. It is also in a great measure due to the sudden influx of coolies at the commencement of the year, when there were not enough tools and little or no supervision. For the great part the coolies are now on the strike, the new scale of wages is highly unpopular and, as I have reported, is, I think, insufficient. The Mistris and village officials do their best to keep up the strike by telling the coolies that if they will only hold out the Government must eventually give in. It is perhaps needless to say

(Mr. Gribble's remark).
*Another point must also be taken into consideration. This sum includes a large number of wells which have been excavated near the roads and tank bunds over which the roads pass and which have been widened, raised, and strengthened, and sometimes thoroughly repaired. In my next report I shall endeavour to show the exact number.

Rupees 2,639, where more than half the total mileage is merely earthwork, is a very high average when the ground is good and material is at hand.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

It does not appear that the reduced rate of wages has anything to do with the strikes, for as far as I can gather from the returns received to date it has not been actually put into force in the Sub-division, certainly not at Madanapalli, and the higher rate which differs exceedingly little from that formerly in force has been paid at Royachoti.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

An example should be made of any one against whom this is proved.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

that I have done my best to remove this impression.

Taluqa.	MONEY SPENT.									
	Roads.		Village im- provements, wells, &c.		Irrigation works.		Miscellane- ous.		Total.	
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
Madanapalli..	2,16,487	12 4	30,321	3 9	12,619	6 11	32,555	2 4	2,91,983	9 4
Voilpaud ...	1,86,078	10 10	15,055	12 10	4,792	4 7	20,137	3 5	2,26,063	15 8
Royachoti ...	79,403	9 0	18,550	8 5	16,557	12 11	16,567	11 3	1,31,079	9 7
Kadiri....	1,77,801	6 4	22,682	5 3	19,804	2 2	17,572	12 4	2,37,860	10 1
Total ...	6,59,771	6 6	86,609	14 3	53,773	10 7	86,832	13 4	8,86,987	12 8

4. I am now getting a strong staff of assistants and subordinate officials, and hope in a short time to have every work well under control.

5. I am beginning to regret now that I did not pursue a different policy from the first, and instead of trying to turn out useful permanent works all over the division, confine myself to storing gravel heaps by the sides of the existing roads. It would have been far easier for me, and though it is probable that in course of time the gravel would greatly deteriorate, it would have been much easier to measure up now.

I quite admit this, but I consider that some have been on too magnificent a scale and very costly.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

At the same time I think that some of my works are really good and useful ones, and likely to be of permanent benefit. A very large number of wells have been repaired or excavated, a number of tanks have been repaired, some of which are very large and will prove of great benefit, supply channels from rivers have been thoroughly repaired, village sites built, konerus excavated, and spring channels dug out. As an example of what has been done under the latter head, I may mention that some springs which I caused to be excavated near Madanapalli have raised cholom on sixty acres of land, which three months ago were perfectly dry. I notice

Mr. Gribble entirely misunderstood what I said. I referred to spring channels in general and not to those at Madanapalli.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

that in your report on the Sub-division you regret that I did not turn my attention to this point earlier. I beg to bring to your notice that as soon as the water-supply in these channels began to fail I commenced work. It would have been useless to commence before. As regards

I agree. They are old works restored and repaired.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

I do not think so in regard to Royachoti or Peelair. Unless a sum quite out of proportion to their value as sources of water-supply is spent.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

Any Tahsildar allowing the coolies to be kept in arrears should be reported.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

Kadiri konerus are really fine works and will last for many years, and those in Royachoti, Peelair, and Voilpaud will, when finished, be equally good. Every where I have been singularly fortunate in finding water. My great difficulty hitherto has been want of proper subordinate supervision. In the absence of that every body has tried to cheat. Directly things are set straight in one place and our backs are turned matters are allowed to fall into

the same old groove; the coolies are kept in arrears so that when pay is distributed more may be extorted from them, and the

The Sub-Division is at present more strongly officered than any other part of the district, and it is only there that the coolies appear to be kept in arrears. The inference to be drawn from this is clear enough.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

What notice has been taken of this disgraceful conduct on the part of the Taluq officials.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

Any report on this subject made when the famine is over and when it is shown that these men acted in an honest and disinterested manner will be forwarded with the recommendation that their conduct should be specially noticed.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

6. I am glad to be able to report that the outbreak of cholera has almost entirely ceased. It still prevails in a few villages, but in very few. It is a strange thing

I think this was a coincidence and nothing more. The cold weather and exposure were probably the predisposing causes. I was told in Kadiri that the first cases of cholera were imported from the Bellary District when it broke out in November, and, at Royachoti I was informed that the disease was brought from Pulivendla.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

rice payments have been stopped and cash payments have been resumed. I notice

with some surprise that you say in your report on my division that the result of my inquiries at Kadiri was that the hundreds I had reported to be dying dwindled down to tens. I am greatly apprehensive that my letter, No. 15-B, dated 13th February 1877, can never have reached you. To that letter I annexed a copy of the notes I took during the inquiry. From these notes it appeared that between the 18th and end of January in fifteen

Mr. Gribble's letter did not miscarry. His assertion was that hundreds were dying daily of cholera. I believe that the remark in my report on the Sub-division, viz., that these numbers on inquiry "dwindled down to something like tens."

The Acting Sub-Collector appears to forget that I first began the inquiries to which he alludes and that they particularly referred to a part of the taluq in which cholera was alleged to have been peculiarly severe and fatal.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

villages only (I include Talupula which I visited two days afterwards and where eighty deaths had occurred) 1,040 deaths had

In three months.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

Villages 21
Population... .. 66,718
Deaths 1,335

This is not hundreds daily.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

occurred out of a population of about 32,000 and 10,000 coolies at work. This is death-rate of over 90 per cent. per annum. In every village that I have since visited I find that there have been more or less deaths, and I annex to this the

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figures of the different villages I have visited in each of which I have made my Dresser make careful inquiries in addition to my own.

7. With the exception of some of the remoter parts of Madanapalli and Kadiri trade is now fairly active. Rice is generally being sold at $4\frac{3}{4}$ to 5 measures (Cuddapah) per Rupee, but in some of the outlying villages of these taluqs it is sold as high as $5\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{3}{4}$ per Rupee. The trade is entirely from the outside, and the grain is sent by merchants in Cuddapah, Vellore, and Guriattum. The local traders have almost entirely failed as I anticipated they would do.

8. About the 17th March there were some heavy showers of rain, but strangely enough although I seemed to be in the midst of it (I was in the Royachoti Taluq) and saw the clouds banking up on every side, and afterwards received reports of rain varying from one to three inches in the different towns, no more fell where I was than was sufficient to wet my tents. The rainfall in each cusbah town is given in the margin.

	IN.	OZ.
Madanapalli	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Vollpau	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Royachoti	0	4
Kadiri	3	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Total	5	$2\frac{1}{2}$

9. I have to express my best thanks for the assistance I have received from some of my subordinates. The superior officers have all worked well. As regards the subordinate native officials, I regret to say that I have scarcely one upon whom I can place my reliance. The new Tahsildar at Kadiri, Terumala Row, has done well so far but has only been a few weeks in charge of his taluq.

10. In a former report I estimated the new cholera crop in the Kadiri Taluq which is now being cut to be almost sufficient for one month's food, or in the proportion of about 80 acres to 2,000 people. This estimate I believe to be nearly correct as far as the greater part of Kadiri is concerned, but the crop in the other taluqs is far less, being about 40 acres to 2,000 people. It certainly did not strike me so. If this be the case, a good deal of the crop which I saw in the course of my late tour must have failed. I estimated it in Kadiri to be about two putties per acre, the crop that I have seen elsewhere, with the exception of one or two favored villages, will scarcely yield more than one putty, so that the total outturn will scarcely yield more than one week's food. The list as per margin shows the total number of coolies at work, the number in receipt of gratuitous relief, and the number of gosha women fed and the number of destitute children as per last returns.

Number of coolies at work...	22,228
Number in receipt of gratuitous relief...	2,020
Number of destitute children maintained...	15
Number of gosha women fed...	*29

The percentage of gratuitous relief is very fair. Care must be taken that persons who are not entitled to it should not have relief given them. I mention this as I hear that there is a disposition in some camps to take in persons who should not be admitted.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

11. With the exception of Madanapalli cusbah, the new sliding scale has been everywhere introduced. I have called upon the officer at Madanapalli (from which place I have been absent for nearly two months) to introduce it immediately. It is however worthy of remark that these coolies (Dr. Cornish inspected about 3,000 and saw about 2,000 more) who were receiving $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas up to the end of January and since then 2 Annas are in such a low state of body that the Sanitary Commissioner has officially informed me that he considers it would be dangerous to introduce a lower rate. You have however so severely taken me to task for assuming the responsibility of doing this at Royachoti (reporting what I had done to you) that I have not dared to act in accordance with the Sanitary Commissioner's suggestions. Nor can there be any other reasons in the case of these coolies, for they have been employed near Madanapalli and have been regularly paid.

I merely took Mr. Gribble to task for not obeying orders. Government gave distinct instructions pointing out what should be done with the weakly and infirm in the gangs and what should be paid to the others. Mr. Gribble instead of carrying these out followed a course for which there was no just ground.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

12. I notice with considerable mortification the remark in your report on the Sub-division regarding my expenditure as bordering on reckless. Cheating there has doubtless been, and I have and am doing my utmost to detect it; but I do not think that when the totals are made up it will be found, considering the scattered nature of my works, the famine coolies I had to work with, and the almost entire absence of tools when the numbers were highest, that I have turned out the work as cheaply as could be expected. As regards my system, which you altered, it met with the Board's approval, who said it left nothing to be desired. As far as the bad supervision is concerned, I submit that I cannot be held responsible. I have been all along begging for assistance. For more than three months I was left entirely unaided except by one Assistant to whom I gave one taluq, keeping three myself. All that I could do was to endeavor as much as possible to supplement the bad supervision by my own presence on each work.

This is a matter for the consideration of Government hereafter. Mr. Gribble has misunderstood me again. I said that had I not known how badly off he was for superintendence, &c., I should be inclined to characterize his expenditure as bordering on reckless. I certainly did not say that it was. I am bound to state what I think, and I have done so.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

Everything that could be said of Mr. Gribble's energy and personal activity has been.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

13. I respectfully submit that if the money has to be spent it is as well to turn out good work. I will allude to two works to which you take objection. The sites for new town with broad streets, trolloirs, wells, &c., of which you disapprove, are what met with the warmest approval of Drs. Fitzgerald and Cornish. I did not object to this site on sanitary grounds; I approve of it from that point of view quite as much as Drs. Fitzgerald and Cornish. They probably did not consider the question of cost which it was a portion of my duty to do, and I objected to the enormous expenditure that had been incurred upon it.

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Mr. Gribble appears to have forgotten that I did personally refer to the very point which he mentions, and that on my expressing my disbelief of his being able to make the Police keep the two konerus separate, the one for drinking and the other for washing, he replied that during his time it would certainly be done. He will probably on my reminding him of the conversation remember it.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Collector.

town one can be set apart for washing and other for drinking, and thus the drinking water will be kept pure.

Extra No. 638.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. My report upon the Sub-division was sent demi-officially to Mr. Gribble, as I thought that he might like to see what has been said. I certainly did not intend that a periodical report should be made the vehicle of a criticism of, or reply to, it.

SIDHOUT,
30th March 1877.

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Special Assistant Collector,
for Acting Collector.

THE report so far as it refers to the progress of works is fairly satisfactory. Mr. Gribble's average of Rupees 2,639 per mile evidently refers to completed roads as the figures show, and cannot include roads of which earthwork only has been done as supposed by Mr. Price.

2. Mr. Price is quite right in saying that a progress report should not be made the vehicle for criticizing a report of inspection by a superior officer. In future Mr. Gribble will confine himself to reporting on the works of his division.

3. Mr. Gribble's suggestion to introduce the sanctioned rates is reprehensible, but this matter has been fully disposed of in separate Proceedings.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

Copy to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue 5/16/5

Dated 18th April 1877.

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From

J D B Gubbie Esqr

Ag Sub Collector of Cuddapah

To J F. Price Esqr

Ag Collector of Cuddapah

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 18TH APRIL 1877, No. 1,749.

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Remise Relief Works— in Sub-division of
Cuddapah District.—Passing orders on report
of Sub-Collector on progress of— for February
and March 1877.

Mr. Gubbins
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Out of all my village officials
 I have scarcely more than two
 upon whom I can really depend
 Subbareddi of Jam ballapalle
 & Gerraana Reddi of Jamnala
 The former has not only turned
 out some uncommonly good
 work but has frequently
 paid his coolies from his
 own pocket although the
 village officials left him
 several weeks in arrears.
 The latter has also turned
 out some good cheap work.
 When this famine is over
 I trust that both will re-
 ceive some acknowledgment
 of their services which have
 gratuitously rendered
 b. I am glad to be able to
 report

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report that the outbreak of cholera
has almost entirely ceased.
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villages but in very few. It
is a strange thing that the
great outbreak of cholera
in January seems to have
every where almost coincided
with our first grain (rice) payments.

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also the case elsewhere but
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In three months
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(I include Talupula which
I visited two days afterwards
and where 80 deaths had
occurred) one thousand and
forty deaths had occurred

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out of a population of about
32000 x 10000 Coohes at
work. This is death rate of
over 90 percent per annum
in every village that I have
since visited I find that
there have been more or less
deaths and I annex to this
the figures of the different
villages I have visited in
each of which I have made
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reports of rain varying from 1 to 3 inches in the different towns, no more fell where I was than was sufficient

to wet my tents. The rain fall in each Cusbat town is given in the margin

Madanepalli
Votlpand
Royachoty
Kadiri

inches
- 4
- 6 1/2
- 4
3 - 7 1/2
5 - 2 1/2

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of one or two favored villages
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one putty so that the total
outturn will scarcely yield
more than one weeks food

The list as per margin
shows the total number
of Coolies at work, the
number in receipt

of gratuitous relief &
the number of gosha women fed
& the number of destitute children
as per last returns.

With the exception of Madanapalle
Cusbat

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my late tour
must have failed.
18/1/84
H. G. C. 4

no of coolies at work	2222
no in receipt of	} 2022
gratuitous relief	
no of destitute	} 15
children maintained	
no of gosha women	} 29
fed	

x Royal Commission
The percentage
of gratuitous
relief is very
fair. Care
must be taken
that persons who
are not entitled
to it should
not have relief
given them. I
mention this as
I hear that there
is a disposition
in some camps to
admit persons who
are not entitled
to it.

516 1/3
thrice weekly Cusbat the new sliding scale
return such
was required has been every where intro-
instructions
used from duce. I have called upon
office the officer at Madanapalle
ad been inside (from which place I have
on this would have occurred
the sliding scale has not been
adhered to in Royal Commission
payments up to March 1st
were made in Volpand
in the old scale.
18/1/84
H. G. C. 4

immediately. It is however
worthy of remark that these
Coolies (Dr. Cornish inspected
about 3000 and saw about
2000 more) who were receiving
2 1/2 annas up to the end of
January and since then two
annas are in such a low state
of body that the sanitary
Commissioner has officially
informed me that he considers
it would be dangerous to introduce

introduce a lower rate. You have
however severely taken me to I merely
task for assuming the res- took Mr. Gubbles
ponsibility of doing this at to task for
Rajachoky (Reporting what not obeying
I had done to you) that I have orders. Groom
not dared to act in accordance went forward
with the Sanitary Commissioner's instructions
suggestions. Nor can there be bombing out
any other reasons in the case what should
of these Coolies for they have be done with
been employed near Madana the weakly
halli and have been re- infirm in
gularly paid. the fangs &
what should
be paid
to the others
Mr. Gubbles
instead of
carrying them
out following
a course for
which there
was no just
ground
18/1 270
H.C.M.

12 I notice with considerable
mortification the remark in
your report on the sub Division
regarding my expenditure as
bordering
This is a matter
for the Com-
modation
of Government
hereafter
Mr. Gubbles
has

bordering on reckless. ^{526 1/2} Cheating
there has doubtless been &
I have & am doing my utmost
to detect it but I do not
think that when the totals
are made up it will be found
that the scattered nature
of my works, the famine
I had to work with
the almost entire absence
of tools when the numbers
were highest that I have
turned out the work as
cheaply as could be expected.
As regards my system which
you altered it met with
the Board's approval who
said it left nothing to be desired
As far as the had supervision

is concerned I submit that I
 can not be held responsible
 I have been all along begging
 for assistance. For more
 than three months I was
 left entirely unaided except
 by one Assistant to whom
 I gave one Salang. Keeping
 three myself. All that I
 could do was to endeavour
 as much as possible to sup-
 plement the bad supervision
 by my own presence on each
 work.

I gave
 Mr. G. G. G. G.
 all the help
 that I could
 He had much
 more than any
 one else.
 Mr. Benson
 had no one
 in his two Salangs
 until March.
 Mr. Cox & the
 two Dry Collectors
 the same.
 (sd) 240
 of Col.
 Every thing
 that could be
 said of public
 energy & per-
 sonal activity
 has been
 (sd) 240
 of Col.

13. I respectfully submit that
 if the money has to be spent
 it is as well to turn out good
 work. I will allude to
 two works to which you
 take objection. The sites for
 new town with broad at

I did not
 object to this
 site on
 sanitary
 grounds.

I approve of it
 from that point of view. of which you
 are quite
 as much as disapprove. are what met
 Dr. Fitzgerald
 I Corrish they with the warmest approval
 probably did
 not consider of Dr. Fitzgerald & Corrish.
 the question of
 cost which in another place you state
 it was a question
 of my duty to you do not see the utility
 do & I objected
 to the enormous of two Koneross in the town.
 expenditure Had you done me the honour
 that had been Had you done me the honour
 incurred upon of asking my reason, I should
 it
 Mr. G. G. G. G. have replied that the reason
 to have forgotten
 that I did per-
 sonally refer
 to the very point
 which he mentions
 & that on my
 expressing wea then being a source of
 my disbelief
 of his being able to use is that they are
 to make the police
 keep the two indiscriminately used for
 Koneross & per-
 note the one drinking bathing washing
 for drinking &
 the other for Cattle & clothes. When there
 washing he
 replied that are two in a town one can
 during his time
 it would certainly be set apart for washing &
 be done He will
 probably on
 my reminding other for drinking & thus the
 him of the low situation
 remember it
 (sd) 240
 of Col.

Drinking water will be kept pure.

Cuddapah Collector's } I have re
Office Camp Madanapalle } sd/ J. D. B. Gubbie
24th March 1897 } A. G. Sub Collector

True copy

Extra no 638

I forwarded for the information of
the Board of Revenue. My report
upon the Sub Division was
sent direct officially to
Mr. Gubbie as I thought that
he might like to see what
had been said. I certainly
did not intend that a periodical
report should be made the vehicle
of a criticism of or reply to it.

Cuddapah }
Collector's Office }
Camp Sidhout }
30th March 1897 }
sd/ Lt. MacLachlan
Special Asst. Collector
for A. G. collection

The report so far as it refers

5167K/16
to the progress of works is fairly
satisfactory. Mr. Gubbie's average
of Rs 2639 per mile evidently
refers to completed roads
as the figures show; and
can not include roads of
which earthwork only has
been done as supposed by Mr. Price.
2. Mr. Price is quite right in
saying that a progress report
should not be made the vehicle
for criticizing a report of
inspection by a superior officer.
In future Mr. Gubbie will confine
himself to reporting on the
works of his Division.
3. Mr. Gubbie's ^{higher} request to introduce
the sanctioned rates is reprehensible
but this matter has been fully
disposed of in separate

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(True copy & extract)

Wd/ H E. Stokes
Secretary

To

The Collector of Cuddalore

(True Copy)

J. H. Stokes
Secretary

To

The additional Secretary
to Government R. D.

Handwritten initials

78.2663

dated 18th April 1877

W 5764

According with receipt
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on the 10th of May
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February & March 1890

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 after personal inspection
 Received 21/4/77
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