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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd March 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 145-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1877, No. 732:—

Read the following letter from W. G. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 7th February 1877, extra No. 7:—

I HAVE the honor to send the monthly report called for in Board's Order, No. 3,244, dated 21st December 1876.

2. *Expenditure and number employed on relief works—*

	No. of Persons paid.	Expenditure.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Up to 31st December 1876 ...	225,335	23,152	14	9
On January	312,713½	31,842	2	7
Total ...	538,048½	54,995	1	4

Some deductions which I give below must be made to show the actual number of working coolies and the payments to them. On the one hand allowance must be made for supervisors and head coolies at rates varying from Annas 5 to Annas 2-6, and on the other for their payment and for contingencies. I have got out the results in tables; but there are in one month three coolies at Annas 5 each, and on some works they are called supervisors. So there are a considerable number of headings, and the forms cover a quantity of paper, and, if I give the totals, I think it will suffice. On works under my charge the highest rate paid is Annas 2 for a man, Annas 1-6 for a woman, and 1 Anna for a child. Any one paid above that rate is a head cooly, or a person appointed to keep the rolls and make payments. I have a paymaster for every 100 coolies, and the payments are made within a quarter of an hour, or 20 minutes after the evening muster. The head coolies are intelligent men picked out, and who are encouraged by an extra payment of Pies 6 or Anna 1, Annas 2, according to how they work and keep their gangs going. The paymasters are curmams, volunteers, peons, and attenders, and have to see to the attendance of their gang and to the work. If found talking to or allowing their gang to idle, their day's pay is stopped. A second offence leads to dismissal. The deductions to be made for superintendents are—

	Number.	Salary.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Up to end of last year	1,788½	411	3	0
In the month of January	4,073	907	15	9
Total ...	5,861½	1,319	2	9

Deduct contingencies—

Up to 31st December 1876	26	3	5.5
In January 1877	20	0	7
Total ...	46	4	0.5

Total number of supervisors 5,861½.

Cost of number of supervisors and contingencies, Rupees 1,365-6-9.5.

Thus we have (538,048½—5,861½) coolies relieved at a cost of Rupees (54,995-1-4—1,365-6-9.5), or 532,187¼ coolies relieved at a cost of Rupees 53,629-10-6.5. To take the works seriatim there is first the Nandavaram Tank-bund, which only occupied a few days at the end of October and the beginning of November. The number of coolies employed was 3,592 and the cost Rupees 259-7-9. I have not been able to inspect the work though completed so long ago.

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Secondly, there is the Seetharampuram and Udayagiri Road—

	No. of Coolies employed.	Cost.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Up to 31st December 1876 ...	124,874½	12,963	11	9
In January 1877 ...	155,166½	15,862	7	1
Total ...	280,041½	28,826	2	10

Supervision.	No. employed.	Cost.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Up to end of last year ...	816	145	1	0
In January 1877 ...	1,732½	387	12	0
Total ...	2,548½	555	13	0

Contingencies.	RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.		
Last year ...	19	7	7.5			
Up to end of January 1877 ...	14	13	1			
Total ...				34	4	8.5
				590	1	8.5

So (280,041½—2,548½) or 277,493 working coolies were paid Rupees (28,826-2-10—590-1-8.5) or Rupees 28,236-1-1.5.

Thirdly, there is the Duttalur and Bhatta Road—

	No. of Coolies.	Cost.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Up to January 1877 ...	96,868½	9,929	11	3
In January ...	157,483	15,972	10	6
Total ...	254,351½	25,902	5	9

Supervision.		RS. A. P.		
Up to January 1877 ...	972½	243	2	0
In January ...	2,338½	519	12	9
Total ...	3,311	762	14	9

Contingencies.	RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.		
Up to January 1877 ...	6	11	10			
In January ...	5	3	6			
Total ...				11	15	4
				774	14	1

Thus 221,240½ coolies were paid Rupees 25,127-7-8.

Fourthly, there is the Chintagunta well, of which the account is not accurate. The clerk in charge of the Bhatta Road employed a gang on it, and did not open a separate account till I told him. So the well is understated, and the road is charged for it. So it was charged for January sixty-four coolies, at a cost of Rupees 7-1-0. Of these two are head coolies, at a cost of Annas 7.

2. *Proportion of Men, Women, and Children for the Udayagiri Taluq.*—(Exclusive of head coolies and supervisors)—

	Number.	Proportion.
Men ...	116,360	37.7
Women ...	139,157	45.08
Children ...	53,125	17.22

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3. *Progress of the works.*—Till professional Engineers arrive it is almost useless for me to write on this. I can only give a rough sketch. Mr. Butter, Kavalu Taluq Overseer, has been ordered to Udayagiri, and also Mr. Wildegoose. I have directed them to at once proceed along the Seetharampuram and Udayagiri road-making.

- (1.) A complete estimate for the road.
- (2.) An estimate of the work done.

I hope to have five or six miles a-day turned out; but at first Mr. Butter will have to teach Mr. Wildegoose, who is not accustomed to the work. On this road I am getting the coolies very crowded, as the earthwork is getting completed. I shall try to send all able-bodied men to the East Coast Canal. I may here state we are making an exceedingly fine road metalled to a breadth of six yards through a very expensive line of country for the benefit of the poor of the

Kalastry Zemindari. I think it would be well to address him as to whether he intends to do any thing for the starving on his estate. We

Note by Collector.
He has been addressed without effect.
(Signed) H. S.

have no further work hardly to supply in that direction, and certainly nothing of public utility. The Zemindar has many tanks. For want of hammers I am breaking stones with granite stones. It will add to the expense. The first seven miles of the road from Udayagiri to Kurrapalli has all the earth-work done, save about three-quarter mile. This includes clearing rocks and jungle. When I was last at Yerraballi, I laid out the line through Kurrapalli and across the river, past the former village to join on where the next gangs were working. This was the last bit of the road to be laid out, and was about a mile in length with a rather heavy cutting out of the river. By the end of the month it must have been well in hand. Here there is the only masonry work I propose on the road. It is a syphon for a ryot irrigating by lift from the river. Mr. Butter

will superintend this and prepare an estimate.

Note by Collector.
* Whose irrigation is interfered with by our cutting.
(Signed) H. S.

From Yerraballi to Basavemayanipalli (three miles) earthwork is nearly completed. Then

there is about 1½ miles only just taken in hand at the end of the month. There is a good deal of work there along the side of a hill and crossing the Pillaperu. From the top of the hill to Seetharampuram the earthwork is completed except in a very few places, and for about half a mile or so the gravel is spread and tamped. Breaking metalling is going on. At the outside not 2½ miles of the 18 remained untouched at the end of the month. On the Duttalur and Bhatta road the progress is good towards the east and bad near Braminapalli. This is chiefly, I think, through my having to send a number of untried hands there. But I hope for better results now. On this road on spreading the gravel tamping was begun and some two miles of road are completed. I stopped it on account of the expense and the scarcity of water. The gravel is collected for the six miles between Duttalur and Nandipad, and a good deal of it spread, and with a good heavy shower I could complete this part right off. From Nandipad onwards past Yepelagunta some distance the earthwork is completed and gravel collected. I have opened out at Braminapalli and Bhatta, and a good deal of work is done there.

4. *Wells.*—I have sanctioned the clearance of silt from a few Malab and Madigah wells.

I have given caste people distinctly to understand that they must repair their own wells. At Chintalagunta there was absolutely no water,

Note by Collector.
On the ground of the poverty of the former classes.
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and it is very poor hamlet, afflicted at that time with cholera.

5. *Public Health.*—Cholera and small-pox prevailed. I am happy to say that there was a lull at the end of the month.

6. *Cattle.*—Their condition is very bad. Water and fodder very scarce. Travelling with very lightly laden bandies I found my bullocks did not average a mile an hour.

7. *Supplies.*—Plentiful. Rice sold on all the works.

8. *Relief-houses.*—I have not got this month's return up to date. And I do not think my last year's accounts are reliable. So I beg you will refer to the Tahsildar's daily report for accurate information on the numbers relieved and the cost. I am very dissatisfied with the way

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they are worked. The taluq is over-run with professional beggars, and many undeserving get relief. The persons in charge do not seem to be able to distinguish between the undeserving and those who are infirm and past work. I also find children in good condition at the relief-houses who should be supported by their parents.

9. *Errors.*—I think except on two points my figures may be relied on. One error arises from an expenditure of some 60 odd rupees spent in Udayagiri, and I do not know to which work to debit it. Another is, I do not know, the cost of the tools supplied.

10. *General remarks.*—There has been great delay in sending out money. A reason given for short outturn of work is that the coolies not having been paid for six days were unable to do any real work. I also regret to state that there is a rumour that one woman died of starvation after working without pay for six days. I shall report full particulars. When the works first commenced, I did not work the coolies unless I could pay them, and I am rather sorry that I allowed the rule to be violated. There will, I expect, be a marked change in the March returns owing to the new Government Order regarding payments and drafting coolies to the East Coast Canal.

Note by Collector.

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No. 727.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue.

NELLORE,
8th February 1877.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Underwood's numbers are totals of the daily lists.
3. The Board trust that suitable arrangements have been made for keeping him supplied with funds.
4. Further report as to the death referred to by him, attributed to starvation owing to pay not having been disbursed, is awaited.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Additional Secretary.

No. 145-B

ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1877, No. 930-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED, pending the receipt of the further report called for from Mr. Underwood.

2. The Collector's arrangements for the supply of funds appear defective, and must be more fully explained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Raith.

Manuf 4/6 no from *Shrop*
 Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
 Dated 20th February 1877
 No. 137
 Read the following:—

Extra No. 7.
 From W. C. Underwood Esquire
 Ag. Head Assistant Collector
 of Kellie.
 To J. R. H. Sharp Esquire
 Ag. Collector of Kellie.
 Sir,

I have the honor to send the Month

recorded in G.O. by report called for in Board's Order No. 3234
 28th Dec. 1876
 No. 2202 Dated 21st December 1876.

2. Expenditure and numbers employed on Relief Works.

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Total 46-4-0.5

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To
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