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Famine Relief.

No. 704-C. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1877, No. 1,723 :—

Read the following letter from C. E. MacCARTIE, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 4th April 1877, No. 56 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report called for by your Circular of 31st March about the condition of the Cuddapah Taluq relief coolies with regard to the recent reduction of wages.

2. The parties inspected and the numbers are as follows :—

|                                   | No. of Gangs. | Strength. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Dongulcherovoo tank, Cuddapah ... | 17            | 850       |
| Bugga road, Cuddapah ...          | 16            | 800       |
| Kurumkunta quarry, Cuddapah ...   | 5             | 250       |
| Vellatoor Road ...                | 6             | 300       |
| Patha Cuddapah, Road ...          | 5             | 250       |
| Total ...                         | 49            | 2,450     |

3. The nominal strength of each gang is 50, of which the component parts should be 20 men, 20 women, and 10 children; but the number of females in want of employment is so much in excess of males that the proportion of women has often to be increased to keep up the numerical strength of the gang.

4. The condition of the bulk of the coolies on the Dongulcherovoo tank is, as regards the women and children, but each gang contains three or four men and two women on an average whose state is low, which is apparent from their thinness and haggard expression. Some of these are wornout creatures, whose normal condition is depression, and I remember many of them to have been in the same state when I took charge in January. They do not seem to me to have deteriorated materially, and in the best of times the scourgings of a large town will present very much the same percentage of people under par as regards physique.

5. *Kurumkunta Quarry, 250.*—These people are engaged in digging gravel, harder work than their neighbours on the tank—but their condition is far superior to that of the latter.

The coolies are hearty on the whole, and the percentage of wornout people does not exceed two or three per cent.

6. *Bugga Road, 16 Gangs.*—The condition of these people also is superior to that of those on the first-named work, and I do not consider that more than five per cent. of them are in a feeble state of health.

7. There is no noticeable change in their appearance during the week. I club these not because the works are contiguous but because the coolies on each present very much the same appearance, and that is robustness, which is the more strange in cases of the latter work as the coolies have just come off strike for nearly two weeks.

8. In going over the former work I had the advantage of the presence of the Zillah Surgeon, who agreed with me in considering the general appearance of the gangs to be good, as he was unable to pick out more than one or two in each gang who showed any signs of deterioration.

9. From a caste return which I receive from each work every week I find that the bulk of the coolies are Pariahs or Sudra coolies. Ryots are very rare, about three per cent. In the town works there are 200 or 300 Weavers, and these people stand the exposure worst. Whatever falling off there is is more apparent in their cases. I think the reduced scale may still be continued for a time, but I do not at all undertake to say that it will be advisable to go on with it for good.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
28th April 1877.*

No. 154.

FORWARDED for the information of the Board of Revenue. After an absence of very nearly a month I, this morning, with Mr. MacCartie, closely inspected—ranking them up and looking at every individual—the gangs working on the Dongulcheravoo tank. The party consisted of 398 men, 546 women, and 18 children; of these I picked out 45 = 4.692 per cent. who were in bad condition. I must mention, however, that several of these were Wodders, who had but recently come to the work. But two of these selected, both of them women with small children, were in such a state as to render it advisable to send them to the relief camp.

2. As regards the remainder they were wonderfully improved since my last inspection, particularly the women. This I attribute to payment having been made with rice as the standard, and to their having been able to obtain, owing to the recent harvest, a supply of the cheaper and more nutritious grain, ragi, sufficient to bring them into condition. I found that the coolies had never been paid for Sundays. This omission has been remedied.

3. I would not advocate any alteration of the standard; the coolies have picked up in condition, the ragi will not last very much longer, and they will in my opinion fall off again as soon as they have to revert to rice.

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,  
Special Deputy Collector,  
for Acting Collector.

Cuddapah,  
5th April 1877.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The fact that the coolies were paid at the standard of rice, but were able to buy ragi comparatively cheaper would amount to a considerable rise in wages, and accounts for their inferior appearance.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary.

No. 704-D.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1877, No. 1,592-B.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. Weavers should be employed at their trade under the terms of G.O., 15th March 1877, No. 1,091.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Financial Department.  
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 1877

Read the following  
No. 56.

Board No. 3842

From C. F. Macfarlane Esq  
Special Assistant Commr  
Buddopah.  
To J. F. Price Esq  
Collector of Buddopah.

Sir,

I have the honor to  
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of March 31<sup>st</sup> about the con-  
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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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G.O. 2844. April 1877, No. 1,692-B.

APRIL

No. 704C-704D.

TAMING REPLY, No. 1,050B.

Condition of Policy Office of Outing, Telug—  
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue  
on Special Assistant Collector's letter on the  
and inquiring that Weavers should be employed  
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| Do - }                  |                 |              |
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Cuddapah Special }  
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Luddopole office 21st J. W. Johnston  
5 April 1877 - J. M. Dyke Esq. Secy. Col.

To The Secretary to the  
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Submitted for the information  
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(True Copy and Extract)

Wm. H. M.

Secretary

To

The Adl. Secretary to  
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