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Famine Relief.

No. 712-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1877 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Siraram, 26th March 1877, No. 226:

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From J. MACARTNEY, Esq., Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Beederhally, 20th March 1877, No. 30.

With reference to G.O., No. 757, dated 1st instant, copy of which was forwarded to me with your endorsement of the 8th idem, I have the honor to inform you that my attention has been directed, both last week and this, to the points indicated therein, and that I have now no hesitation in expressing my conviction that the reduced scale of wages is slowly but surely deteriorating the power and physical condition generally of many of the laborers under my charge.

2. The late somewhat fatal outbreak of sickness attributed to Asiatic cholera, and so registered, I am strongly inclined to think, was not wholly nor even mainly such, and that the following causes are sufficient to account for most of the cases and the symptoms observed, to wit, general debility, enfeebled digestive powers, incapable of assimilating food, the drinking profusely of water after eating in order to give a feeling of satiety, and exposure under such conditions to chills during the night. Sickness has largely diminished since the nights have become higher in temperature. What rather confirms me in the above view of the case is, the fact that though several, who consequently died, were carried to their respective villages, yet there was no spread of illness there, as usually happens when cholera is introduced. This sickness was almost, if not wholly, confined to the laborers on the relief-works. Of course, I may be mistaken in the inference which I have drawn, but I feel it to be my duty to express exactly what I think, so long as I am conscious that my opinions are not negligently formed.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 712-B.

ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1877, No. 595-A.

to the Sanitary

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
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G.O., 30th April 1877, No. 1,535-A.

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No. 712-A-712-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,080-C.

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