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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1877.

No. 607A. Read the following letter from J. [illegible] PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Balasamudram, 9th February 1877, No. 14 :—

In reply to your telegram of the 2nd instant (received late last night), I have the honor to state that since Sir R. Temple's visit I have only issued the orders in regard to wages, &c., of which a copy has, I understand, been already forwarded (now sent) to Government from head-quarters.

2. I enclose a copy of letters written by me to Mr. Cox.

3. My letters to Divisional Officers regarding economy in relief matters have been frequent, and I had also instructed the Acting Sub-Collector, long prior to Sir R. Temple's visit, in regard to weeding out Mysore and North Arcot coolies.

4. I could give no orders on the subject of weeding, as mine were to take on every one asking for work. I, however, did a good deal in one way and another by personally communicating with my subordinates. I told Sir Richard Temple that if he would give me an order to weed the coolies I would do so at once, but he replied that he did not come to instruct, but to consult and advise.

5. As regards gratuitous relief, I permitted the opening of houses at the cusbahs of stations, and, as I have already informed the Board, await the orders of Government upon Mr. Puckle's proposals touching relief camps.

6. I am out here without papers to refer to, and there may be matters upon which I have issued orders which, in the constant pressure of work under which I exist, I may have forgotten, but I believe that I have given an outline of every thing that has been done.

7. I think that this week's report will show a further decline in the coolies all through the district, especially in this part. Mr. Benson is engaged in weeding out in his division, and Mr. MacCartie has, ere this, started upon the same errand for the ranges of the two Native Deputy Collectors.

Enclosure No. 1.

To

All DIVISIONAL and RELIEF OFFICERS.

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1, dated 2nd January 1877, and a telegram from the Secretary to the Board correcting Rule 10 of the Instructions embodied therein, to request that on receipt of this you will issue immediate and stringent orders that the rates of payment to coolies employed upon famine relief-works within your charge be as follows :—

Men, 2 Annas.
Women, 1 Anna 4 Pies.
Children, 10 Pies.

2. When the quantity of rice which can be purchased for 2 Annas falls below 1½ lbs., then grain-payments may be made, and are to be—

Men, 1½ lbs. + 3 Pies.
Women, 1 lb. + 2 Pies.
Children, ¾ lb. + 1 Pie.

3. The abovementioned rates as payment for a full day's work are not upon any account to be altered without orders from this office.

4. [illegible] of the Instructions regarding relief operations issued by the Board of Revenue is enclosed* for your information and guidance. You will be good enough to consider the concluding portion of Rule 10, beginning with the words "when local prices," cancelled by paragraph 2 of this letter.

5. I would draw your particular attention to Rule 2 of the Instructions.

6. I delegate to you my authority to sanction relief-works and estimates up to Rupees [illegible],000 excepting in the case of new roads, which are not to be begun without previous reference to me. I shall feel obliged by your reporting to me once a week in a tabular form all estimates sanctioned by you during the week.

7. Payments should in the case of grain-wages be made twice a week, and in the case of money once.

8. I find that there is a very great diversity of system with regard to the organization of gangs, works, &c., throughout the district; and as uniformity is most essential, I consider it necessary to request that you will be good enough to give effect to the following arrangements, which have been discussed with the District Engineer and have his approval.

9. Sub-gangs should consist of 50 coolies, the proportion being approximately 20 men, [illegible] women, and 10 children. These should be in charge of a Head Cooly, to be paid according to class 2 Annas 6 Pies, 2 Annas 9 Pies, and 3 Annas per diem. Eight of these sub-gangs (= 400) should be under a Maistry, who should be responsible for tools, &c., as well as for the work being carried out as directed, the rolls being checked, &c.; and these men should be divided into three classes according to their qualifications, the pay being 8, 10, and 12 Rupees per month. Over three gangs (= 1,200) there should be a Head Maistry, the duties of these officers being that of general overlookers, measurers of work, &c., and they being divided into two classes with salaries of Rupees 15 and 20 a-month. Over the whole party, which should not be larger than 4,000, there should be a Superintendent responsible for every thing connected with the works under his charge. Superintendents should be divided into three classes, with salaries of Rupees 40, 60, and 80 per mensem and Rupees 20 horse allowance.

10. Task-work should be exacted, and payment made according to the accompanying scale, and under the system detailed in the enclosed papers. The amount fixed as a full day's work should never be lowered, and no excuse for its non-completion should be taken. Coolies soon find that short work means short pay.

11. The form of audit accounts should be that appended to the Board's Instructions.

12. As the issue of rice by weight has been ordered by Government, special measures must be made up. A set of these, carefully tested by better scales than will be at the disposal of most officers in charge of relief works, will, as soon as ready, be sent as a sample, and what others are required can be made up from them.

13. Indents for tools should be in the enclosed form. Stock upon both works and at head-quarters should be taken once a week. Indents from Divisional Officers should show under "Number in hand" the stock of the division on the date of indent.

14. A daily return of sickness in the accompanying form should be sent in by Superintendents to the Tahsildar from each work. These should be compiled in the taluq, and a daily return of the same kind showing all the works should be forwarded thence to the Divisional Officer who will send one for each week to the Collector. These returns may not be reliable, but they will serve to show with sufficient approximation the sickness and mortality in any particular gang, and serve also as guide as to where medical aid may be most required.

15. When cholera makes its appearance in a party, it should be moved as soon as possible to fresh ground. This is the most effectual means of checking the spread of the disease.

16. A stock of medicines for the treatment of cholera and fever should be issued to all Superintendents, and by them to their Head Maistries and Maistries with printed instructions for the mode of treatment of cholera and fever. Shelters for the sick and separate huts for cholera patients, well to leeward of the gangs, should be run up with bamboos and mats. [illegible] appearance of small-pox should at once be reported. Vaccinators moving about amongst [illegible] parties should have every assistance given them, and the coolies should be encouraged to undergo the operation of vaccination.

* See Rules forwarded with Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd January 18[illegible] No. 1.

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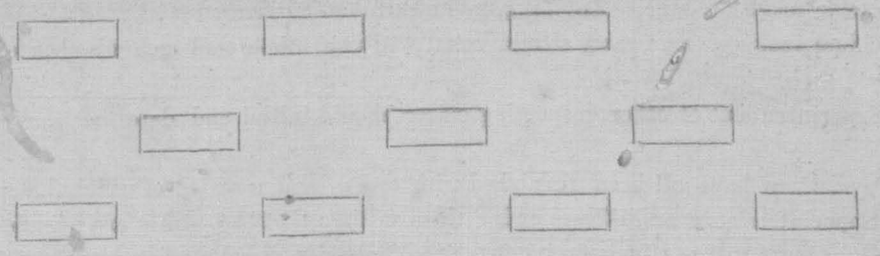

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18. There may be other points, instructions with regard to which may hereafter occur to me. It is very probable that there may be matters with regard to which you may be able to make me valuable suggestions. These I shall at all times be most happy to receive and consider. I trust at the same time that you will give me your cordial and energetic support in carrying out the views which I have expressed.

P.S.—I find that I have omitted to mention the hours of labor. Coolies should be put to [illegible] not later than [illegible]-30 A. M., and should work until 5 P. M., with a rest of 1½ hours in the middle [illegible]. During this rest they should, if possible, not be allowed to proceed to their homes, but made to bring their food with them and eat it on the spot. Any cooly coming late to work, *i.e.*, after 7-30 A. M., should be struck off the roll for the day, and no excuse made by him admitted.

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

CUDDAPAH,
27th January 1877.

TASK-WORK.

EACH Head Cooly's gang is to turn out every day work according to the following scale :—

Either—

Ordinary earthwork, including lifting, carrying, spreading, and beating 36 cubic yards.

If hard, 24 cubic yards.

If very hard, 8 cubic yards.

Or—

Excavating gravel, including lifting, carrying, and storing 24 cubic yards.

Or—

Breaking metal, including collecting material, supplying stone-breakers, stacking, &c., 6 cubic yards.

Where prickly-pear has to be cut and removed, wells have to be cleared out, or any work of a miscellaneous character has to be performed, Superintendents must use their own discretion, but they should assign a definite and sufficient task for each day.

The tasks on roads, &c., will, where possible, be marked off by the Public Works Department, and where it is not, the Superintendents and Head Maistries must do this. If the road is systematically parcelled out between them, there will be but little difficulty in checking the work just before breaking off the gangs.

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If [illegible] gravel [illegible] or stone broken by each Head Cooly's party are stacked on measured platforms as shown in the accompanying diagram, it will be perfectly easy to calculate with approximate accuracy and without measuring the amount of work done in the day. So also in the case of earthwork. Where there is any great doubt it would not take long to measure up. The Superintendent or other inspecting officer will, on examining the work, mark the Head Cooly's roll in red or blue pencil with "1," "¾," "½," or "0" as he considers that full, three-quarters, or half the task has been done. Anything under half is to be marked with "0." There should be no individual tasking. The party should be treated as a whole, and each member of it marked accordingly.

The Superintendent or other inspecting officer should initial and date the marks put on the rolls.

The Paymasters have all been furnished with orders and a scale, of which the enclosed is a copy, and Superintendents and officers under them will see that the coolies are paid accordingly.

Superintendents will particularly impress upon Maistries, Head Coolies, and Coolies that "0" marked on the roll means the loss of a whole day's pay, and that it is only when these bear the mark "1" that they will get, a full day's wages.

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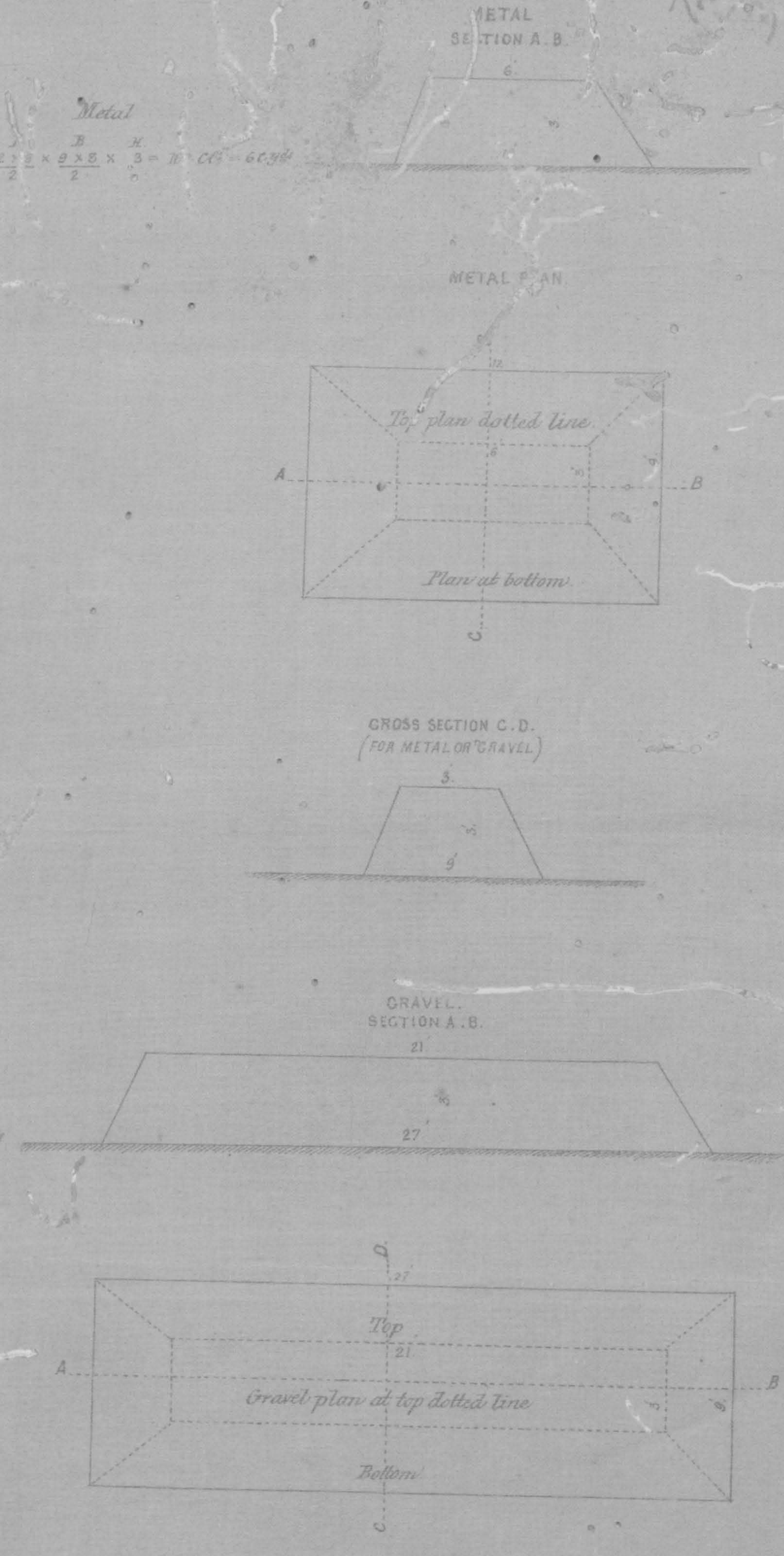

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Gravel

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(Signed) J. W. Johnston
Special Dy. Collector for Ag. Collector

A. J. C. B.
Offg. District Engr. Bellary

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19th February 1877.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. M. COX, Esq., Deputy Collector, Budwail, dated Camp at Kalakada, 1st February 1877, No. 42.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, No. 8-6 and No. 9-7, dated 17th and 19th ultimo, respectively, and their enclosures.

2. I think that it is an impolitic step to advertise relief-works. The people will come fast enough as it is, and they know all about what is being paid. Sending round notices would only increase the belief now floating about that Government takes it as a favor if coolies [illegible] to relief-works. This kind of idea is of the most mischievous character, and every endeavor to repress it should be used.

3. Your views as regards relief camps and houses are good, but this question is at present before Government, and it would therefore not be advisable to do anything until it is known what decision has been arrived at.

4. A copy of the scale of dieting in force in the relief-houses in Madras is enclosed for your information.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. M. COX, Esq., Deputy Collector, Budwail, dated Camp at Kalakada, 1st February 1877, No. 43.

I HAVE the honor to reply to your letter, No. 4-3, dated 9th ultimo.

2. I trust that in introducing grain-payments you have not failed to give consideration to the instructions that they are not to commence until the purchasing power of 2 Annas is less than 1⅓ lbs. of rice.

3. The scale upon which grain-payments should be made has been laid down in my Circular No. 24, dated 27th January 1877. The concluding portion of paragraph 1 of your letter therefore requires no reply.

4. Separate measures when paying coolies are not required. The best plan is to take two men at haphazard out of the gang.

5. I return with my remarks the enclosure which accompanied your letter quoted above.

No. 607B. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1877, No. 740A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Cuddapah.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Govt. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 19th.

Received Inst.

G.O., 19th February 1877, No. 740A.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 607A-607B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 553 H.

Famine Relief, Cuddapah District.— Record ing letter from the Acting Collector reporting his proceedings in connection with — since Richard Temple's visit.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From the Ag. Collr. of Cuddapah

Dated 9th February 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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Cuddapah Collector's Office
27th January 1877

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Encl. No. 1

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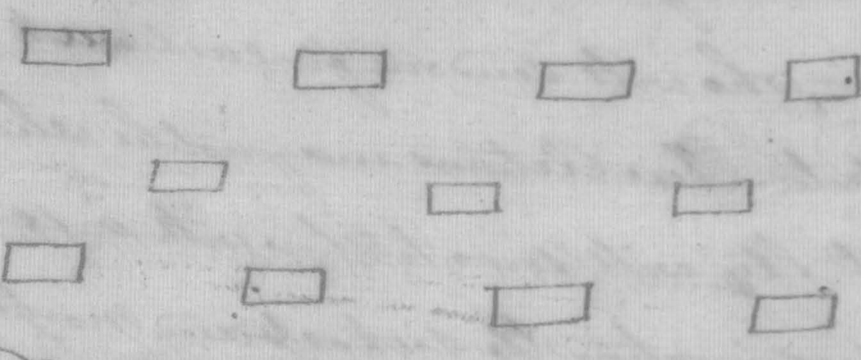

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(True Copy)

W. [illegible]
Special Dy. Collr.
for Ag. Collr.

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Encl. No. 1
In letter from the
Collector of Cuddapah
dated 9th February 1877
No. 14

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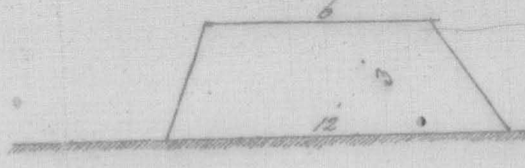

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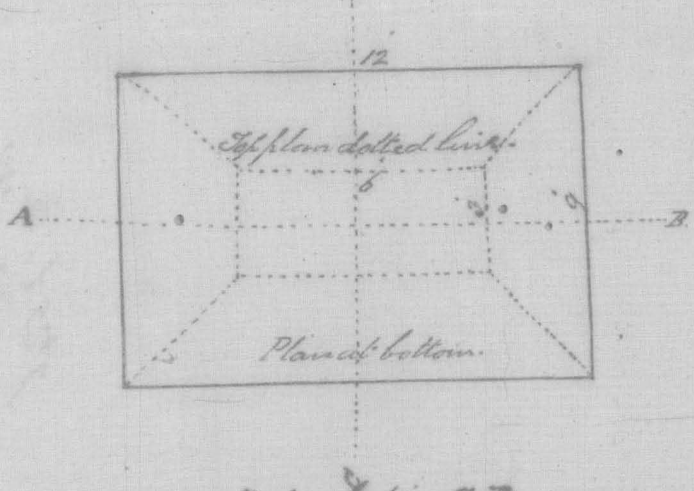

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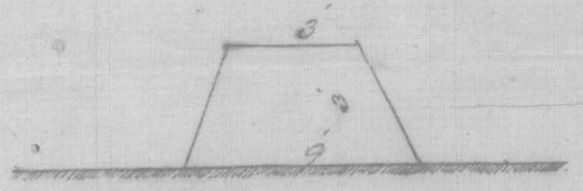

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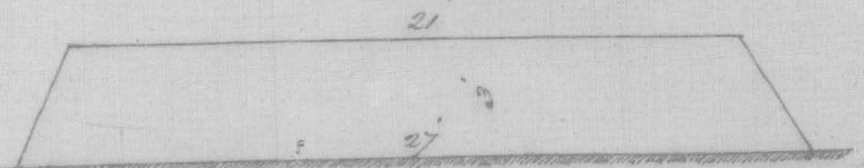

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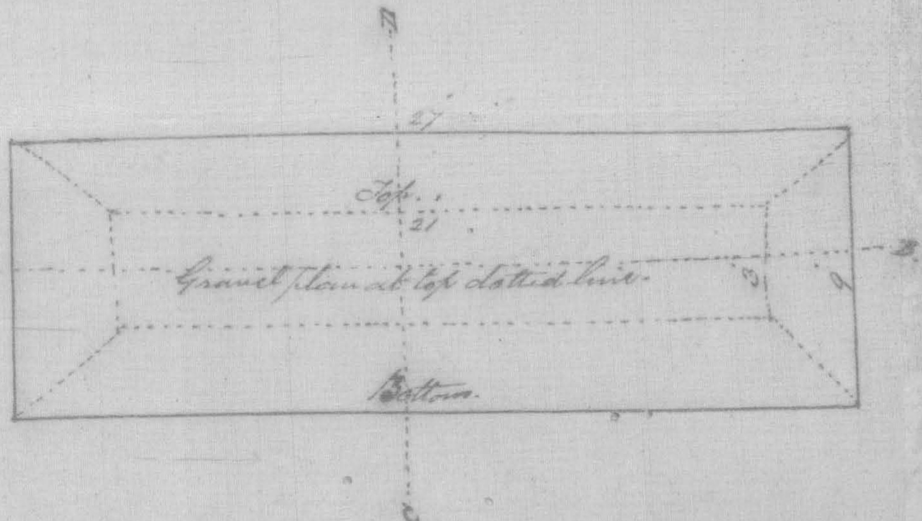

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Encl No. 2

On a letter from the Ag Collector of Cuddapah dated 9th February 1877 No. 14

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No. 42.

Cuddapah Collectors Office
Camp. Kalakada.
1st February 1877.

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To J. H. M. Cox, Esquire,
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Cuddapah Collector's Office
Camp. Kalakada
1st February 1877.

No 43.

From
J. F. Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

To
J. H. M. Cox Esquire
Deputy Collector
Budvail dated

Sir

1. I have the honor to reply to your letter No 4/3 dated 9th Ultimo.

2. I trust that in introducing grain payments you have not failed to give consideration to the instructions that they are not to commence until the purchasing power of 2 annas is less than 1 1/2 lbs of rice.

3. The scale upon which grain payments should be made has been laid down in my Circular No 24 dated 27th January 1877. The concluding portion of para 1 of your letter therefore requires no reply.

4. Separate measurers when paying coolies are not required. The best plan is to take two men at haphazard out of the gang.

5. I return with my remarks, the enclosure which accompanied your letter quoted above.

I have &ca

(True Copy) (Signed) J. F. Price
Acting Collector.

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In a letter from the
Acting Collector of Cuddapah
dated 9th February 1877
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From
J. F. Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah

To
J. H. Garstin Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your telegram of the 2d Instant (received late last night) I have the honor to state that since Sir R Temple's visit I have only issued the orders in regard to wages &ca of which a copy has, I understand, been already forwarded to Government from Head quarters.

(Now sent)

2. I enclose a copy of letters written by me to Mr Cox.

3. My letters to Divisional Officers regarding economy in Relief matters have been frequent and I had also

instructed the Acting Sub Collector long prior to Sir R Temple's visit in regard to weeding out Mysore and North Arcot Coolies.

4. I could give no orders on the subject of weeding as mine were to take on every one asking for work. I however did a good deal in one way and another, by personally communicating with my subordinates. I told Sir Richard Temple that if he would give me an order to weed the Coolies I would do so, at once, but he replied that he did not come to instruct, but to consult and advise.

Is that true [illegible] orders? How [illegible]

5. As regards gratuitous relief I permitted the opening of houses at the cusbahs of stations, and, as I have already informed the Board, await the orders of Government upon Mr. Puckle's proposals touching Relief Camps.

6. I am out here without papers to refer to, and there may be matters upon which I have iſsued orders which in the constant pressure of work under which I exist, I may have forgotten, but I believe that I have given an outline of every thing that has been done.

7. I think that this weeks report will show a further decline in the coolies all through the District especially in this part. Mr. Benson is engaged in weeding out in his Division, and Mr. MacCartie has, ere this, started upon the same errand, for the Ranges of the two Native Deputy Collectors.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servant

Ag Collector

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From
The Actg. Collector
of Cuddapah.

To The Addl. Secretary
to Government.
Fort Saint George.

Dated 9th } February 1877
Received 16th }

No. 14

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Submits, with reference to Telegram dated 2nd instant, Copies of his Circular to Divisional Officers, and of letters to Mr. Cox Dy. Collector in Charge of Budwail Taluq in regard to wages &c.

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