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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th February 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 832A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1877:—

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 24th January 1877, No. 124.

I HAVE the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 20th January, calling upon me for an explanation regarding my demand of 2½ lakhs so soon after a supply of 3 lakhs had been sent. My explanation is simple. The money, although despatched on the 5th or 6th

Mr. Gribble appears to forget that 3 lakhs was the sum which he estimated would be required for January. He ought, after paying all that was due, to have had enough to go on with until the end of the month.

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

from Cuddapah, did not reach my distant taluqs until the 10th, and pay was not distributed on some of the remote works until the 16th. The consequence was that almost every work was two weeks in arrears. The money had been distributed by order of the Collector in four equal shares of Rupees 75,000 to each taluq. Had I been consulted I should have proposed a far smaller share to Royachoty, where there are the least number of works and the fewest coolies. In these three taluqs there were then over 100,000 coolies at work, so that it will at once be seen that after two weeks' pay had been distributed there would be very little left out of the Rupees 2,25,000 which they received. I could have transferred Rupees 30,000

Mr. Gribble should have stated the requirements of each taluq. As he said nothing about this, Mr. Daniel naturally distributed it equally.

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

from Royachoty, but this would not have been sufficient to meet the requirements of even one taluq, and I should have run the risk of reducing that taluq to the same state as the others. This I did not wish to do, as the grain had not commenced to come in regularly, and I had just placed Mr. Maclean in charge, and

N.B.—It must also be remembered that had money been sent as I asked for it, a great portion of this remittance should have been sent last year. The statement annexed to this letter shows the dates on which each remittance was despatched from Cuddapah, from which place it is four days' journey to either of the three taluqs. I have also been kept so short of money that on arrival of each remittance I have had to re-adjust large sums which I had borrowed from other heads.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE.

It appears that Mr. Gribble has had all the money he asked for.

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

wished his hands to be as much strengthened as possible. Besides I anticipated that the numbers in that taluq would soon increase, as it has been the most backward hitherto in opening out works. Accordingly I at once applied for a further remittance to Kadiri, Madanapalli, and Royachoty. If this arrives this month, I trust I shall, as my grain is now coming in rapidly, be

able to do with comparatively little money in future.

2. In my progress report recently submitted I showed the actual amount of expenditure on all items up to the end of the first week in January, and I now annex a statement showing the distribution of the various sums in each taluq.

3. As I had no money in hand this week to make payments in three taluqs, I have, although I have nothing like a month's stock in hand, been paying in grain

at the reduced rates, which, in a recent demi-official letter from Mr. Puckle, I learn are to be universally introduced—

For a man $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and 3 Pies.

Women and boys between 12—15 1 lb. and 2 Pies.

Children between 7—12 25 tolas and 1 Pie.

As, however, I had no money, I directed the distribution to be made on the supposition that $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. + 3 Pies represented 2 Annas, so that the payments were made at the following rates:—

Man $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., or $\frac{1}{2}$ seer less 2 tolas.

Women, &c., $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., or $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.

Children $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., or $\frac{1}{3}$ of a seer.

Here in Madanapalli we had sufficient grain for the week's payment, and though these rates would appear to be far less than the $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas hitherto paid, I was surprised to see that the coolies took the grain-payment not only without grumbling, but even gladly. I think there can be no stronger proof than this that I was correct when I said that 2 Annas would not buy sufficient food.

I think the Board attach more importance to my sales of grain than they deserve. The grain sold was a portion of what I imported through local merchants, amounting up to date to only Rupees 38,140, of which Rupees 13,000 have not been sold, and will be distributed at the reduced rates. The relief afforded to the coolies has therefore been extremely small, and this grain was only sent out now and then to distant gangs when it was reported that grain was difficult or impossible to obtain. I see, however, now that selling at a cheaper rate was a mistake and has led to misunderstanding, but in doing so I did not even act as far as my instructions authorized me. I have now at once put a stop to this practice, and I hope will be exonerated from any blame. I think Mr. Puckle must have been

* Mr. Daniel's instructions had been to sell the grain at cost price, and if I had done this, I should have sold at even a cheaper rate. I thought, however, in fixing 5 measures I was keeping pretty close to what was in vogue in other districts.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE.

misinformed when he was told that rice was sold at $5\frac{1}{2}$ measures; if so, it has been sold contrary to my orders, which fixed the rate at 5 measures, which I calculated would give 2 lbs. (the rate I understood to be paid in Bellary) for $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas.*

The great cause of the large numbers in three of my taluqs has been the sudden inundation of coolies from Mysore and

This is what I at once surmised. It is to be regretted that Mr. Gribble did not see it before and get the Mysore and North Arcot people out when they were few in number. All that can now be done is to rigorously exact task-work and to turn out of the gangs and send away to the frontier under the escort of peons all people not belonging to the sub-division.

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

some parts of North Arcot. Up to the middle of December the numbers were still manageable, but then there was a sudden influx, and the coolies were admitted without proper inquiries having been made about where they came from. orders that all Mysore coolies should be sent away. Relief-works were not started in the neighboring taluqs of Poonganoor and Chendragherri until almost the end of December.

The consequence was that large numbers came to my works, and I scarcely

liked to refuse them. Immediately, however, that works were started in Poonganoor I sent those back, and have directed the same to be done with the Chendragherri coolies. I have no doubt that there are numbers of undeserving persons who come to the works, and especially near the larger towns. Royachoty, however, was scarcely a fair test of the rest

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

of my division. Distress there has been later in developing, and I was not referring to those coolies when I spoke of emaciated condition, but to the coolies in the outlying gangs of Madanapalli and Kadiri and the Peelair portion of Voilpaud. I can assure the Board that in these parts the deaths daily are by hundreds, and the universal opinion of all the officials of all grades is that this mortality is brought on by insufficient and bad food.

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

Most of them probably from the Mysore territory.
(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

It does not appear from the death returns that this is the case; exaggeration is not an uncommon trait of Natives. What have Mr. Gribble and the other Europeans seen?

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

My chief work and that of my subordinates in this month has been weeding the gangs in the three worst taluqs. In this we have been tolerably successful.

This weeding should continue. The result already obtained in the very short time that this work has been going on led to the belief that increased vigilance will tend to further reductions. No speculations as to a fair quantity should be entered upon. The coolies should be carefully examined, and those who should not be in the relief gangs turned out.

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

Voilpaud there are at present not more than 26,000, which is, I think, about a fair quantity. In this matter I trust I shall not be held too strictly responsible, for whenever my back is turned the native officials and maistries entertain

Any officers disobeying orders should be promptly and severely punished. Writing and speaking is of no use upon occasions of this kind. An order once given should be carried out.

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

all who apply for work, whether deserving or not. I have now issued orders that no fresh coolies are to be entertained without my orders.

I believe that the chief cause of my large numbers is owing to the fact that even up to date scarcely any relief-works have been started in Mysore, and only late in the year in North Arcot. Mr. Fricks informs me that on his way from Bangalore he saw no works going on, but passed troops of coolies who all said that they were coming here in search

of employment. They have of course been refused.

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

The following statement kindly furnished me by the Superintendent of Police, showing the state of crime up to the end of the year, will show at a glance what a striking effect the relief-works have had in reducing crime, and therefore adding to the security of property.

*Summary of Crimes reported in Sub-division from January to December 1876,
Madras Police Cuddapah District.*

Description of Crimes.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Dacoity	1	1	...	...	1	2	1	2	11	17	21	7	64
Robbery	2	1	4	1	...	2	5	3	7	5	6	3	39
Burglary or house-breaking.	13	5	11	12	11	12	23	40	19	15	24	18	203
Theft	43	30	33	29	39	21	19	29	30	21	31	6	331
Total ...	59	37	48	42	51	37	48	74	67	58	82	34	637

Until receipt of Board's Proceedings, No. 3,263, dated 22nd December 1876, Three Engineer Officers will be detailed as soon as the drafts from Bengal arrives to clear off the measurements and estimates of the sub-division and then go on to the other parts of the district.

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

at once sent round a circular (copy of which I enclose) and a form of progress report which will give all the required information. I would, however, beg that Mr. Maclean may not be detached from the duty on which he is at present engaged.

Mr. Cotton will take charge of Royachoty. He is a D. P. W. Officer. Mr. Maclean on being relieved will take up measurement work and preparation of estimates, &c.

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

He has charge of the whole of Royachoty Taluq, and will be fully occupied in looking after the works there, some of which require professional skill. In Madanapalli I have, in consequence of authority from Mr. Thornhill, appointed a Mr. Fricks.

Vide letter to Board, No. 51, dated 29th January 1877.

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

when it was being constructed, and was reduced with the establishment. He has since then been taking up contracts in Bangalore, but as he can get none now has accepted Rupees 150 a-month and Rupees 20 horse allowance. He holds the very highest testimonials, and has thrown himself heart and soul into the work. Mr. Thornhill

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tated about the matter I have broken off authorized me to obtain two Assistants if possible, and I was in negotiation with another, a Mr. Birch, but as you hesitated about the matter I have broken off negotiation. Mr. Swan, who is in charge of Kadiri, has been offered an appointment in the Mauritius, which he will probably have to take up at once. He will be

Government has been requested to appoint some one, else vice Mr. Swan.

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

a great loss to me, and I cannot do without some one to replace him. I should like to have some one like Mr. Fricks, who would have professional knowledge. I understand that Captain Macleod is to be sent here, in which case I propose to put him in charge of Voilpaud Taluq. If

Mr. Money has joined and goes up to the sub-division for famine duty there.

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

in addition I could be supplied with an Overseer in each taluq, and be allowed to appoint two Sub-Inspectors in each taluq on Rupees 40, I should in a short time be able to submit all my estimates and should then have a thoroughly efficient supervision. Up to the end of the year I was left so unsupported that hitherto I had to supervise almost every thing myself. The consequence is that many irregularities have crept in, and there has in many places been short and expensive work, but on the whole the outturn is satisfactory. I think Mr. Fricks informs me that he thinks my system and rules of work well adapted in every way for these relief-works, and that all we want is an efficient supervision to see that each rule is strictly carried out.

After the above explanation I venture to hope that the Board will be pleased to acquit me of weak leniency to my coolies, and will see that in all that I have done I held and hold my instructions in writing, and that though mistakes may have occurred, I have done my best to set them right, and to see that a fair return of labor has been given for the money expended.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

No. 5.

CIRCULAR.

In recent orders of the Board of Revenue it is ruled that estimates for all works should be submitted before the work is commenced.

Divisional Officers are therefore requested to obtain estimates for all works which may be started in future. As regards those which have commenced, an estimate should now be submitted showing the probable cost required to finish them and the amount already expended.

Two columns should be opened in the progress reports, the one showing amount of estimate and the other the amount of expenditure up to date of report.

It is particularly requested that these estimates may be submitted to this office as soon as possible, in order that a complete list of all the works may be submitted to the Collector.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

21st January 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Taluk.	Receipts.		Expenditure.		Amount spent in excess of Receipts.				Remarks.
	Date.	Amount.	Date.	Amount.	Imperial Fund.	D. P. W. Fund.	Borrowed from Merchants.	Total.	
Madanapalli.	16th Nov. 1876.	15,000 0 0	Up to 8th Dec. 1876.	18,271 11 3	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	From this statement it may be seen that before the receipt of each remittance money was drawn from other heads and borrowed from local merchants to meet the payment of wages to the coolies who were sometimes in arrears. Even this course has not enabled me to pay all the arrears, because the whole money under all other heads, as well as the money I was able to obtain from local merchants, was found inadequate to meet the requirements. This was the case with other taluqs. Similar information for other taluqs cannot be submitted, there not being sufficient time. It has not been for want of constant representation, official and semi-official, that I have been thus in arrears.
	9th Dec. 1876.	26,000 0 0	Up to 20th do. do.	32,622 2 1	3,271 11 3	5,388 0 0	815 0 0	3,271 11 3	
	21st do. do.	25,000 0 0	Up to 29th do. do.	32,992 8 9	1,819 2 1	6,321 4 7	404 0 0	7,552 2 1	
	30th do. do.	22,000 0 0	Up to 9th Jan. 1877.	27,272 6 7	7 4 2	4,931 5 3	201 1 4	7,992 8 9	
	10th Jan. 1877.	75,000 0 0	Up to 24th do. do.	92,978 7 7	...	4,931 5 3	...	5,272 6 4	
					14,666 9 3	8,369 14 4	...	17,976 7 7	

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

CUDRAPATI,
25th January 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Taluk.	Receipts.		Number of Coolies.	Remarks.
	Date of Authority.	Amount.		
Madanapalli.	Deputy Collector's takeed of 2nd October 1876.	Rs. A. P. 7,500 0 0	1st October 1876, 2,076.	Received from Voilpau Taluq.
	Deputy Collector's takeed, No. 340, dated 19th October 1876.	2,500 0 0	15th October 1876, 3,073.	
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 2, dated 30th October 1876.	8,000 0 0	30th October 1876, 4,467.	
	Total for October ...	18,000 0 0		
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 1,208, dated 13th November 1876.	24,000 0 0	1st November 1876, 5,073. 15th November 1876, 7,479.	
	Total in November ...	24,000 0 0		
	Collector's letter, No. 925, dated 5th December 1876.	25,000 0 0	30th November 1876, 13,117.	
	Collector's letter, No. 971, dated 15th December 1876.	25,000 0 0	1st December 1876, 13,237.	
	Collector's letter, No. 1,006, dated 25th December 1876.	22,000 0 0	15th December 1876, 15,083. 31st December 1876, 25,177.	
	Total for December ...	72,000 0 0		
Voilpau ...	Collector's letter, No. 15, dated 5th January 1877.	75,000 0 0	8th January 1877, 36,594. 15th January 1877, 41,250.	Remitted to Voilpau Taluq.
	Total for January ...	75,000 0 0		
	Grand Total ...	1,89,000 0 0		
	Deduct ...	1,000 0 0		
	Total Receipts ...	1,88,000 0 0		
	4th October 1876 ...	1,000 0 0		
	Deputy Collector's takeed, No. 327, dated 6th October 1876.	9,000 0 0		
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 2, dated 30th October 1876.	6,000 0 0		
	Total in October ...	16,000 0 0		
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 1,208, dated 13th November 1876.	15,000 0 0		
Royachoty ...	Total in November ...	15,000 0 0		Received from the Royachoty Taluq.
	Deputy Collector's takeed, No. 401, dated 3rd December 1876.	5,000 0 0	1st December 1876, 9,929.	
	Collector's letter, No. 925, dated 5th December 1876.	25,000 0 0	15th December 1876, 13,100.	
	Do. No. 971, dated 15th December 1876.	25,000 0 0		
	Do. No. 1,006, dated 25th December 1876.	15,000 0 0	31st December 1876, 27,625.	
	Total in December ...	70,000 0 0		
	Collector's letter, No. 13, dated 5th January 1877.	75,000 0 0	1st January 1877, 24,806.	
	Grand Total ...	1,76,000 0 0	15th January 1877, 25,512.	
	Deduction ...	2,000 0 0 2,500 0 0		
	Total Receipts ...	1,71,500 0 0		
Royachoty ...	Takeed, No. 208, dated 4th October 1876.	2,000 0 0	31st October 1876, 649.	Remitted to Royachoty. Do. to Madanapalli.
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 2, dated 30th October 1876.	2,000 0 0		
	Total in October ...	4,000 0 0	1st November 1876, 1,512.	
Royachoty ...	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 1,208, dated 13th November 1876.	15,000 0 0	15th November 1876, 1,818.	
	Total in November ...	15,000 0 0	30th November 1876, 2,279.	

Talugs.	Receipts.		Number of Coolies.	Remarks.
	Date of Authority.	Amount.		
Royachoty...	Collector's letter, No. 925, dated 5th December 1876.	Rs. A. P. 20,000 0 0	1st December 1876, 2,323.	
	Do. No. 971, dated 15th December ...	25,000 0 0	15th December 1876, 9,049.	
	Do. No. 1,006, dated 25th December...	15,000 0 0	31st December 1876, 13,988.	
	Total in December ...	65,000 0 0		
	Collector's letter, No. 13, dated 5th January 1877.	75,000 0 0	1st January 1877, 15,320.	
	Total in January ...	75,000 0 0		
	Grand Total ...	1,59,000 0 0	15th January 1877, 14,477.	
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 974, dated 12th September 1876.	1,000 0 0		
	Do. No. 1,006, dated 20th September 1876.	1,500 0 0		
	Total in September ...	2,500 0 0		
Kodiri ...	19th October 1876 ...	2,500 0 0		
	30th October 1876 ...	2,500 0 0		
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 2, dated 30th October 1876.	5,000 0 0		
	Total in October ...	10,000 0 0		
	Deputy Collector's letter, No. 1,208, dated 19th November 1876.	15,000 0 0		
	Total in November ...	15,000 0 0		
	Collector's letter, No. 925, dated 5th December 1876.	25,000 0 0	1st December 1876, 25,500.	
	Do. No. 971, dated 15th December 1876.	25,000 0 0		
	Do. No. 1,006, dated 25th December 1876.	15,000 0 0	31st December 1876, 24,727.	
	Total in December ...	65,000 0 0		
Royachoty...	Collector's letter, No. 13, dated 5th January 1877.	75,000 0 0	1st January 1877, 36,437.	
	Total in January ...	75,000 0 0	15th January 1877, 42,328.	
	Grand Total ...	1,67,500 0 0		
	Total Receipts of four talugs ...	6,86,000 0 0		

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

Account showing the particulars of Receipts and Expenditure of Famine Relief Fund from the commencement up to 18th January 1877.

Talug.	Receipts.			Expenditure.					Remarks.
	As per Credits received from the Treasury Deputy Collector.	As per Sale of Grain.	Total.	Amount paid for Grain.	Amount paid in Wages to Coolies.	Miscellaneous Charges, such as Bandy-hire, &c.	Total.	Balance on the 1st January 1877.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Madanapalli ...	Rs. A. P. 1,88,000 0 0	Rs. A. P. 3,295 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,91,295 0 0	Rs. A. P. 15,000 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,82,760 14 9	Rs. A. P. 7,990 7 8	Rs. A. P. 2,05,751 6 5	Rs. A. P. ...	
Kodiri ...	Rs. A. P. 1,67,500 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,028 4 3	Rs. A. P. 1,69,528 4 3	Rs. A. P. 16,175 11 0	Rs. A. P. 1,67,103 0 0	Rs. A. P. 9,318 5 0	Rs. A. P. 1,92,897 0 0	Rs. A. P. ...	
Voilpand ...	Rs. A. P. 1,71,500 0 0	Rs. A. P. 4,579 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,76,079 0 0	Rs. A. P. 5,000 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,35,202 1 0	Rs. A. P. 6,349 1 1	Rs. A. P. 1,50,551 2 1	Rs. A. P. 25,227 13 11	
Royachoty ...	Rs. A. P. 1,53,000 0 0	Rs. A. P. 5,222 0 2	Rs. A. P. 1,64,222 0 2	Rs. A. P. 1,965 1 6	Rs. A. P. 74,791 0 0	Rs. A. P. 3,403 15 1	Rs. A. P. 80,160 0 7	Rs. A. P. 84,061 15 7	
Total ...	6,86,000 0 0	15,121 4 5	7,01,124 4 5	38,140 12 6	5,63,856 15 9	27,061 12 10	6,29,059 9 1	1,09,589 13 6	

* Besides this amount Rupees 5,000 worth of grain has been sold, the accounts of which are under preparation in the talug.

† 25,000 Rupees worth of grain is now on the road.

‡ Grain has also been sold here, which has not yet been brought to account. N.B.—The reason of the difference between columns 2 and 4 is that a large quantity of grain lately received has not been sold, but will be distributed as wages.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

Rupees 14,456-6-5 excess. This excess expenditure was met from both Imperial and D. P. W. Funds, which should be replenished when the remittance is received.
Rupees 23,068-11-9. This was also met from ditto.

No. 59.

FORWARDED with reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1877. Orders had, before Mr. Gribble's demi-official was submitted to Government, been issued with regard to reduction of rates and burying or burning of all corpses.

Cuddapah,
31st January 1877.

(Signed) C. A. MACARTIE,
Special Assistant Collector,
For Acting Collector,

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 26th January 1877.
No. 376A.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 832B.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February, 1877. No. 845A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Revenue Department 845A

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 13th February 1877

Read the following

No 124.

From J. S. B. Gribble Esq^r,

Acting Sub Collector
of Cuddapah

To

J. G. Price Esquire

Acting Collector of Cuddapah

Sir

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Mr. Gribble appears
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he estimated would be despatched on the 5th or 6th from Cuddapah
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straight, after paying did not reach my distant taluqs until
all that was due.
to have had enough the 10th and pay was not distributed
to 20 in with until or some of the remote works until the
the end of the month 16th. The consequence was that almost
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J. G. Price.
Acting Collector

To

Gobt. of (1877) Madras

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy, Secy, &c.

Dated February, 27th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 27th February 1877, No. 845A.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 832A-832B.

FAMINE RELIEF No. 804A.

Famine Relief, Sub-Division of Cuddapah
District.—Recording Board's Proceedings submit-
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after a supply of 3 lakhs had been sent, &c.

The money had been distributed by order of the Collector in four equal shares of Rupees 75,000 to each Taluk. Had I been consulted, I should have proposed a far smaller share to Royachoty, where there are the least number of works and the fewest Coolies. In these three Taluks there were then over 100,000 Coolies at work, so that it will at once be seen that after two weeks pay had been distributed, there would be very little left out of the Rs 225,000, which they received. I could have transferred Rs 30,000 from Royachoty, but this would not have been sufficient to meet the requirements of even one Taluk, and I should have run the risk of reducing that Taluk to the same state as the others. This I did not wish to do as the grain had not commenced to come in regularly, and I had just placed Mr. Maclean in charge, and wished his hands to be as much strengthened

Mr. Grylls should have stated the requirements of each Taluk. He said nothing about this, but I am naturally distributed it equally.
Prof. J. G. Price
Ag. Collector

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as possible. Besides I anticipated that the members in that Taluk would soon increase as it has been the most backward hitherto, in opening out works. Accordingly, I, at once, applied for a further remittance to Staden, Madama, and Royachoty. If this arrives this month, I trust I shall, as my grain is now coming in rapidly, be able to do with comparatively little money in future.

2. In my progress report recently submitted I showed the actual amount of expenditure on all items up to the end of the first week in January, and I now annex a statement showing the distribution of the moneys drawn on each Taluk.

3. As I had no money in hand this week to make payments in three Taluks, I have, although I have nothing like

It must also be remembered that had money been sent and asked for it, a great portion of this remittance should have been sent last year. The statement annexed to this letter shows the date on which each remittance was despatched from Madras, from which place it is 4 days journey to either of the 3 Taluks. I have also been kept short of money, that an order of each remittance I have had to request large sums which I have been unable to obtain from other heads.

Prof. J. G. Price
Ag. Collector

like a month's stock in hand, been pay-
ing in grain at the reduced rates, which
in a recent semi official letter from
Mr. Puckle. I learn are to be universally
introduced.

For a man $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs and 3 pice
Women and boys
between 12-15. } 1 lb and 2 pice
Children between
7-12 ... } 25 Tolas and 1 pice

As however I had no money, I
directed the distribution to be made on
the supposition that $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs + 3 pice
represented two annas, so that the pay-
ments were made at the following rates.

Man $1\frac{5}{7}$ lbs or $\frac{1}{2}$ Seer less 2 Tolas.

Women &c $1\frac{1}{4}$ lbs or $\frac{1}{3}$ Seer.

Children $\frac{5}{7}$ lbs or $\frac{1}{33}$ of a Seer.

Here in Madanapally we had sufficient
grain for the weeks payment, and though
these rates would appear to be far less
than the $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas hitherto paid,

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I was surprised to see that the coolies
took the grain payment not only without
grumbling, but even gladly. I think there
can be no stronger proof than this that
I was correct when I said that 2 annas
would not buy sufficient food.

I think the Board attach more im-
portance to my sales of grain than they
deserve. The grain sold was a portion
of what I imported through local mer-
chants amounting up to date to only
Rs 38140, of which Rs 13000 have not
been sold, and will be distributed at
the reduced rates. The relief afforded to
the coolies has therefore been extremely
small, and this grain was only sent
out now and then to distant gangs,
when it was reported that grain was
difficult or impossible to obtain. I
see however now that selling at a
cheaper rate was a mistake, and has
led to misunderstanding, but in doing

so I did not even act as far as my instructions authorized me. I have now at once put a stop to this practice, and I hope will be exonerated from any blame. I think Mr. Buckle must have been misinformed when he was told that rice was sold at $5\frac{1}{2}$ measures, if so, it has been sold contrary to my orders, which fixed the rate at 5 measures which I calculated would give 2 thos (the rate I understood to be paid in Bellary) for $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas.

Mr. Buckle's mistake had been to sell the grain at cost price, and if I had done this, I should have sold at even a cheaper rate & than however in fixing 5 measures I was too what was in my power in the district.

The great cause of the large numbers in three of my Taluqs has been the sudden inundation of coolies from Mysore and some parts of North Arcot. Up to the middle of December, the numbers were still manageable but then there was a sudden influx, and the coolies were admitted without proper enquiries having been made about where they came from. Directly this came to my notice, I issued orders that all Mysore coolies should be sent away. Relief works

This is what I at once surmised. It is to be regretted that Mr. Gribble did not visit before and get the Mysore & North Arcot people out, where they were in numbers. All that can now be done is to negotiate to erect task work and to turn out of the gaols and send them to the frontier under the escort of troops all people watching out to the district.

were not started in the neighbouring Taluqs of Poongamoor, and Chendraghery until almost the end of December.

Why not? They did not belong to the district. Mr. Gribble should have written regarding this at once. Works might then have been started in Chendraghery and Poongamoor.

The consequence was that large numbers came to my works, and I scarcely liked to refuse them. Immediately however that works were started in Poongamoor, I sent those back, and have directed the same to be done with the Chendraghery coolies.

These people should be rigorously excluded & those who permitted them to come into the gaols suitably punished.

I have no doubt that there are numbers of undeserving persons who come to the works, and especially near the larger towns. Royachoty however was scarcely a fair test of the rest of my division. Distress there has been later in developing, and I was not referring to those coolies when I spoke of unaccustomed condition, but to the coolies in the outlying gaols of Madanapally and Kadur and the Pular portion of Yalband. I can assure the Board that in these parts the deaths daily are by hundreds, and the universal opinion of all the officials of all grades, is that this mortality is brought on by insufficient food.

Most of them probably from the Mysore district.

It does not appear from the death returns that this is the case. Mr. Gribble is not an uncommon trait of natives. What land Mr. Gribble and the other Europeans seem to have been

This mortality is not only in the district of Mysore but in the district of North Arcot.

My chief work and that of my subordinates in this month has been weeding the gangs in the three worst Taluqs. In this we have been tolerably successful. In Madras Mr. Swan has succeeded in reducing the numbers of from 2000 to 3000, and by next week Mr. Fricks hopes to be able to reduce the Madras Taluq numbers by the same amount. In Vailpand there are at present not more than 2000 which is I think about a fair quantity.

In this matter I trust I shall not be held too strictly responsible for when ever my back is turned, the native officials and Ministries entertain all who apply for work whether deserving or not. I have now issued orders that no fresh Coolies are to be entertained without my orders.

I believe that the chief cause of my large numbers is owing to the fact that even up to date scarcely any relief works have been started in Mysore, and only late in the year in North Arcot. Mr. Fricks informs me that on his way from

This spreading should continue. The results already obtained in the very short time, that this work has been going on led to the belief that increased vigilance will tend to further reductions. No speculations as to a fair quantity should be entered upon. The coolies should be carefully examined, and those who should not be in the Relief Camps dismissed. Prof J. J. Price

Any officer disobeying orders should be promptly & severely punished. Writing speaking is of no use upon occasions of this kind. An order once given should be carried out. Prof J. J. Price

These persons should be kept out. Mr. Moore must look after his own people. Prof J. J. Price

from Bangalore he saw no works going on, but passed troops of coolies who all said that they were coming here in search of employment. They have of course been refused.

The following statement kindly furnished me by the Superintendent of Police showing the state of crime up to the end of the year, will show at a glance what a striking effect the relief works have had in reducing crime, and therefore adding to the security of property.

Summary of crimes reported in Sub Division from January to December 1876 } Madras Police Cochin District

Description of Crimes	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Dracoety	1	1	"	"	1	2	1	2	11	17	21	7	64
Robbery	2	1	4	1	"	2	5	3	7	5	8	3	39
Burglary or House breaking	13	5	11	12	11	12	23	40	19	15	24	18	203
Theft	43	30	33	29	39	21	19	29	30	21	31	6	331
Total	59	37	48	42	51	37	48	74	67	58	82	34	634

Until receipt of Board's Proceedings No 32 dated 22nd December 1876, I had heard nothing about estimates, but occupied my self entirely in starting reports where I found they were wanted. On receipt however of those Proceedings.

Three Engineer officers will be detailed as soon as the drafts from Bengal arrives to clear off the measurements and estimate of the sub question then go on to the other parts of the District.
W J Price
Asst Comm

I at once sent round a circular (copy of which I enclose) and a form of progress report which will give all the required information. I would however beg that Mr Maclean may not be detached from the duty on which he is at present engaged. He has charge of the whole of Royachoty taking and will be fully occupied in looking after the works there, some of which require professional skill. In Madanepally I have in consequence of authority from Mr Thornhill appointed a.

Mr Cotton will take charge of Royachoty. He is a P.W. Officer. Mr Maclean on being relieved will take up measurement work and preparation of estimates.
W J Price
Asst Comm

Mr Fricks. This gentleman is exactly the Officer I want. He is a professional Engineer, was employed on the Madras

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W J Price
Asst Comm

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Irrigation Canal, when it was being constructed, and was reduced with the Establishment. He has since then being taking up Contracts in Bangalore but as he can get none now has accepted Rs 150 a month, and Rs 20 horse allowance. He holds the very highest testimonials, and has thrown himself heart and soul into the work. Mr Thornhill

authorized me to obtain two of

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W J Price
Asst Comm

contracts if possible, and I was in negotiation with another, a Mr Birch, but as you hesitated about the matter I have broken off negotiation. Mr Swan

Government has been requested who is in charge of Thadani has been to appoint some one else viz Mr Swan. W J Price Asst Comm

which he will probably have to take up at once. He will be a great loss to me, and I can not do without some one to replace him. I should like to have some one like Mr Fricks

who would have professional know-
 ledge. I understand that Captain
 Macleod is to be sent here, in which
 case I propose to put him in charge
 of Jail and Police. If in addition,
 I could be supplied with an Over-
 seer in each Taluk, and be allowed
 to appoint two Sub-Inspectors in
 each Taluk on Rs 10, I should in a
 short time be able to submit all
 my estimates, and should then have
 a thoroughly efficient supervision.
 Up to the end of the year I was left
 so unsupported that hitherto I had
 to supervise almost every thing
 myself. The consequence is that many
 irregularities have crept in, and there
 has in many places been short and
 expensive work, but on the whole
 the out-turn is satisfactory I think
 Mr. Fricks informs me that he
 thinks

Mr. Money has
 James and goes
 up to the Sub
 Division for
 Finance duty
 then
 and J. P. Price
 Agellan

This will be
 hardly necessary
 when there are
 and these are
 from the Revenue
 Survey Department
 have been data and
 further special duty
 Major Targum
 have addressed with
 regard to manifest
 for the work of
 Superintendent
 and J. P. Price
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thinks my system and rules of work
 well adapted in every way for these
 relief works, and that all we want is
 an efficient supervision to see that
 each rule is strictly carried out
 After the above explanation I mention
 to hope that the Board will be pleased
 to acquit me of great anxiety to my
 duties, and will see that in all that I
 have done, I held and hold my
 instructions in writing, and that
 though mistakes may have occurred
 I have done my best to set them right
 and to see that a fair return of labour
 has been given for the money expended

Cuddalore
 Sub Collection
 Office 24th
 January 1877

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Yours Most Obedient Servant
 J. D. B. Gifford
 Sub Collector

(True Copy)

No 59.

Forwarded with reference to Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue dated 20th
January 1877. Orders had, before Mr.
Gribble's demi official memo sub-
mitted to Government, been issued
with regard to reduction of rates,
and burying or burning of all corpses.

Cuddapah Mr C. A. Macartney
Collectors Office } Special Assistant Collector
31 January 1877 } for Acting Collector

Submitted to Government with
reference to G. O. dated 26th June
1877. No 3764.

/Enc. Copies & Extract/

To Encl.

Acting Secretary

To
The Asst. Secretary to
Government R. & with
copies of L. Enclosure

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Memo.

Adm. apd
Sub. Sec.

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to the Secy.

in return to the Secy.
last to the Secy.

Disp.

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Circular No. 5 of 21st Jan'y
1877
Enclosure No. 1

In recent orders of the Board
of Revenue it is ruled that
estimates for all works should
be submitted before the work
is commenced.

Divisional officers are
therefore requested to obtain
estimates for all works which
may be started in future.
As regards those which have
commenced an estimate should
now be submitted shewing
the probable cost required
to finish them and the
amount already expended.

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Two columns should be
opened in the progress-
reports, the one shewing
amount of estimate and
the other the amount of
expenditure up to date of
report.

It is particularly requested
that these estimates may
be submitted to this office
as soon as possible in order
that a complete list of all
the works may be submitted
to the collector.

/s/ J. D. B. Gribble
Ag. Sub. Collector

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/s/ J. D. B. Gribble
Ag. Sub. Collector

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Office Maorao
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Acting Secretary

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One thousand in Bonds
Proceedings to the 1898
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640 13 4 February 19

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One thousand in Bonds
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Enclosure No 3

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Receipts

Salugs	Date of authority	Amount	No. of Coolies	Remarks
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Madras fully by collector's order of	1 st October			
2 nd October 1876	2076	7500		
By collector's letter No 925 of	15 th October	2500	3073	Remained from last period Salug
5 th of 19 th October 1876				
By collector's letter No 971	30 th October	8000	1167	
2 nd of 30 th October 1876				

Total for October 18000

By collector's letter No 1208	1 st November			
of 23 rd November 1876	5073	24000		
Total in November	15 th November	24000	7479	
Collector's letter No 925 of	30 th November			
5 th December 1876	13117	25000		
Collector's letter No 971	1 st December			
dated 15 th December 1876	13234	25000		
Collector's letter No 1006	15 th December			
dated 25 th December 1876	15083	22000		
	31 st December		25177	

Total for December 1876 72000

Collector's letter No 15	8 th January			
dated 5 th January 1877	36594	75000		
Total for January	15 th January	75000	11250	

Grand total 189000

Total receipts 188000

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By Collector's letter
No 327 of 16th October 1876 } 9000 " "
By Collector's letter
No 2 of 30th October 1876 } 1000 " "

Total in October 16000 " "

By Collector's letter No
1203 of 13th November 1876 } 15000 " "
Total in November 15000 " "

By Collector's letter
No 201 of 3rd December 1876 } 5000 " "
1st December 1876 } 9929

Collector's letter No 925
of 5th December 1876 } 25000 " "
15th December 1876 } 13100

Do - No 971 dated 15th
December 1876 } 25000 " "

Do - No 1006 of 25th
December 1876 } 15000 " "
31st December 1876 } 27625

Total in December 70000 " "

Collector's letter No
13 of 5th January 1877 } 75000 " "
1st January 1877 } 24800

Grand total 176000 " "
15th January 1877 } 25512

Total Receipts 171500 " "

Taken No 208
dated 1st October 1876 } 2000 " "
31st October 1876 } 649

By Collector's letter
No 20 of 30th October 1876 } 2000 " "

Total in October 4000 " "
1st November 1876 } 1512

By Collector's letter
No 1203 of 13th November 1876 } 15000 " "
15th November 1876 } 1812

Total in November 15000 " "
30th - 30th } 2279

Collector's letter No 925
dated 5th December 1876 } 25000 " "
1st December 1876 } 2328

Do - No 971 of 15th December 1876 } 25000 " "
15th December 1876 } 9049

Do - No 1006 of 25th December 1876 } 15000 " "
31st December 1876 } 13388

Total in December 65000 " "

Royachoty

Taken No 208
dated 1st October 1876 } 2000 " "
31st October 1876 } 649

By Collector's letter
No 20 of 30th October 1876 } 2000 " "

Total in October 4000 " "
1st November 1876 } 1512

By Collector's letter
No 1203 of 13th November 1876 } 15000 " "
15th November 1876 } 1812

Total in November 15000 " "
30th - 30th } 2279

Collector's letter No 925
dated 5th December 1876 } 25000 " "
1st December 1876 } 2328

Do - No 971 of 15th December 1876 } 25000 " "
15th December 1876 } 9049

Do - No 1006 of 25th December 1876 } 15000 " "
31st December 1876 } 13388

Total in December 65000 " "

brought forward 84000 " "

Collector's letter No 13
of 5th January 1877 } 75000 " "
1st January 1877 } 15320

Total in January 75000 " "
15th January 1877 } 14477

Grand total 159000 " "

Kadure

By Collector's letter
No 974 of 11th September 1876 } 1000 " "

Do - No 1006 of 20th
September 1876 } 1500 " "

Total in September 2500 " "

By Collector's letter
No 2 dated 30th
October 1876 } 5000 " "

Total in October 10000 " "

By Collector's letter No
1208 of 13th November 1876 } 15000 " "

Total in November 15000 " "

Collector's letter No
925 of 5th December 1876 } 25000 " "
1st December 1876 } 25500

Do - No 971 dated
15th December 1876 } 25000 " "

Do - No 1006 dated
25th December 1876 } 15000 " "
31st December 1876 } 34727

Total in December 65000 " "

Collector's letter No 13
of 5th January 1877 } 75000 " "
1st January 1877 } 36437

Total in January 75000 " "
15th January 1877 } 42328

Grand total 167500 " "

Signature

Leoff B. B. Grille
Acting Sub Collector
/Enclosure/

W. H. H. H.
Acting Secretary

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Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to the 22^d
Secretary to Government
A. D. S.

Dated 13th February 1877

£ $\frac{4}{4}$
2629

Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to the 22^d
Secretary to Government A.

Dated 13th February 1877

£ $\frac{3}{4}$
2629

Account showing the particulars of Receipts and expenditure of Famine relief fund from the commencement up to 18th January 1877.

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Salug.	Receipts			Expenditure				Balance on the 1 st January 1877.	Remarks
	As per credit received from the Treasury by collector	As per sale of grain	Total	Amount paid for Grain	Amount paid in wages to Coolies	Miscellaneous charges such as hand & cart	Total		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Madanapally	188000	3295	191295	15000	182760	149	79907	820575	65
Baderi	167500	2028	169528	16775	167103	11	93185	192597	11
Tailpand	171500	4579	176079	5000	139202	1	63491	150551	21
Royacholay	159000	5222	164222	21965	1674791	1	340315	80160	7
	684000	15124	701124	4538140	12658388	159	2706112	10629059	91
								109589	136

Rs 14,456-6-5 excess
This excess expenditure
has been met
from the Imperial
L.D.P.W. funds which
should be replenished
when the remittance is
received.
Rs 23068-11-9 this
was also met from

Revenue Board's Office
Maddur January 1877

x Besides this amount Rs 5000 worth of grain has been sold, the account of which are under preparation in the Salug.
O. 15000 Rs. worth of grain is more in the road.
a) Grain has also been sold here which has not yet been brought to account.

M. The reason of the difference between columns 2 and 4 is that a large quantity of grain lately received has not been sold but will be distributed as wages.

(Sd) J. D. B. Grithle
Acting Sub Collector

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S. Rowles
Acting Secretary