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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd February 1858.

No. 61. Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 21st January 1858, No. 82.

SIR,

I think it my duty to bring to the notice of Government, that in consequence of the absence of rain the prices of grain are higher than they have been known to be, for perhaps 50 years, rice selling for $5\frac{3}{4}$ measures the Rupee. Very much suffering at present exists, and unless we are ere long blessed with rain, much more must ensue with the usual concomitants, crime and disease, I have the honor therefore to request the sanction of Government, to employ under proper supervision, persons who are in distress for food, on the repair of the roads in the vicinity of Madura. The main roads leading to Trichinopoly, Dindigul, and Ramnad, are in a very bad condition, and are daily deteriorating. Benefit will thus accrue to the District in two ways.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, No. 176; dated 30th January 1858.

In consequence of the distress occasioned by the adverse nature of the season and the rise in the price of grain, the Acting Collector of Madura requests permission to employ the poorer classes in the repair of roads in that District.

2. The information supplied by the Acting Collector does not enable the Government to pass definitive orders on his proposal. He does not state whether the distress is general throughout the District, or confined to particular localities, the probable period for which the help of Government will be needed, or the probable number of people who may require to be provided for. These omissions will be supplied immediately through the Board of Revenue, when, if it be found that the state of the District requires that the support of the people should be provided for on a scale of any magnitude, and for any considerable time, orders will be issued through the Public Works Department.

3. In the meantime, if the wants of the poorer classes are pressing and immediate, the Acting Collector has authority to give them employment on the roads at once.

4. The information now called for will it is hoped be before the Government within a week from the present date.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 82

Madura 21st January 1850.

From A. Fatkaway Esqre
Acting Collector of Madura

To F. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obt Servant
A. Hathaway
Sy Collector.

Madura
21st January
1850

Pub. Works & Dept.

No. 176.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 30th January 1858.

Read the following

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Dated Fort St. George the 29th January 1858.

From

The Acting Collector in Madura

To

The Chief Secretary to Government in Civil Department

Fort St George

No. 176. 30th January 1858

Received 31st January 1858

Answered 2nd February 1858

No 824

Sir

I have the honor to state for the information of the Honble the Board of Revenue that the distress occasioned by the failure of the crops under the Kistna & Penner Anicuts, & the consequent rise in the price of grain, has rendered it necessary for me to employ the poorer classes in the repair of roads in this District.

I have &c.

(Sd)

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in that District:

The information supplied by the Acting Collector does not enable the Government to pass definitive orders on his proposal. He does not state whether the distress is general throughout the District, or confined to particular localities, the probable period for which the help of Govt will be needed, or the probable number of people who may require to be provided for. These omissions will be supplied immediately through the Board of Revenue

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In the meantime, if the wants of the poorer classes are pressing and immediate, the Acting Collector has authority to give them employment on the roads at any one

at once.

The information now called for will it is hoped be before the Government within a week from the present date.

J. R. H.

Copy to the Collr of Madura Decr 30.

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Do — Chief Engr "

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Authorizing the Acting Collector of Madura, to give employment to the poorer classes who are in distress, in the repair of roads in his District.

No. 61-782.