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Government of Madras.

Public works, **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th January 1870

No. 290 Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Wynaad Vythery, 3rd January 1870, No. 2 —

THE extreme importance of the interests concerned will, I trust, excuse me in applying for a relaxation of the Order of the 29th ultimo, directing the suspension of all Imperial Works.

2 The peculiar circumstances of climate in this district render it of the greatest importance to take advantage of such periods of the year when work can be most profitably carried on, not only with a regard to weather, but still more in connection with healthiness. The country immediately adjoining the Mysore frontier is almost deadly, except in the months of November, December, January, and February, and all work must be concentrated into those months, or not attempted at all. In other parts of the district experience has shown that the same period, with the addition of the month of March, is the time when on-push should be made. Added to the above considerations is another, namely, that there is no indigenous labour, and that labourers, and more especially artisans, have to be engaged from considerably distant districts, and with much trouble and expense; if once dispersed, it will be very difficult again to bring them together in time to complete work before the rains again commence.

3. The original allotment for those works, which are now directed to be suspended, was Rupees 2,24,236, reduced subsequently to Rupees 1,94,229. I have not yet received the Range Accounts for December, but up to end of November the amount expended under the head of "Account Concerned" was Rupees 1,06,623, the estimated expenditure for December being Rupees 21,000, so that a balance of grant will still remain of Rupees 64,606; and, as I presume, that the share of reduction that will fall to the lot of Wynaad, (in which, however, I would beg to bring to notice there has been no expenditure without allotment, with the exception of Rupees 803 on one work,) will leave a considerable margin, I earnestly beg that I may be permitted to cont nue expenditure within such specified limit as may be approved of by His Excellency the Governor in Council. I must also mention that the past expenditure of the official year is not a criterion for judging of the probable expenditure during the next three months; as besides its being the most favourable season for work, almost all building-operations have to be got through in the latter period, and form the largest item of disbursement.

4. In further support of my application, I would state that the traffic to the coast is daily on the increase, and will be at its greatest during the next three months. It has not yet reached the maximum that may be expected, but last week the amount of toll-collection on the Tambracherry Ghaut was upwards of Rupees 300, and I have no doubt that on the other ghauts it was nearly, if not quite, as large; unless, therefore, conservancy of the roads is diligently kept going, the wear and tear will be so great as to entail far heavier future expense, and be moreover a very serious present obstacle to traffic.

5 I shall be much obliged by as early a reply as possible, as it will be impossible to keep work-people unemployed, and they will desert either with or without leave; meanwhile, I hope I have not done wrong in delaying full effect to

the above order, pending a reply. Range Officers have, however, been directed to at once reduce expenditure to the lowest limit, and be prepared to suspend altogether at the expiration of a week, unless meanwhile counter-orders are received. I would also beg to be permitted, when the amount of reduction is settled, to specify the works which the loss will effect the least severely.

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1870, No. 152.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 29.

THE Government regret that, owing to the present state of the Public Works assignment, they are unable to allow a relaxation of their orders of the 29th December 1869, No. 4,015, in favour of any locality, and Major Kennedy will accordingly take steps for giving full and immediate effect to the orders in question.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E,
Secretary to Government.

To Major R. B Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 2.
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Special Executive Engineer's Office
Wynaad. Vythery 3 January 1870.

From

The Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

To

The Secretary to Government
Depart. Public Works.
Madras.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Rt. H. Kennedy Major

Special Executive Engineer

Wynaad

No 290.

From

The Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Madras.

Dated 13th January 1870

No 2.

Soliciting permission to be absent with leave from his original unit to the Civil Establishment for the period mentioned.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To Major R. A. Kennedy

Dated

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Forward the Plans, Report & Estimate noted in the Margin and request that the necessary Steps for giving effect immediately to the Orders contained in the Despatch noted in the margin may be taken.