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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th December 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 326. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bezwarah, 11th October 1872, No. 107.

ADVERTING to G. O. No. 2,071 of 29th August 1872, regarding the importation of labourers for the more vigorous prosecution of the works under construction from the Extraordinary grant in the Kistna District, I have the honour to solicit permission, as an experimental measure, to offer a commission of 10 per cent. on all work done, at the present estimated rates, to parties willing to collect labourers and to undertake simple contracts on these terms. If this arrangement succeeds, it will, I am confident, be more economical than the direct importation of labour by the Executive Officers of the department.

2. A considerable addition could very likely be made to the working parties here by sending Agents into the Hyderabad country and the adjacent Zemindaries to collect people; but I know from experience that the cost of work under this system would, for some time at least, be largely in excess of the prevailing rates in this district.

From the same Officer, dated Bezwarah, 9th November 1872, No. 128.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 239 of 30th ultimo, and to inform you that, in proposing to offer a premium of 10 per cent. on work done under the Extraordinary grant to persons willing to undertake the risk and trouble of collecting labourers, I did not intend to do this for all the extraordinary work in progress. I purposed trying the experiment on the widening of the Main Canals only, as the time available for working economically at these ducts is limited to about three months annually, and, of course, every possible precaution would be taken to prevent our usual labourers taking work under the wealthy ryots and influential persons; I believe the premium referred to would attract.

2. I am addressing the principal Zemindars in these parts on the subject of labour, and I should feel obliged by your kindly requesting the Resident of Hyderabad to notify that the officers of this district could employ permanently 3,000 individuals from the territories of His Highness the Nizam, and that from March to June inclusive, annually, double the above number would find employment on the Kistna works.

3. If you think it would be prudent to insert notices in the Gazettes of the following districts regarding the additional labour required here, I will do so without delay :—

Vizagapatam.	Kurnool.
Godavery.	Cuddapah.

No. 282.

No. 327. *Note by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

In G. O. No. 2,071 of 29th August 1872, Superintending Engineers were informed that if the labour within the Kistna and Godavery Districts proved to be insufficient to admit of the Extraordinary works in those districts being pushed on with sufficient rapidity to admit of the allotments being fully expended they should endeavour to import labour from neighbouring districts.

2. On the 11th October Mr. Smith solicited permission, as an experimental measure, to offer a commission of 10 per cent. on work done, at the present estimated rates, to parties willing to collect labourers and to undertake simple contracts on these terms.

No. 107.

3. It was pointed out to Mr. Smith, in reply, that the course proposed by him would probably only draw away labour from repairs to Extraordinary works, and that works under the former head would suffer at the expense of the latter; that there would be no guarantee that any labour was imported, and that an increase of rate of 10 per cent. for one class of works would soon render it necessary to increase the rate for all; that it was believed that much might be done in the way of increasing the labour of the district were it notified in the less wealthy portions of the neighbouring districts that continuous work, or work for a stated number of months, might be obtained at particular localities, and that, before applying for an increase of 10 per cent. to the rates, a clear and concise account should be submitted of all circumstances connected with the deficiency of labour and of the steps which had been taken to attract labour to the district.

No. 239 of 30th October.

4. Mr. Smith in his No. 128 of 9th instant states that his proposal related only to a single work, namely, the widening of the Main Canal, in which work can be carried out only during three months in the year, and he states that 'every possible precaution would be taken to prevent the usual labourers taking work.' It is difficult to conceive what precautions could be taken to prevent the labour in the neighbourhood from flocking to the single work on which an abnormal rate was being paid for work turned out; if the neighbouring labour was not received, a rumour would get abroad that coolies had been refused work, and labour would not be attracted from a distance.

5. Mr. Smith states that he is now addressing the principal Zemindars on the subject of labour, and suggests that the Resident at Hyderabad should be requested to notify that the officers in the Kistna District are prepared to employ permanently 3,000 labourers, and that 6,000 can be provided with work from March to June; and he suggests that notices should be issued relative to the requirements of labour in the Kistna District in the Local Gazettes of Vizagapatam, Godavery, Kurnool, and Cuddapah.

6. Before permanently increasing the rates in the Kistna District, I think it would be well to try what effect the issue of the proposed notices would have, and would suggest that the Resident at Hyderabad should be requested to insert a notice in the Local Gazette or Papers relative to the number of labourers for whom

permanent employment can be provided, on obtaining from the Superintending Engineer a statement of the rates for labour which prevail in the neighbourhood in which the labour is required and which should be specified.

Fort St. George,
20th November 1872.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Major, R.E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 328. Order thereon, 16th December 1872, No. 2,978.

IRRIGATION, No. 20.

His Excellency the Governor in Council will address the Resident at Hyderabad as suggested, and he concurs with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in thinking that the measures proposed for giving publicity to the opportunities afforded by the Kistna works for the employment of labour are those best adapted to secure the end in view.

2. The District Engineer, Kistna, will furnish the Resident direct with a statement of the rates for labour which prevail in the neighbourhood.

(Here enter No. 2,979, dated 16th December 1872.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kistna.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16*th December* 1872.

No. 2,979.

No. 329.
To

THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.

IRRIGATION, No. 21.

SIR,—In the prosecution of the important works of irrigation which are in progress in the Kistna District, local labour has proved insufficient to push them on with that rapidity which is desirable. Large allotments are annually made for the works; but, owing to the difficulty of procuring labour, a considerable proportion of the money is left unspent at the end of each year. To meet this difficulty it is proposed to invite labour by notifying in the Local Gazettes of the adjoining districts.

2. As permanent employment can be found for 3,000 labourers and 6,000 can be provided with work from March to June, I am to request that you will be good enough to give publicity in the Local Gazette or Papers to the opportunity which the Kistna works afford for the employment of labour. The District Engineer will be instructed to furnish you with a statement of the rates for labour which prevail in the neighbourhood.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 107.

Superintending Engineer
Office 2nd Div.
Degmara 11th October 1872

From

R. Smith Esquire
Offg. Superintending Engineer
2nd Division

To,

Colonel G.W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Adverting to G.O. No. 2071.
of 29th August 1872, regarding the importation of labourers for the more vigorous prosecution of the works, under construction from the Extraordinary grant, in the Kistna District, I have the honor to solicit permission, as an experimental measure, to offer a commission, of 10 per cent, on all work done, at the present estimated

rates, to parties willing to collect labourers and to undertake simple contracts on these terms. If this arrangement succeeds, it will, I am confident, be more economical than the direct importation of labour by the Executive Officers of the Department.

2. A considerable addition could, very likely, be made to the working parties here, by sending Agents into the Hyderabad Country, and the adjacent Zamindaries, to collect people; but I know, from experience, that the cost of work, under this system, would, for some time at least, be largely in excess of the prevailing rates

rates in this District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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Offg Supt Engr 2d Div

No 128

Superintending Engineers
Office 2nd Division
Degumaradug 9th November
1872.

From

R. Smith Esquire

Offg Superintending Engineer
2nd Division

To,

Major R. F. Oakes R.E.
Acting Chief Engineer for
Irrigation

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 239, of 30th ultimo, and to inform you that in proposing to offer a premium of 10 per cent on work done under the extraordinary grant, to persons willing to undertake the risk and trouble of collecting labourers, I did not intend to do this for all the extraordinary work in progress. I purposed trying the experiment on the widening of the Irrigation Canals

From Lt Col. R. Smith R.E.
Offg Superintending Engineer
2nd Division
Dated Degumaradug 9th Nov. 1872.

To The Secretary to
Government
P.W.D.

Subject Extraordinary Grant.

Received 11th October 1872
Received 23rd Do
No 105.

Requesting permission to try an experimental measure, to offer a Commission of 10 per cent, to Sirdars willing to Collect Labourers for Extraordinary works on the Irrigation Canals

Forwarded for information.

Sd/ R. Smith Lt Col.
Offg Superintending Engr
2nd Division

Dated 9th November 1872.

only, as the time available for working, economically, at these diets, is limited to about three months annually, and, of course, every possible precaution would be taken to prevent our usual labourers taking work under the wealthy ryots, and influential persons, I believe the premium referred to would attract-

2. I am addressing the principal Zemindars, in these parts, on the subject of labour, and I should feel obliged by your kindly requesting the Resident of Hyderabad to notify that, the Officers, of this district, could employ permanently 3000 individuals from the territories of His Highness the Nizam, and that from March to June inclusive, annually, double the above number would find employment on

the Kistna works.

3. If you think it would be prudent to insert notices in the Gazettes of the following districts, regarding the additional labour required there, I will do so without delay

Vizagapatam
Godavery
Kurnool
Cuddapah -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

J Smith
Offg Supg Engineer 2nd Div

Public Works Department.

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Revenue Department

From The Officiating Secretary to Govt. of Madras
To H. A. Cotton Esqr. Chief Engineer & Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated Ootacamund 11th October 1872

Sir Excellency

The Governor in Council,

observes that it is contemplated for the Metalling

Chief Engineer for

Irrigation to address

the Revenue and

Hydraulic without

the intervention of

Government and communicate

with Work Officer and

Municipality

Chief Engr. 757.
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Regarding the
Correspondence
to be transferred
The Supt. Engineer
2nd Division

To

The Ag. Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

P.W. 5731/72

Dated 9th November 1872
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Offers certain observations
on the Chief Engineer's remarks
relative to the subject of
premium of 10 percent
proposed to be offered, as
an experiment, to persons
willing to supply labor for
work upon certain extraordinary
works.

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Public Works Department

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Read the following

From The Offg Supdg Engr 2 Dn / F.S. No 1077 / 11th Octr 1872 /

From The Offg Chief Engr for Irrigation — " — " 2823 / 20th Novr 1872

His Excellency the Governor in Council will address the Resident at Hyderabad, as suggested, and he concurs with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in thinking that the measures proposed for giving publicity to the opportunities afforded by the

thinking that the measures proposed for giving publicity to the opportunities afforded by the Public Works for the employment of labor are those best adopted to secure the end in view.—

Read

Kistna Works for the employment of labor are those best adopted to secure the end in view.

The District Engineer, Kistna, will furnish the Resident direct with a Statement of the rates for labor which prevail in the neighbourhood.

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To
The Dy Engr Kistna
& The Engr Forbes Campbell
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To
The President at
Hydrabad.

Sir,

In the prosecution of the important works of irrigation which are in progress in the Kistna District, local labor has proved insufficient to push them on with that rapidity which is desirable. Large allotments are annually made for the works, but owing to the difficulty

difficulty of procuring labor a considerable proportion of the money is left unspent at the end of each year. To meet this difficulty it is proposed to invite labor by notifying in the local Gazettes of the adjoining Districts.

A Permanent employment can be found for 3000 laborers and 6000 can be provided with work from March to June, I am to request that you will be good enough to give publicity in the local Gazette or papers to the opportunity which the

which the Khirsa works afford for the employment of labor. The District Engineer will be instructed to furnish you with a statement of the rates for labor which prevail in the neighbourhood.

G.W.W.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer
Kistna
and
The Resident at
Hyderabad

Dated

Recd. Encl. /

G. O. 16th Dec. 1872. 2978-2979

Nos. 326 & 327 & 328

Irrigation Works in the Kistna Dt. Paper orders with the object of importing labor from neighbouring Districts for employment on Irrigation Works in the Kistna Dt.—

Representing the difficulty experienced in procuring ~~for~~ labor for irrigation works in the Kistna Dt. and desiring that publicity may be given in the Gazette to the opportunities the Kistna works afford for employ