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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th April 1877. No. 1,128.*

No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 28th March 1877, No. 1,262:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1877, on letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 12th March 1877, No. 265.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a copy of a letter* received to-day from Mr. Cox, Deputy Collector in charge of Budwail, and to request that the Board will be

pleased to move Government to permit a relaxation of the rules as regards task-work in the case of deepening wells, where the work requires the assistance of professional well diggers.

2. I am most anxious to carry out the orders issued by the Board and Government in their integrity, but it appears to me that if I do this to the letter, difficulties, for which I shall be mainly held responsible, will arise. I have therefore considered it advisable, under the circumstances detailed by Mr. Cox, to authorize him to go on, on contract, with the work to which he alludes, and trust that the step taken by me will meet with approval.

3. The people must have water, and it is evident that such work as excavating and blasting rock is one which cannot be either cheaply, effectively, or speedily carried out by famine coolies, and that it should therefore be handed over to professionals who will agree to do it upon contract alone.

Letter from the Special Deputy Collector in charge, Budwail Taluq, to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 6th March 1877, No. 126—63.

ADVERTING to your letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 88, and G.O. of the 5th ultimo, No. 520-A, I have the honor to suggest whether an exception might not at least be made in the case of the deepening, &c., of wells, as such works have invariably to be carried out by professional tank diggers, and in some cases blasting of rock has to be resorted to. This work is evidently of the same nature as that referred to in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings of the 21st ultimo, where it was proposed that an exception should be made in the case of the professional well sinkers in the Coimbatore District.

2. I have just now in hand several cases of this kind, which have been lying over for some little time past on account of the large sums which were asked to carry them out, but for which contractors have now come forward at reasonable rates, and I am anxious to get them finished without delay. I therefore trust that you will be able to authorize my proceeding with them at once, as all of them are more or less emergent cases, the villagers being hard up for water.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector is authorized, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, to hold the rules in abeyance where the want of water is felt and it is found necessary to employ professional workmen in deepening wells.

3. An exception has been allowed in the case of such works in the Coimbatore District, and the Board suggest that it be made general by distinct orders.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th April 1877. No. 1,128.

THE deepening of wells being work generally requiring a particular class of workmen, and only admitting of a few of them being engaged at once, the Governor in Council is pleased to exempt such work from the rules requiring relief works to be executed by task-work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Addl. Secretary to Government, R.D.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1877, No. 1,128.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED to District Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

To District Engineers.

Revenue Department

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Addl Secretary W. G. G. G.

To

The Public Works Department

W. G. G. G.
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Comm. to S. H.

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