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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

10th July 1877, No. 398 W.

Buildings and Roads

Civil Works

Read the following paper —

No 135 From J O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq, District Engineer, Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 5th July 1877, No 1,173

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, copies of correspondence between the Executive Officers of the Kottapatam and Iskapully Divisions of the canal and myself regarding immigrant coolies who refuse to work and who desire to return to their homes

2 There have been occasional strikes previously somewhat similar to those now reported, but by putting the people on subsistence allowance they generally returned to work, or in the case of the Cuddapah and Kurnool coolies many of them made their way home in the best way they could.

3 The present "strike" is not extensive, but, so far as it has gone, the people seem to be more determined to leave now than on previous similar occasions.

4. Mr deGroussilhers has not reported if the sixty coolies referred to in his telegram dated the 2nd ultimo have returned to work, and I do not know if they are still on subsistence allowance or not. Of the coolies referred to by Lieutenant Henderson, 134 came to Nellore on the 2nd instant, they are being now fed at the relief house here, and I am in communication with the Collector as to what is to be done with them

5 I examined these people this morning; there are three maistries, two of these had 9 Rupees each and the third had Annas 8-3 in his possession. The maistries who had 9 Rupees each had been only three months on the canal; the man with Annas 8-3 had been six months on the work. I could not find a pie among the coolies. The maistries were strong men, and, with the exception of a few aged people, the coolies were all in good condition, they had little stocks of rice and condiments sufficient for two or three days, and a good number of brass utensils. I accused them of having money hidden in their baggage, but they explained that they were not able to do task-work; they were therefore the whole time on daily pay, which was only just sufficient to support them, and they had not saved a farthing. The daily pay they said they received was 2 Annas for men, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas for women, 1 Anna for children between seven and twelve years, and 6 Pies for children under seven years of age

6 Mr Grose seems disposed to send these people home in charge of some responsible person with provision for the journey, should he wait, however, until the orders of Government on this report are received, the people will be employed or otherwise provided for while they are here.

7. The Canal Officers are unanimous in recommending that all immigrants who now wish to return home should be allowed to do so, the following are the numbers now on the work —

Cuddapah	4,799
Bellary	3,041
Kurnool	2,300
Total	10,223

8. Two-thirds of the above number would probably accept the option of returning as they say than can now be employed on cultivation in their own villages; there is but little dry work now on the canal, and as immigrants as a rule have never taken kindly to work in water this is another reason probably why they wish to go away

9. The numbers are so small in comparison with the numbers already dependent on State relief in the districts to which they belong that even if they all returned and did not provide for themselves as most of them say they will do, they could not cause much embarrassment to the Government officers by returning home, and so far as the canal is concerned, their departure will be a great relief to the establishment and will have but very little effect in delaying the progress of the work. Under these circumstances as well as that at the end of this month there will really be no room for immigrants on the canal, I am disposed to support the recommendation of the Canal Officers that the immigrants now on the canal be allowed to leave the work whenever they choose to do so provision being given to them for their journey homewards as promised by Government

From Lieutenant C B HENDERSON, R E, Executive Officer, Iskapully Division, to J O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq, District Engineer, Nellore, dated 1st July 1877, No 733

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be good enough to favor me with instructions about the return of immigrant coolies to their own districts

2 A large gang of Bellary coolies from Mr Kelly's work has this day struck work and refused absolutely to continue any longer on the canal though they are getting daily batta, in the absence of all orders on the subject, I am unwilling to issue money to them to take them back to Bellary, and I have requested them to wait a week longer, when the question about batta for the journey will be decided. I am inclined to think that they will not stay, and if they set off to night to march to Bellary they will certainly suffer great hardships. I have made all my arrangements to go to Ramatheertham, where I am much wanted, and I cannot therefore personally look after this gang

3 The question about the return of immigrants is a serious one, the coolies say that cultivation has commenced in Bellary, and I fear that nothing short of double batta and no work will detain them, there is really no necessity for keeping them, my reduced establishment is hardly able to cope with the local labor, and the outturn of work by immigrants is wretchedly small

4 I fear that when batta is issued for the journey there will be many cases of personation, and coolies will come again and again for it before they really leave the place

5 Except for sectioning spoil banks the immigrants are useless in this sub-division as far as I have seen. The excavation is making rapid progress, and if no rain falls it will be completed in a short time

Service telegram from the Officer in charge, Kottapatam Division, to the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 2nd July 1877

Sixty coolies returned from Vulapalem, decline to work any longer, wish to return home, and request batta for same. What are the orders thereon or what is to be done?

Service telegram from the District Engineer, Nellore, to the Executive Officer, Kottapatam Division, dated 2nd June 1877

PERMISSION to immigrants to return home and batta for journey must be refused. Give lowest scale of subsistence allowance daily to those who refuse work

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In reply to your letter, No 733, dated 1st July 1877, I have the honor to inform you that the sanction of Government is necessary to permit immigrant coolies to leave the canal with provision for their journey home

2 I agree with you that the time has arrived when the return of immigrants should be permitted and I shall address Government on the subject at once.

3 In the mean time and especially in reference to the Bellary coolies who would have such a long journey before them, you must do all you can to keep them under the protection of the canal establishments and take care that they get subsistence allowance regularly whether they work or not

4 The return of Bellary coolies without provision for the journey would be death and disaster to most of them and it must not be allowed, you must, therefore, keep them in the camps under guards of Police and Sappers if necessary, until the orders of Government are received

5 Cuddapah coolies who can more easily reach their homes may be allowed greater freedom, but even Cuddapah coolies who refuse work and who remain in the camps must for the present get the authorized subsistence allowance

6 There will, I think, be no difficulty in preventing cheating by personation, and when the orders of Government are received I shall inform you how I think this can be done

No 136

ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1877, No 398 W.

ORDERED that the following telegram be sent to the Collector —

Immigrants, East Coast Canal, wishing to return home allowed to do so. Subsistence allowance of rice to be given to coolies, but no money. Maistries having sufficient money for journey to get no allowance. Names of these maistries to be reported to their District Officers. Their future employment on famine relief prohibited. It should be stated whether they were employed as paid recruiters. Village Officers en route should be instructed to afford assistance.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government, P W.D

To the Collector of Nellore
" District Engineer, Nellore
" Revenue Department (Famine)

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Proposed telegram to
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Copy of Service Telegram from the Officer in Charge
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True copy
 W. H. S. S. S.
 District Engineer

10 July 1877
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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been granted permission to return home and batra for journey must be refused. Give lowest scale of subsistence allowance daily to those who refuse work.

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5 Except for sectioning Spoil Banks the immigrants are useless in this Sub-Division as far as I have seen. The excavation is making rapid progress and if no rain falls it will be completed in a short time.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
C. B. Henderson
Executive Officer
Bellary
District Engineer

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J. O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer

/ True copy /

District Engineer's Office
Bellary } Whangmoo
District Engineer

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London 25th March 1851.

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 District Engineer

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From

The District Engineer
Kellone.

To The Secretary to Govt.

P. W. D.
Fort St. George

No. 1173.

Dated 5th July 1877

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Enclosures 4

Immigrants on the Kellone
Canal.

Recommending that
permission be given to—
to return to their own
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Public Works Department.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10 July 1877
Read the following:

The District Engineer
Kellone } (H.C. No. 1173 of 5th July 1877)

Ordered that the
following telegram be sent
to the Collector
immigrants such
Coast Canal wishing to
return home allowed to
do so. Subsistence al-
lowance of rice to be
given to Cooks but no
money. Maintainers having
sufficient money for
journey to get no allowance.
Names of these maintainers
to be reported to their
district officers. Their
future employment and
families

Human relief prohibited.

It should be stated.

whether they were con-

spired or paid recruits.

Village officers en route

should be instructed

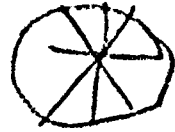
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" Rev. DeMott (Hamm)

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Nos. 135-136

East Coast Canal

Orders or letter from the
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permission be given to
Immigrants employed on
the — to return to their
own districts, telegraphed
to the Collector

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