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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 707 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 59. From W. A. GOODCHAP, Esq., District Engineer, Kurnool, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 31st August 1877, No. 40/1,767.

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 24th July 1877, No. 2,171, and order thereon, No. 550 W, of the 6th August 1877, I have the honor to offer the following remarks:

The work hitherto undertaken in this district for the employment of famine relief coolies has been principally confined to the construction of new roads and the collection of broken stone, metal, and gravel for old or existing roads. A few irrigation works have been executed, such as the improvement and repair of tanks and channels, but comparatively the extent of such has been small.

I regret that I cannot recommend the construction of any more new roads for the simple reason that they can never be maintained and will only go to ruin and run into jungle.

The district is also poor in projects of any extent to be useful for the employment of large gangs of people. The only work on which extensive unskilled labor might be usefully employed is the construction of an embankment to carry rails for a tramway. The best and easiest line available is the one from a place called Ramapuram, a railway station on the southern bank of the Toongabadra river, direct along the bank of the same river eastward into Kurnool *via* Naguldinny and Polikul about 55 miles in length. This route offers little obstruction, is open and slightly undulating. A few minor streams have to be crossed, but they are insignificant. I believe the native merchants and others here will be glad to have this embankment thrown up, and will form a company to provide all rolling-stock, to work tram wagons by manual labor. I cannot, of course, say whether the project will be remunerative, but it may be thoroughly investigated on all points if the work is decided upon as a relief-work.

The routes from Gooty and Aspary into Kurnool offer a great many obstacles both in respect to rivers and country traversed, the latter being hilly and rocky in many parts.

I fear that no other large work is available in this district, but the one alluded to. However there is no immediate necessity for other works, as the completion of those now in hand will occupy at least three months, by which time, if the north-east monsoon is favorable, the pressure will begin to decrease. If, however, matters become worse and the famine is likely to continue for a longer period, the only alternative will be to fall back on new roads, or the project above alluded to.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 707 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
" Famine Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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No. 40
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Kurnool 31st August 1877
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From,

The District Engineer.
Kurnool,

To,

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

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in the Revenue Department dated 24th
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on New Roads, or the project above
alluded to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.

W. Woodchop
District Engineer

Wm. H. Wood

Chief Eng.
District

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District

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506-8-77 No 55092

From,
The District Engineer
Kurnool

To,
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

Dated 31st Aug 1877.
Recd 1st Sept 1877.

No 40
1767

Offers his remarks on the
Proceedings of Madras Government
No 2171 of 24th July 1877 in
reference to para 6 and Order thereon
No 550 W. of 6th August 1877
regarding famine arrangements
consequent on the assumed failure
of the South-west monsoon.

408th Sept 77 No 59

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the District Engineer, Kurnool,
No 40/1767 dated 31st August 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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E A Mnd Col RR
Secretary to Govt Mnd

FOR ORDERS.

No 707 Wd 8th Sept 77

Letter under order

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J. E. Karnool Esq
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10-9-77
G. O. 8th Sept 1877, No. 707W

Box 59-60

*Transmit Relief to the Report
from the Dr. Hummel regarding
the opening into a further
for the employment of famine
labor, needed.*

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