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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th January 1878, No. 6 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 9. From W. S. HARINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 25th December 1877, No. 274.

In acknowledging the receipt yesterday of G.O., No. 2,187 W, of the 20th instant, I have the honor, in reply to paragraph 2, to state that I myself was not altogether blameless in not explaining more clearly and fully to Mr. Montserrat the importance of paragraph 29 of G.O., in the Revenue Department, dated 24th September, No. 2,847, regarding the production by each person coming to the works of "a written duplicate nominal roll specifying his name, his father's name, his village and the date on which the roll was written, and bearing the signature of the despatching officer." My instructions to Mr. Montserrat were to apply to the Tahsildar for laborers, they being limited to those mentioned in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 791 W, dated 27th September. Mr. Montserrat on receipt of my instructions wrote to the Tahsildar asking him to send "famine" coolies to the roads; this request was communicated to different head-men of villages, who acting upon it sent a number of coolies to the road; the head of each gang being provided with a paper bearing the village head-man's signature and stating the number of coolies sent. Mr. Montserrat, I imagine, conceived these to be equivalents for the "nominal rolls" alluded to. The value of the work done by "Marathevan" and measured by Mr. Montserrat is about Rupees 4,600, but the charge as entered in the Famine Relief Progress Reports for the weeks ending 10th, 17th, and 24th November is Rupees 5,730-2-0; this has not been paid as yet as, in the first place, I was not clear that such a large number of coolies had been employed; in the second, because the work was not performed according to agreement, and, in the third, because I was informed that the Acting Tahsildar* of Terumungalum was of opinion that the figures entered in some of the passes given by the village head-men had been altered by some one. I am happy to be able to state that I hear that this suspicion turns out on inquiry to have been ill-founded.

* Not Sheristadar as entered in my letter No. 270 of yesterday's date.

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No. 9-A. From the same Officer, dated Madura, 25th December 1877, No. 275.

WITH reference to paragraph 3 of my No. 270, of yesterday's date, I have the honor to express my regret that Mr. Montserrat's No. 670 and my No. 2,667, both of the 3rd instant, printed with G.O., No. 2,187 W, of the 20th idem, should have escaped my observation; the latter shows that my sanction was given for the employment on No. 4 road of coolies that might be sent by Mr. Turner or other civil official authorized by him, they will accordingly be so engaged. I beg your attention on this subject to my No. 274 of this day's date; care will be taken that the coolies sent from the relief camps do not interfere with any work that has been done by "Marathevan," and which may not have been finally measured and valued.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1878, No. 6 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

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

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.

Ex'd. S. T. Austin.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
MADURA.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January 4th.

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G.O., 10th January 1878, No. 6 W.

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Nos. 9-10.

Relief Works on Road No. 4, Madura District. Papers reporting upon the same recorded.

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No. 274

District Engineer's office
Madura 25th December 1877

From.

W. S. Harington Esqre.
District Engineer. Madura

To,

Colonel E. A. Foord R.E.
Chief Engineer W. P. W. Madras.

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Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
W. Harrington
District Engineer.
Madura.

From.

The District Engineer

Madura

To

The Chief Engineer

D. P. W. Madras.

Dated 25th Dec. 1877

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No 274.

Relief work on Road No 4. Reporting upon the

District Engineers Office.

No. 275 Madura 25th December 1877.

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W. Harington

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