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Public works DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

21st February 1878, No. 892 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 253. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue (Famine) Department, dated 21st January 1878, No. 453.

READ endorsement in the Public Works Department, dated 18th February 1878, No. 860, transferring letter from the District Engineer, Madura, informing that he has ordered the continuance of the construction of road No. 4.

THE District Engineer will be directed by telegraph by the Chief Engineer not to increase the number of laborers employed by him until further orders, as a difficulty may arise respecting the provision of funds for other than famine relief-works.

2. Under the circumstances, His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the District Engineer should either have closed the works absolutely, or if he thought it essential to continue them should have telegraphed for instructions, and while not doubting that that officer took the course which he thought the best, observes that his action must be regulated by the rules laid down for his guidance, as otherwise difficulties may arise in famine arrangements and very possibly delay in the closing of relief and the free resumption of ordinary work in the district.

3. Report from the Revenue and Irrigation authorities as to the funds available for expenditure will be awaited before further orders can be passed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
for Addl. Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1878, No. 892 W.

ORDERED that the following telegram be sent:—

"Your number 366. Do not increase number of laborers employed by you until further orders."

2. This order will be communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation with reference to the 3rd paragraph.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

For DISTRICT ENGINEER,

MADURA.

By Order of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 18th February 1878, No. 860.

1878, 21st Feb. 1878, No. 453.

FEBRUARY.

For Nos. 232-251.

Famine Relief works, Madura District.
Orders of the Revenue (Famine) Department
on District Engineer's letter regarding the
employment of increased number of laborers
for irrigation.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st February 1878, F.R. No. 453.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 435. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 18th February 1878, No. 860.

Read the following letter from W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 9th February 1878, No. 366.

In continuation of my No. 358, dated 6th instant, I have the honor to state that, in anticipation of your sanction, I have ordered the continuance of No. 4 Road departmentally and at departmental rates, which I am sure the people will readily accept. The work that has been executed by the famine relief coolies has been really well done, the road so far as it has been constructed being pronounced "beautiful" by good judges, and I myself know it to be so and believe further, from the principles on which it has been constructed, that it will remain good and stand heavy wear and tear if maintained and kept up as I will take care that it shall be. This is the road mentioned in my No. 135, dated 9th September 1877, and its thorough repair will be a very great boon indeed to all who have to travel along it as the traffic is at times very great as may be imagined on a line which connects the Tinnevely frontier with the railway stations of Virdooputty, Teroomungalum, and Madura itself.

2. The original estimate was Rs. (13,600) thirteen thousand and six hundred; this has been quite worked out, for there is a sum due to the same time contractor "Marithaven" of Rs. (4,600) four thousand, six hundred and odd as mentioned in my No. 274, dated 25th December 1877, and the cost of famine labor has, of course, been great. A fresh estimate for the completion of the road departmentally is necessary, and I have ordered it to be made *at once*.

3. I respectfully beg that Government will see fit to comply with my earnest request, as not only do I long to see this line of communication, which had almost become a rough causeway made into a really good road, but I am convinced that it is my simple duty to represent to Government that although the absolute famine is no more, although the paupers are far stronger and in almost all instances fit for a fair day's work, although the owners of fields requiring cultivation are calling out for laborers, and although the advisability of closing the famine relief works as such cannot, I think, be disputed, yet the fact remains that the people being as a rule very poor, the country in many places a sterile country, and the punja crops not so good as hoped for, labor should be ready for such as may, and I believe will, come to the work if carried on by the Public Works Department; and this being my conviction *plus* my anxiety for the welfare of the district, I trust Government will be pleased to accede to my proposition, and, under the circumstances I have represented, allow the road to be carried on departmentally to completion. The required estimate shall be submitted in a week at latest.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue (Famine) Department in continuation of endorsement, No. 821, of the 16th instant.

(Signed) W. T. FAREWELL, Colonel,
for Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 436.

ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1878, F. R. No. 453.

Miscellaneous.

THE District Engineer will be directed by telegraph by the Chief Engineer not to increase the number of laborers employed by him until further orders, as a difficulty may arise respecting the provision of funds for other than famine relief works.

2. Under the circumstances His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the District Engineer should either have closed the works absolutely, or, if he thought it essential to continue them, should have telegraphed for instructions, and, while not doubting that that officer took the course which he thought the best, observes that his action must be regulated by the rules laid down for his guidance, as otherwise difficulties may arise in famine arrangements and very possibly delay in the closing of relief and the free resumption of ordinary work in the district.

3. Report from the Revenue and Irrigation authorities as to the funds available for expenditure will be awaited before further orders can be passed.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Collector of Madura.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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AND ADDRESS. (NOT SIGNALED)

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AND ADDRESS. (NOT SIGNALED.)

TELEGRAPH MASTER.

No. 66.]

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

TELEGRAPH MESSAGE 4065

From Madura
From District Engineer

To Madras
To The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

WORDS 14/6 P.R.T.

To increase in $\frac{p_w}{p_x}$ of laborers. $\times$

M. J. Salazar

Date 25/2/1878

_____*Signature*

1.—The sender of messages is not responsible for the safety of the messages and is not to be held liable for any loss or damage to the messages or for any delay in their transmission.
111.—All Orders, except those of the Int. Secy, will be given in the name of the Secy of the Govt. and will be signed by the Secy of the Govt. and the Secy of the Govt. of the Madras Government.

No. 892 W. Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st Feb. '98.

Read the following:—

in the ^(Paving) Public Works Dept. (U.S. No. 453, of 21st Feb. '98)

Ordered that the following telegram be sent.

"Four hundred 265. Do not increase number of laborers employed by you until further orders."

2. This order will be Comm. to the Chief Engr. for irrigation with reference to the third paragraph.

S. E. A. T.

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T. Madure
Chief Engr. for Irrig.

TELEGRAPH MASTER

L. O. 633 d/21 Feb. 78. Recd Sept 92
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This order in print was received at home with the post on Saturday. a close Friday. In the order the Chief Eng. is instructed to communicate with the District Eng. by telegraph. It was a matter therefore admitting of no delay. The message accordingly prepared at once the telegram pinned to the order in the file and sent it on to Col. Sawwell's house for signature before despatch. It was brought back with information that Col. Sawwell was out. and so undesignated had no idea when Col. Sawwell might be expected back, and the

action to be taken was clear as well
as urgent, despatched the telegram
under his own signature. "By order"
as he is authorized to do in such
cases.

As for the action taken, seemed
to be correct, but in coming to
office on Monday, I was surprised
that the Revenue order had
already been received in manu-
script and then despatched p. 63-9. &
892. Mr. A. J. Feb. copy put up.
The question being "Famine Relief"
was taken up at the first instance
by the 2d Assistant in the usual
course. Undesignated was not
therefore cognizant of what had
been done.

There was nothing in the printed
order received on Saturday to show
that it had already been in
manuscript and the mistake
which undesignated fell into was
therefore inevitable. 892/3

It has already been pointed out
to the Revenue Dept. more than once
that the procedure adopted by them
of issuing orders in duplicate leads
to confusion and this is an
instance in point. As long as the
practice continues so long will
mistakes and confusion arise.

It is not known what advantage is
claimed for such a system. Compared as
this to the procedure of every other
Dept of Govt., so far as undesignated

is answered.

We have already told the Revenue
Dept. that one signed copy of
each order is sufficient for our
purpose. Why supply us with more

N.S.

R.P.

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Rev. Income Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read endorsement

in the Public Works Department,
dated, 18 February 1898. No 860,
transferring letter from the
District Engineer, Madras,
informing that he has
ordered the continuance of
the construction of Road
No 4.

Order thereon 21st ^{February} 1898 No 453

The District Engineer
will be directed by telegraph
by the Chief Engineer not to
increase the number of labours
employed by him until
further

further orders, as a difficulty
may arise respecting the
provision of funds for other
than famine relief works.

2. Under the circumstances
His Grace the Governor in
Council considers that the
District Engineer should
either have closed the
works absolutely or if
he thought it essential
to continue them should
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and very possibly delay
in the closing of relief
and the free resumption
of ordinary work in the
District.

3. Report from the Revenue
and Irrigation Authorities
as to the funds available
for expenditure will be
awaited before further
orders can be passed.

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Yours faithfully,
[Signature]
for Addl. Secy to Govt.
To the Public Works Department

B. R. Chakras

N^o. 892 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st Feb/78

Read the following :-

Pro: in the Rev: Famine Dept. (H.C. N^o. 453 d/21st Jan/78)

Ordered that the following telegram be sent.

"Your number 366. Do not increase number of laborers employed by you until further orders"

2. This order will be communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation with reference to the third paragraph.

W. R.

Telegram to D.E. Madura

Your number 366. Do not increase number of laborers employed by you until further orders.

(Sig^d) W. F.

desp^d 21-2-78.

Telegram desp^d 21-2-78.

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D.E. Madura
Chief Eng^r for I.

Desp^d 22-2-78

W. F.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The B. G. Madras

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G. O., 24th July 1878, No. 8926

Nos.

Famine Relief Works, Madras.

*Order in the New Famine
Dept and to letter regarding
the employment of increased
number of laborers in
connected to the W. for Drainage*

But in no way