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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Public Works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.
~~B.P. No.~~ 1015–1016 W
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Dated 1. 4. 1879 ~~197~~ .

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st April 1879, No. 1,015 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

✓ No. 35. From the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 31st January 1879, No. 278-67.

I HAVE the honor to forward reply of the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, to the call made in G.O., No. 4,786 W, of 17th December.

2. Mr. Gilby appears to have had most erroneous ideas of the system pursued in the Salem District.

3. Notices regarding the rates of wages to be given in the district were issued at various times under the authority of the Collector and District Engineer. One of these (herewith sent), dated 17th July 1877, sanctions an increase over normal rates of 25 per cent. for all works carried out from State relief funds; there is no reference whatever to contractors or disbursers of wages.

3. It is this notice probably from which Mr. Gilby got the idea of allowing 25 per cent. on their disbursement to all disbursers of wages and similar profit on their works to all contractors.

4. Beyond this notice there seem to be no grounds whatever for the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Gilby of the system pursued in Salem, and his allegations regarding the profits allowed to contractors, &c., are utterly erroneous.

5. In conclusion I would suggest that Major Montgomerie, who was District Engineer of Salem, should be asked to report on the matter, and, should you think necessary, Mr. Norfor, who is to take charge of Salem Division, might also be directed to report.

✓ From Major J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Executive Engineer, Salem Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Salem, 16th January 1879, No. 122.

IN reply to your No. 1,397—130 of 11th instant, I have the honor to state that the Salem Gazette File has been carefully looked through back to December 1876, but no notice can be found referring to contractors' profits.

2. There are notices regarding prices to be paid for work, one of which, dated 18th July 1877, is enclosed, as it is probably that which your informant had in mind.

3. It will, however, be seen that the 25 per cent. therein mentioned is merely the increase allowed over normal rates, and has nothing to do with contractors' profits.

✓ No. 35-A. From the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 5th February 1879, No. 1,541-1 E.G.

✓ No. 35-B. From Major S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 11th February 1879, No. 687.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 4,786 W, dated 17th December 1878, I have the honor to inform you that the Divisional Officers in this Circle report that practices such as those referred to in the above Government Order were not permitted in their divisions.

No. 35-C. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Puthugudi, 18th February 1879, No. 1,753.

WITH reference to G.O. of the 17th December 1878, No. 4,786 W, calling on me to report whether during the prevalence of the famine percentages were allowed to contractors, I have the honor to report as follows:—

1.—In Tanjore Division no famine works were carried out.

2.—In Pattukottai Taluk of the Negapatam Division a little work was done by contractors on the ordinary terms; no special percentage was allowed.

3.—In Trichinopoly Division all famine works were carried out departmentally.

4.—In Dindigul Division one work was executed on contract, viz., that referred to in G.O., No. 2,187 W, of the 20th December 1877; some masonry work was also done under the authority of paragraph 26 of G.O., F.R. No. 2,847 W, of the 24th September 1877; no special percentages were paid.

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6.—In the Satur Division all works were departmental, except a few masonry works which had been commenced and which were completed at the ordinary rates.

7.—In the Tinnevelly Division no famine work was given on contract.

No. 35-D. From Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 20th February 1879, No. 1,787.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 4,786 W, dated 17th December 1878, I have the honor to report that, from the replies received from six out of the seven Executive Divisions, the practice of allowing a percentage to contractors has not existed in this Circle.

2. I send this report in consequence of your reminder, No. 4,786 W, of the 11th instant, having been received. I was waiting to send a complete report, but I have not yet had a reply from the Madhanapalle Division. This will be sent as soon as it comes in.

No. 35-E. From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 1st March 1879, No. 71.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 4,786 W, dated 17th December 1878, I have the honor to enclose copies of reports* received from the officers in whose divisions alone famine relief works were carried on in this circle, from which you will see that the practices referred to in the Government Order were not permitted in those divisions.

* No. 243, dated 17th Jan. 1879, from the Officer in charge, Western Delta Division Kistna.
No. 337, dated 3rd Feb. 1879, from Officer in charge, Eastern Delta Division, Kistna.
No. 163, dated 17th Jan. 1879, from Officer in charge, Ganjam Division.

From the Executive Engineer, in charge of Western Delta, Kistna, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 17th January 1879, No. 243.

REFERS to No. 55 of 11th January 1879.

Has the honor to inform that the undersigned was never aware of any such practices as are therein referred to, and no contractors whatever were permitted on the works in this division.

(Signed) W. R. NORRIS,
Executive Engineer.

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From C. J. PETERS, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of the Eastern Delta Division, Kistna District, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated Kistna, 3rd February 1879, No. 337.

IN reference to your endorsement, No. 55, of the 11th ultimo, on G.O., No. 4,786 W, of the 17th December 1878, I have the honor to report that no such case could have happened in this district in any work that came under my notice or orders.

2. In the few cases where contractors were employed in connection with famine works they worked quite separately from famine coolies, and, as the rates given them were the ordinary ones, or very slightly in excess of ordinary rates, they could not employ any but able-bodied laborers and could make but very small profit.

From T. D. HARRIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, Dowlaishvaram, dated Berhampore, 17th January 1879, No. 163.

REFERRING to your foot-note, No. 55, of 11th instant, to G.O., No. 4,786 W, dated 17th December 1878, I have the honor to inform you that no such practice was permitted in this district, and I never heard of it before.

No. 35-F. From Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 19th March 1879, No. 2,229.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 4,786 W, dated 17th December 1878, and in continuation of my letter, No. 1,787, dated 20th February 1879, I have the honor to report that I learn from the Madhanapalle Division that there were twelve works given on contract. Nine of these were undertaken by wudders; two other works were minor works costing Rupees 25 and Rupees 60 in improving wells, and one more work, constructing a stone tank, was given the greater part to wudders and the rest of it to three other contractors.

2. The wudder people are accustomed to work together in bands, and the work given to contractors was paid for to the aggregate amount of only Rupees 925. There is nothing to show that on these works a per centage was allowed to the contractors.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1879, No. 1,015 W.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 1,016 W, dated 1st April 1879.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. J. W. Fischer
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April 1st.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 1st April 1879, No. 1,015 W.

APRIL.

Nos. 35-38.

ON THE PRACTICE OF CONTRACTORS APPROPRIATING A PERCENTAGE OF RELIEF WAGES.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 1,016 W.

No. 37.

FROM
THE AG. SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

TO
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—I am directed to state that careful inquiries have been instituted by this Government regarding the three points mentioned in the fifth paragraph of the Under Secretary's letter of the 7th November last, No. 1,541 E.G. I am to forward copy of the Proceedings of this Government, dated the 1st April 1879, No. 1,015 W, in which the result of those inquiries is embodied.

2. With reference to the first point, I am to state that it is not true that twenty-five to fifty per cent. of the payments on account of relief-works in Salem were pocketed by so-called contractors, except in the cases which led to this correspondence under the instructions of Mr. Gilby, who was in consequence dismissed from the Government service. Mr. Gilby entirely misconceived the system in force in the district, under which contractors were on no occasion whatever allowed to exact profit from the laborers.

3. With reference to the second point, there was not, so far as this Government have been able to trace, a systematic misappropriation of relief funds in other districts of the Presidency.

4. With reference to the third point, the orders of this Government in no way recognised or permitted that contractors should appropriate a large, or indeed any, percentage of the relief wages.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st April 1879.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SECRETARY to the
GOVERNMENT of INDIA.

Dated April 1st.

Issued

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APRIL.

No. 37.

On the practice of Contractors appropriating a percentage of relief wages.

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NOTICE. — விளம்பரம்.

Rates of work in the Salem District.

In supersession of the Rates given in the Advertisement of the 8th January and 17th February 1877, and of all other Notices the following is the Schedule of enhanced Rates averaging 25 per cent on ordinary Rates which will be observed until further orders on all Public Works executed from State Relief Funds.

Earth work for a lead of 20 yards and lift of 2 yards in easy soil..................	Per c. yd.	0 1 3
Do. Hard soil or gravel...	,,	0 1 9
For additional lead of 20 yards ..	,,	0 0 2
Do. do. lift of 1 yd...	,,	0 0 2
Tamping watering and sectioning	,,	0 0 2
Turfing (if turf is obtainable within 20 yards)..................	sq. yd.	0 0 9
Do. if carried over 20 yds. to 100 yards	,,	0 1 0
Do. beyond 100 yards for every 20 yards or fraction thereof..................	Extra	0 0 2

Road Work.

Metal (broken stone)..................	c. yd.	0 8 0
Do. Cartage per mile	,,	0 3 9
Gravel	,,	0 2 0
Do. Cartage per mile	,,	0 3 9
Picking, spreading, watering and tamping gravel	,,	0 2 6
Do. do metal	,,	0 5 0
Puddle wall..................	,,	0 5 0
Brick in chunam	,,	4 8 0
Rubble stone in chunam	,,	3 8 0
Rough stone in chunam	,,	3 0 0
Plastering 2 coats	,,	2 8 0
Rough stone dry pitch *within 2 miles*..................	,,	1 2 0
Prickly pear and brushwood clearing	,,	0 0 8

P. MONTGOMERIE,
Major, R. E.,
Dt. Engineer.

C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

Salem, *18th July* 1877.

சேலம் டிஸ்திரிக்டு ஜாப் ரேட்டு.

மறு உத்திரவு வரையில் ஸ்டேட் ரிலிப் பண்டிலிருந்து நடத்தப்படுகிற எல்லா பப்ளிக்கு வேலைகளுக்காகவும் நூற்றுக்கு இருபத்தைந்து விகிதம் சராசரியில் அதிகப்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிற ஜாஸ்தி கூலி ரேட்டு அடியிற்கண்ட லிஸ்டுப்படி நடத்தப்படவேண்டியது. இதனால் 1877-ஹு ஜனவரியீ 8-உயில் பிரசுரம் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கும் ரேட்டும் 1877ஹு பெப்ருவரியீ 17உயில் பிரசுரம் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கும் ரேட்டும் மற்ற எல்லா விளம்பரங்களும் ரத்தாகிறது.

எளிதில் வெட்டக்கூடிய மண் தரையில் செய்யும் மண் வேலைக்கு 20 கெஜ தூரம் கொண்டுபோகவும் 2 கெஜ தூரம் எடுத்துகொட்டவும்	கன கஜம் 1-க்கு	0 1 3
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பி. மங்கமெரி,
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டி. இஞ்சினீர்.

சி. டி. லாங்கிலி,
கலெக்டர்.

1877ஹு ஜூலை 18-உ, சேலம்.

No. 278/67

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Superintending Engineer's office 4th Circ
Coimbatore 31st January 1879.

From

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Sir,

Enclosure 1

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

J. Davidson
for Superintending Engineer
4th Circle -

From
The Supg Engineer
4th Circle
To The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Pro of 1-4-79 No 1015 Pr

C.E. No 542 5th Feby

No $\frac{278}{67}$
Dated 31st January/79

Enclosure 2.
Rates of wages system
pursued in Salem Dist
Reports regarding
the

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Supg. Engineers Office, 4th Circle
Coimbatore, 10th February/79

From The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the 2 enclosures of my letter of the 31st Ultimo, No $\frac{278}{67}$, called for in your Memo No 542 of 5th Instant.

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

Major R.E.
Supg. Engr 4th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No 388/95

Dated 16th Febry/79

Enclosures 2

Forwards enclosure to letter No 278/67 of 31st January/79

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Dy: No: 1556 20/1/79

No. 122

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Salem Divisional Office
Salem 16th January 1879

From
The Executive Engineer
Salem Division.

To
The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

Sir,

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Your Most Obdt. Servant,

Major R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Salem.

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Enclo to S.E. 4th Circle's No 273/67
& No 388/95 of 10th Feby/79
Pro 7-4-79 No. 1015 to

From

The Ex: Engineer
Salem Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

Dated 16th }
Recd }
January/79.

No. 122

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No. 1541 C. G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT.
General

To

The Secretary to the Govt
of Madras, P. W. Department.

Fort William Simla, 5th February 1879.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the letter noted below, and to request that the reply may be expedited.

Under Secy. to Govt. of India.

P. W. D. letter No. 1541 C. G., dated 7th November 1878, calling for a report on the practice of allowing contractors a per-centage on payments on account of relief works

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No. 687.

3rd Circle
~~Chingleput~~ Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 11th Feb 1879.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
~~Chingleput.~~ 3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Major R.E.
Actg Supg Engineer 3rd Circle.

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From the Supd. Engr. 3d C.

No. 687.

dated 11th } Feby./79.
Recd. }

Irregularities in payment of wages to Famine Coolies — Informs that the practi of — were not perm=ted in the Divisions of the 3d Circle —

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No. 1753

Supt. Engr's Office 5th Circle
Tinnevelly District
Suthugudi 18th February/79.
Despd - 20th

From,
J. W. Rundall Esquire
Actg. Supt. Engineer 5th Circle

To,
Colonel E. A. Foord R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servt.

J. W. Rundall
Ag. Supt. Engineer

Famine

From
The Supg Engineer
5th Circle.

To
The Secretary to Govt
D. P. W.
Madras

No. 1753
Dated - 18th Feb /79

Percentage allowed to Contractors in F. R. Works -
Reports regarding the —

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No. 1797

Superintending Engineer's Office
Bellary, 20th February 1879.

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The Superintending Engineer.
2nd Circle.

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The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department.
Madras.

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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient Servant.
W. Jopp.
Assistant Engineer
for Supg. Engr. 2nd Circle

From

The Supdg. Engineer
2nd Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

Dated 20th February 1879
Recd.

No. 1787

Percentages to Contractors

Reporting that the practice of allowing — is not in existence in this Circle

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Cir 22/3 R.H.

No. 2229
Superintending Engineer's Office
Bellary, 19 March 1879.

From,
The Superintending Engineer,

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No. 243

From
The Executive Engineer
in charge of Western
Delta Kistna

To
The Actg. Supdg. Engineer
1st Circle

Dated 17th January 1879
Recd. 31st

Refers to No. 55 of 11th Janry/79

Has the honor to inform that the undersigned was never aware of any such practices as are therein referred to,

Encl. in B. No. 358

From

and no Contractors whatever were permitted on the works in this Division.

(Sd/) W. R. Morris C.E.
Executive Engineer
in charge of Kistna Western
Delta.

True Copy

J. Bm
Ag Supdg Engineer 1st Circle

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No. 2229 Superintending Engineer's Office
Bellary, 19 March 1879.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 4786 W. dated 17th December 1878, and in continuation of my letter No. 1787 dated 20th February 1879, I have the honor to report that I learn from the Madhanapalle Division, that there were 12 works given on Contract – Nine of these were undertaken by wudders; two other works were minor works costing 25 and 60 Rs. in improving wells; and one more work constructing a stone tank – was given – the greater part, to wudders – and the rest of it, to three other Contractors.

The wudder people are accustomed to work together in bands: and the work given to Contractors was paid for, to the aggregate amount of only Rs. 925. There is nothing to shew that on these work, a per centage was allowed to the Contractors.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.
Hew Prendergast
Lieut Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd C.

From
The Supg. Engineer
2nd Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No. 2229
Dated 19
Recd. } March 1879

G.O. 2-4-78 No. 1667 W
" 17-12-78 " 4786 W.

Percentage to Contractors of Famine works. —
Informing that there is nothing to show of the allowance of — in the Madanapally Division.

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Superintending Engineer's Office First Circle
No. 71 Camp Wattair 1st March 1879
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From
The Ag. Superintending Engineer
First Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 4786 W. dated 17th December 1878, I have the honor to enclose Copies of reports received from the Officers in whose divisions alone Famine Relief Works were carried on in this Circle, from which you will see that the practices referred to in the G.O. were not permitted in those Divisions.

No. 243 d/ 17th Jany/79 from the Officer in charge Eastern Delta Division Kistna. —
No. 337 d/ 3rd Feby/79 from do. do. of Eastern Delta Dn. Kistna —
No. 163 d/ 17th Jany/79 from the Officer in charge Ganjam Division

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
C. Ewald
Ag. Supt. Engineer
First Circle

P W D

From

The Actg Supdg Engineer 1st Circle

To

The Chief Engineer P W D

Dated 1st } March 1879
Despd 3d }

No 71/c

Encl 3.

Relief Contractors

~~Famine Relief Works~~

Reporting that

~~Labourers [illegible] from~~

men in no case permitted

~~the Overseers officers, for~~

to

~~making the contractors of~~

appropriate ~~of~~ large

percentages of relief wages.

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No 337 1015/19

Kistna District Eastern
Delta Division Office
3d February 1879.

From

The Executive Engineer in charge
of the Eastern Delta Division Kistna District

To,

The Acting Supdg Engineer 1st Circle
Dowlaishvaram

Sir,

In reference to your endorsement No 55, of the 11th ultimo only G.O. No 4786 W of the 17th December 1878. I have the honor to report that no such case could have happened in this District, in any work, that came under my notice or orders.

In the few cases where Contractors were employed in connection with Famine Work, they worked quite separately from Famine Coolies and as the rates given them were the ordinary ones or very slightly in excess of ordinary rates, they could not employ any but able bodied labourers and could make but very small profit.

I have &c

(Sd) C. J. Peters

Executive Engr E. D. Dn Kistna

True Copy

Actg Supdg Engr first Circle

No. 163

Ganjam Divisional Office
Berhampore 17th January 1879

1015/78

From

The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
Dowlaishwaram

Sir,

Referring to your foot note No. 55 of 11th instant to G.O. No. 4786 W dated 17th December 1878. I have the honor to inform you that no such practice was permitted in this district and I never heard of it before.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed) F. D. Harris
Ex. Engr. Ganjam Dn.

(True Copy)

Ag. Supg. Engr. 1st Circle

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following :—

From the S.E. Fourth Circle (H.C. No. 278/67 d 31st Jany 1879.)
" Govt. of India (" " 1641 [illegible] 5th Feby ")
" S.E. Third Circle (" " 684 d 11th do ")
" S.E. Fifth - do (" " 1753 " 18th do ")
" do Second - do (" " 1787 " 20th do ")
" do First - do (" " 11/c " 1st March ")
" do Second " (" " 2229 " 19th do ")

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

H.C. No. dated

To

The Secy: to the Govt. of India, P.W.D.

Sir,

I am directed to state that careful inquiries have been ~~instituted~~

by

I do not find [illegible]
Pennycuick's [illegible]
ordered in para 2
[illegible] [illegible]

by this Govt. regarding
the three points mentioned
in the fifth paragraph
of the Under Secretary's
letter of the 7th November
last, No. 1541 E – G. –
I am to forward copy of
the Pro: of this Govt. dated
the
No.
in which the result of
those inquiries is embodied.

2. With reference to the
first point, it will
be seen that Mr. Gilby
entirely misconceived
or
the system in force
in the Salem District.
Contractors were on
no occasion allowed
to make profits from
the labourers.

It is not true that
in Salem 25 to 30 per
of the payments %
relief works were
[illegible] by so called
contractors except in
the cases referred to [illegible]
Mr Gilby's [illegible]
for which he was [illegible]

3. With reference to the
second point, there was
not, so far as this
have been made
Government are aware,
t have
a systematic misappro-
-priation of relief funds
districts
in other parts of the
Presidency.

4. With reference to the
third point, the orders
of this Government in
no way recognised
or permitted that
Contractors should
appropriate a large
or any
percentage of the
relief wages.

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No. 1015 W **Public Works Department.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

UNDER date the 1st April/79

Read the following :—

From the S.E. Fourth Circle (H.C. No. 278/67 dt 31st Jany 1879)
— " — ~~No~~ Govt of India (— 1541/1 E.G. dt [illegible] —)
— " — S.E. Third Circle (— 687 — " 11th " — " —)
— " — " Fifth Circle (— 1753 — " — 18th — " —)
— " — " Second do (— 1787 — " — 20th — " —)
— " — " First do (— 71/C — " — 1st March —)
— " — " Second do (— 2229 — " — 19th " —)
— " —

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

H.C. No. 1016 W. dt 1st April/79

To,
The Secy. to the Govt of India
P.W.D.

Sir,

I am directed to state that careful inquiries have been instituted by this Government regarding the three points mentioned in the fifth paragraph of the Under Secretary's letter of the 7th November last, No. 1541 E.G. I am to forward copy of the Pro: of this Govt. dated the 1st April /79 No. 1015W in which the result of those enquiries is embodied.

2. With reference to the first point, I am to state that it is not true that twenty five to fifty per cent of the payments on account of relief works in Salem were pocketed by so-called

contractors, except in the cases which led to this correspondence, under the instructions of Mr. Gilby who was in consequence dismissed from the Govt. service. Mr. Gilby entirely misconceived the system in force in the district, under which contractors were on no occasion whatever allowed to exact profit from the labourers.

3. With reference to the second point, there was not, so far as this Government have been able to trace, a systematic misappropriat

of relief funds in other districts of the Presidency.

4. With reference to the third point, the orders of this Government in no way recognised or permitted that Contractors should appropriate a large, or indeed any, percentage of the relief wages.

Despd 16/4/79

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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1 April 1879, No. 1015 W / 1416

Nos. 35 - 37.

On the practice of Contractors appropriating a percentage of relief wages.

Regd

Same as above