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16TH DECEMBER 1884, No. 3093 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

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Read—the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godáviri District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 25th October 1884, No. 499:—

In the recent floods of the Godáviri reported to Board in my letters, Nos. 380 and 417, dated 11th August and 5th September last, labor was supplied to the Department of Public Works by the tahsildar of Rámachandrapuram with much difficulty. Personal safety and protection of their own property were matters of primary importance to the villagers, and to turn their attention from them to work at the embankment must have, no doubt, been a source of much discomfort to them. In consideration of this fact and of the compulsion used the tahsildar, with my approval, promised the laborers to pay Annas 4 a day, but his bill for the charge was rejected by the Sub-Engineer on the ground that the ordinary rate was only Annas 3. I brought the special nature of the case to the notice of the Superintending Engineer and requested him to admit the charge, but in reply he draws my attention to section 3 of Madras Act I of 1858. Copies of the correspondence are enclosed.

2. The section referred to says that the laborers should be paid at the highest rate paid in the neighbourhood for similar work. The section is, in my opinion, susceptible of a more liberal construction than that put upon it by the Superintending Engineer. I should think that it admits of the special circumstances of the work being taken into consideration in connection with "similar work." I certainly think that it only intends that the remuneration shall not be less than the highest rate paid in the neighbourhood, but does not prevent its being more.

3. I concur in the opinion of the tahsildar that the special circumstances of the case required a special charge, and the opinion formed was so strong that the tahsildar also promised the laborers that they would be paid at that rate.

4. I trust Government will concur in my opinion that the officers of the Public Works Department should have given sufficient consideration to the recommendation of the Revenue officers who supply them with labor, and who alone can judge of the inconvenience to which the laborers are put on such occasions, and will therefore be competent to fix the rate at which they should be paid.

5. I need not tell Government that the confidence of the laborers in the Revenue officials is of the utmost importance to their ability to command them, and Government will certainly be able to consider how it will be shaken if their recommendations regarding rates are not accepted by the Department of Public Works officers.

6. Punctual payment is also a point of much importance, and I very much regret the delay in the present instance, due to the refusal of the Department of Public Works officers to pay the higher rate of charge.

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ENCLOSURE.

From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godáviri District, to the Superintending Engineer,
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The tahsildar of Rámachandrapuram reports that the rate of 4 annas per head proposed by him for the coolies supplied to repair the damage done by the recent flood was disallowed by the Sub-Engineer, who passed the charge for 3 annas, which was said to be the usual rate. I need not say that it is only just to raise the usual charge when labor is engaged on occasions other than ordinary when it cannot be commanded without special efforts. The excess charge proposed by the tahsildar is in consideration of the more than ordinary inconvenience to which the laborers were subjected on the occasion in question, and as the charge was proposed by the officer who had personal knowledge of it I think it should have received sufficient consideration, as otherwise it would, no doubt, affect the tahsildar's power of commanding labor whenever required by your department. In this respect prompt payment is also a matter of much necessity.

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From the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Collector of Godáviri, dated Dowlaishweram,
22nd October 1884, No. 1843 G.D.

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Resolution—dated 13th November 1884, No. 3859.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board concur with the Collector, and consider that it is very inexpedient in special cases of this nature to refuse to pay a liberal rate of wages to the laborers whose services may be required.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Godáviri.

Mis. G.O. No. 5536, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with an expression of concurrence in the Board's opinion.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th December 1884.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 16th December 1884, No. 3093 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department, who will, in special cases of this character, be guided by the recommendations of the Revenue authorities as to the rate of wages to be paid for labor.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Superintendent of Works, Tank Maintenance Scheme.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 16th Dec. 1884, No. 3093 W.

DECEMBER.

Wages

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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Godavari.

Encd. A. Raitt.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1884.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.



Mis. G. O. No. 5536.

Transferred to the Public Works
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decision.

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Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George
8th December 1884

Printed November 21st.

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Proceedings, 13th Nov. 1884, No. 3859.

Submitting, for the orders of Government,
letter from the Collector of Godavari, requesting
that the Superintending Engineer may be
ordered to pay the higher rates of wages to laborers
employed in Ramachandrapuram on flood work,
and to issue instructions to him for his future
guidance.

Rev. 11/12 R. M.

No. 3093. W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 16th December/84

READ the following

Pros. of the Board of Revenue N. E. No. 3859 of 13th November/84
Enclt. thereon by the Rev. Dept. " " 5536 of 8th December/84

Communicated to

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Suptg. Engrs. ✓

Supt. of Works. I. M. ✓

C. E. for Engrs. ✓

Comy. Archt. to Govt. ✓

Rev. Dept. ✓

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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