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10th February 1888, No. 472 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

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I am directed to inquire whether the programme of works suitable for famine relief, prescribed by sections of your code corresponding with sections 28 and 65 of the Provisional Famine Code, has now been completed for the Madras Presidency, and to request that the Government of India may be furnished with a statement showing the number of persons for whom in each district it is estimated that employment on relief works can be found, and that hereafter a corrected statement may be submitted on or before the 1st of April of each succeeding year, commencing with April 1889.

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Communicated to the Public Works and the Local and Municipal Departments and the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, with the request that the information required by the Government of India regarding the programme of works maintained in accordance with sections 27—29 and 106 of the Madras Famine Code, may be furnished to this department. The annual statement required by the Government of India should also be forwarded before 1st March in each year.

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3. The Board of Revenue will also report on paragraph 2 of the letter read above. The reference to "Provincial Code" is apparently a mistake for "Provisional Code." The corresponding portion of the Madras Code seems to be section 21 (3).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 24th January 1888, No. 552.

Read—the following letter from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Famine), dated 16th January 1888, No. 2 F.

Circular No. $\frac{65\text{ I.}}{11\text{-}2}$ of the 11th October 1887.

I am directed to invite attention to the communication marginally noted and to request the favor of an early reply thereto.

Order—dated 24th January 1888, No. 552, Revenue.

Communicated to the Public Works and the Local and Municipal Departments and the Director of Land Records and Agriculture with the request that the information asked for in G.O., dated 29th November 1887, No. 1109, may be furnished at an early date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. STUART,
Under Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 10th February 1888, No. 472 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Consulting Engineer for Railways who will submit, as soon as possible, the programme of professional agency works required to be maintained under section 27 of the Famine Code. Against each work should be shown the number of famine laborers who can be employed on it.

2. The statements recorded with G.O., No. 1877 W., dated 26th July 1886, contain a number of irrigation projects that may be made available for famine relief purposes, but there is nothing to show what number of laborers are likely to find employment on them. The lists should now be reconsidered in this light.

3. The railway works in contemplation and those recently surveyed should also be taken up in the same manner, and such of them as are considered suitable for famine relief, embodied in one list with the number of laborers for whom they are likely to provide employment on the occurrence of famine, noted against them. It will thereafter be necessary, in accordance with the provisions of the circular recorded with G.O., No 982, dated 13th November 1886, Revenue, to obtain the approval of the Government of India to the inclusion of the projects in the "sanctioned programme of relief works."

4. As regards "Civil Works," there are generally a large number of uncommenced works available, which may, in certain cases, be utilised for the employment of famine labor, but they are not generally of such a character as would warrant their being included in the regular programme of famine relief works. No separate lists of these need therefore be made.

5. Attention is called to the instructions of the Government of India in paragraph 1 of their letter, No. 65-F.—11-2, dated 11th October 1887, requiring a corrected statement to be submitted on or before the 1st April of each year, commencing with April 1889. The return should be included in the list of periodical returns embodied in the Public Works Code.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
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Govt. of (1888) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 10th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 10th Feb. 1888, No. 472 W.

FEBRUARY.

Famine Relief Works

Orders on Proceedings of the Revenue Department communicating letter from the Government of India requesting the annual submission of a statement showing the number of persons for whom employment can be found on — and a description of the nature of the works suitable for famine relief.

C. No 865

Para 3 of the draft order may perhaps be omitted. The information called for is urgently required by India, and if Local & Municipal Boards have now to be consulted, there will be great delay.

[illegible] Local Authorities are responsible for their own programmes of works. Vide para 28 of the Famine Code. And the Revenue Dept are now enquiring what they have done. When the programme of Professional Agency works has been approved by Govt. it can be communicated to all Collectors, &c. who will then have an opportunity of revising it. Para 106 of the Famine Code will thus be complied with.

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I think this course should be adopted.

C. No. 11249

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It is however that with reference [illegible] para 106 of the Code the L [illegible] Dept. should be communicated [illegible] a statute what action if any has been taken.

J.C.

8/2/88

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Please see para 1 of Rev. G.O. 1109 d/29th Nov. 87. The Revenue Dept are calling on the L & M Dept for the information.

R.S.

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I conclude the information when received will be communicated to this Dept. We can not take action upon para 106.

J.C.

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S.R.W.

This refers to the order on the programme of Famine Relief Works. Please send up the original.

R.S.

C. No. 10249
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C. A. W.

In memo: No. 2453 C dated 8th December 1883 the Chief Engineer called special attention to certain provisions of the Famine Code and instructed Supdg. Engineers to maintain in their several budgets a list of works for each District sufficient for four years ordinary labor and to submit estimates for sanction from time to time so that the list of works available for famine relief may contain as many duly sanctioned projects as possible.

Supdg. Engineers were also instructed to report separately on the subject in their administration reports.

The S. E. I Circle was the only officer who appears to have submitted to W branch a list of relief works and excepting two works under Provincial Communications the rest of the works related to Irrigation Projects. The list was therefore communicated to E. I. vide [illegible]7C d/25th February 1885, and of the

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tive works under Provincial Communications the 1st road from Ottoghi to Korapat had already been included in the Provincial Budget and in pursuance [illegible] the 2nd road from Korapat to Palghat was considered to be brought forward as Famine Works and in the Provincial Budget for 1886-87 provision to the extent of Rs 1200 was made for the survey of the road.

As the famine works proposed by [illegible] chiefly appertain to I Branch nothing has been done in the General Annual budget or administration report.

The note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation printed with G.O. No. 1077 W dated 26th July 1886 gives a complete account of what has been done and what has yet to be done with the several Irrigation projects proposed as Famine Works. But the statement does not show separately what are actual relief works intended to be undertaken on the occurrence of famine for the [illegible] purpose of finding labor to famine coolies. It contains for the most part, though not in all, such works as are intended to be preventive of famine. At any rate the statement does not sh

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Famine Relief

This is what the Budget Supdt. writes after keeping the papers from the 16th December last. He kept it out of his Weekly Arrears list, so that there were no means of knowing that the paper was being detained. When a reminder C. No. 865 came from the Revenue Dept. there was some difficulty in tracing the paper.

R. S.
7-2-88

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For note and return

R. S.
8-2-88

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following:—

Proceedings, Revenue Dept. No. 1109 d/ November 29, 1887
" — do — No. 552 d/ January 24. 1888

FOR ORDERS.

Under section 27 of the Famine Code, the P.W. Dept are required to maintain in their budgets a number of class (a) or "Professional Agency Works" for each district.

2. Under section 29 the adequacy of the programme is to be reviewed annually.

3. Under section 106 it is the duty of the Chief Engineer to maintain the programme of (a) works.

4. The Govt of India now ask (1) whether the programme has been completed and (2) for a statement shewing

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Irrigation Branch

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Railway Branch

A comprehensive scheme of tramways or light railways as protective works against famine was sketched out by General Sankey in his note recorded with G.O. 334 W of 18th December 1882, and although the scheme did not contemplate as a

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Villupuram Pakal Railway
Kadiri Extension.

The rules as to maintaining a programme of Professional Agency Works for famine relief have been modified by the Govt. of India as regards Railways. In their Circular* No. 57 F.I. dated 1st October 1886, it is laid down that before a Railway project can be finally

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Approved - but section 10th says this should also be done in Cons[ultation] with Colrs & Presdt of Boards. A reference to them seems necessary also.

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29TH NOVEMBER 1887, No. 1109, REVENUE.

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Secretary to Government.

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Exd. W. H. French.

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Famine Relief Works.

Letter from the Government of India requesting the submission every year of a statement showing the number of persons for whom mployment on — can be found, communicated o certain officers, with remarks.

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(True Extract)

H A Clement

Under Secretary to Govt.

To

The Public Works Dept.
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" Comr. R S & Dir. of L R & Agri.

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