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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 25th May 1891, No. 296:—

Mr. Clogstoun.

Resolution—dated 25th May 1891, No. 296.

The Commissioner left Madras on the 22nd instant for Pálghat where during the 23rd and 24th he had the opportunity of discussing with the Collector the steps that can most suitably be taken to meet any distress that may arise in Malabar in consequence of the failure of crops in the Walawanád, Ernád, Ponáni and Wynaad taluks which was reported in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd March 1891, No. 158, and 13th May 1891, No. 277.

2. The heavy rains which have recently fallen in Ponáni have been sufficient to fill the navigation canal between Tirúr and Cochin, but not before the Local Fund allotment for its repair had been fully spent. The Commissioner learns from Mr. Maylor, the Local Fund Engineer, who was present at the conference between the Collector and the Commissioner, that no difficulty is now likely to be experienced in the movement of traffic along the canal, and in any case it would, owing to the large amount of water in the canal, be impossible to carry out for the present, and until the next dry season, any further repairs to the canal. No Government grant will, therefore, be required for this work. The Commissioner was glad at the same time to learn from the Head Assistant Collector Mr. Rajagopala Chari, who was present at the conference and who had returned only the day before from a visit to the Ponáni taluk, that there are no present signs of distress in that taluk, and that there is certainly no large amount of labour vainly seeking employment.

3. The Collector does not consider that in any of the other three taluks, Walawanád, Ernád and Wynaad, except perhaps in parts of Ernád, has distress reached the stage at which labourers would resort to works for the famine wage, and it seems to the Commissioner unlikely that, given a favourable monsoon, matters are likely to be much worse than they are now, though the Commissioner is given to understand that agricultural operations in the district do not commence till towards the end of July or beginning of August when the monsoon is well advanced.

4. There has, however, been a considerable rise in prices within the past fortnight in Walawanád and Ernád, and if any further material rise takes place, the chances of distress amongst the labouring population will be increased.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd current, No. 294.

5. In order to give as much employment as possible in the three distressed taluks last named, and at the same time to gauge the actual need of the people, the Collector has determined to push on as much as possible the expenditure on Local Fund works in these taluks and to set aside in the Walawanád and Ernád taluks at once, and hereafter if it should be necessary in the Wynaad taluk, certain Local Fund works which shall be managed departmentally and at which a full day's task shall be exacted for wages limited to the amount prescribed in section 185 of the Famine Code.

6. In the event of its being found absolutely necessary hereafter to give employment at famine rates of wages to any large amount of labour in the Ernád or Wynaad taluks, no better works can be recommended than those specified by the Collector in paragraphs 14 and 15 of his letter printed with Board's Proceedings, dated 13th May 1891, No. 277, and which are noted on the margin.

Construction of a road from Nilambúr to Karalai in the Ernád taluk, 6 miles

Reconstruction of the Chundale-Mysore frontier road in Wynaad.

7. The Collector should at once report what suitable work can be undertaken, if necessary, to give employment to labour from the Walawanád taluk in lieu of the Tirúr-Cochin canal.

(A true Extract).

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Malabar.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 27th May 1891, No. 304 :—

Mr. Clogstoun.

Read—the following letter from J. W. F. DUMERGUE, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Palghát, 24th May 1891, Ref. on current No. 1892-P. of 1891 :—

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th May 1891, No. 277, I have the honour to state, on the authority of the District Board District Engineer, that the canal from Tirur to Cochin *viâ* Ponáni has now been repaired as far as possible with the usual annual allotment from Local funds and that a recent heavy fall of rain has not only rendered it passable, but has also rendered the further execution of work impossible until the next dry season. There is now every prospect of the canal remaining open for the rest of the year, and I therefore beg leave to withdraw my application for funds, which could not now be utilized if they were granted.

2. It is commonly said that in Malabar the months of Mithunam and Karkadagam, that is, June and July and July and August are always seasons of scarcity and the trade returns certainly show that prices are higher at that time than at any other. But these months are the season for cultivation and labourers are paid in kind. Hence there is less grain brought into the market and prices are forced up, but the agricultural labourers, being provided with food, are not affected by those prices. Consequently it appears to me that the popular belief is accurate only with regard to non-agricultural labourers, such as those who depend for their livelihood on jungle produce and firewood and are prevented by the monsoon from obtaining it. It is these who will now suffer, and it is for them that I am still of opinion work should be provided in the Ernad and Waluvanád taluks. I have accordingly, in obedience to the Commissioner's personal instructions, requested the District Board District Engineer to reserve the roads from Mambat to Edakkara, Nilambur to Wandur and Pattambi to Angadipuram as relief works, payment for labour to be made at famine rates. The result will be reported in due course, and if the prevalence of scarcity is proved by this course, I will solicit sanction to construct the road from Nilambur to Karalai with a grant from Provincial funds.

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3. In Wynaad I am unable to recommend such a course, because ordinary wages there are so far above the famine rates that labourers would not accept the latter unless actual starvation and not mere scarcity was the only alternative. This climax has not yet been reached, and I confidently hope that it will not arrive. But, as I have already pointed out, scarcity does prevail in Wynaad, and in affording employment for 5,000 labourers, as stated by the Assistant Engineer, the reconstruction of the Chundale-Mysore road would afford immense relief.

Resolution—dated 27th May 1891, No. 304.

Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 25th instant, No. 296.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of Malabar.

Order—dated 1st June 1891, No. 477, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Although, from the Collector's statements at the conference at Pálghat, it does not appear that the distress is anywhere severe at present, seeing that he is doubtful whether labourers will resort to works for the famine wage, it is clear that the affected taluks require careful watching and the Government considers that the Commissioner should himself visit the worst portions and form his own judgment regarding their condition, if he has not already done so. A conference with the District officers is not sufficient.

2. It is observed that the decision to push on the Local Fund works entered in the budget is in accordance with the instructions already issued in G.O., dated 25th ultimo, No. 448.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter submitted with the second Proceedings read above, fuller information must be furnished regarding the road in question before any grant can be made for it.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
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