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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 14th October 1891, No. 962, Revenue.

Read—G.O., dated 29th September 1891, No. $\frac{2603}{A.}$ W., Public Works.

Order—dated 14th October 1891, No. 962, Revenue.

The Government entirely concurs in the Chief Engineer's remarks in paras. 20 to 22 of his note of the 22nd September last. It is of course essential that the Collector, who is the chief officer responsible for the conduct of relief in a district, should be entitled to inform himself as to the way in which relief works under the Public Works Department are conducted, but the deputation of petty revenue subordinates to pry into the doings of the department is utterly wrong, and the acceptance of their statements without reference to the higher officers of the department and the forwarding of them in their untested and crude shape to the Board and the Government is opposed to all recognized principles of administration. His Excellency the Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to lay down the following rules for observance by Civil officers :—

(1) No complaints by coolies on relief works under the Public Works Department should be received by any Civil officer below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar, it being understood that complaints must be made to such officers in person and not through peons, clerks or other subordinates.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 23rd October 1891, No. 2786 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance in continuation of G.O., No. $\frac{2603}{A}$ W., dated 29th September 1891.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineers, IV and V Circles.
„ other Superintending Engineers,
„ the Consulting Architect,
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
} with copy of G.O., No. $\frac{2603}{A.}$ W., dated 29th Sept. 1891.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 23rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 23rd Oct. 1891, No. 2786 W.

OCTOBER.

Relief works in the Chingleput and North Arcot districts

Proceedings in the Revenue Department laying down certain rules for the guidance of Civil officers with regard to complaints made by them against Public Works officers as to the delay in the payment of wages to coolies on —.

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14th October 1891, No. 962, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., dated 29th September 1891, No. 2603-A-W., Public Works.

Abstract.—Passing orders on memorandum of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, regarding delay in the payment of famine labourers employed on famine relief works in the North Arcot and Chingleput districts.

Order—dated 14th October 1891, No. 962, Revenue.

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(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
„ the Public Works Department (W.), with enclosures returned.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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OCTOBER.

Relief works.

Laying down certain rules for observance by Civil officers in connection with their supervision of — conducted by the Public Works Department.

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29TH SEPTEMBER 1891, No. 2603/A. W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 12th September 1891, No. 474.
" " " V " " 14th " " " 430.

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. 921 D & 22/9/91.

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. It will be convenient to consider these two reports together as they deal practically with the same subject, though there are special points to be considered in each case.

3. To take the North Arcot case first; both the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer, Kálahasti sub-division, attach a great deal more importance than it deserves to a foolish remark occurring in a report from the Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot; this remark merely indicates that Mr. Buckley, who appears to be an officer of something under four years' service, has not yet learnt the courtesy which usually governs official intercourse. He will doubtless know better in a few years, but, in the meantime, Mr. Watson need be under no apprehension that the Government of India will attach the smallest importance to Mr. Buckley's opinion as to his conduct or qualifications.

4. A much more important question is whether there has, as a matter of fact, been any undue delay or irregularity in payment of coolies in the Kálahasti sub-division, and, if there has been, what steps can be taken to remedy the irregularity.

5. It must be borne in mind that a very large discount has to be made from all reports of short or delayed payments, when such reports are made by Civil officers, without any previous reference to the officers of the Public Works Department, as unfortunately appears to be the case in both the Chingleput and North Arcot districts. These reports are based upon statements made by the coolies themselves, often through peons and other subordinates, and from the cases reported must be deducted those in which the statements are altogether untrue, those in which there has been a deduction from wages on account of short work or idleness, those in which the coolies have been dissatisfied with the pay offered them and refused to receive it, which cases they will be certain to report as cases of non-payment, and those in which there is a substratum of truth overlaid with a large amount of exaggeration.

6. Making every allowance on these grounds, there appears little doubt that, in the Kálahasti sub-division, there has been a certain amount of irregularity in payments due in great measure to the physical conditions of the sub-division, and the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, in paras. 2 and 3 of his letter, explains the measures that he has taken for preventing this irregularity.

7. The undersigned regrets that he cannot altogether approve these measures so far as regards the detention of Mr. Watson at or near his head-quarters; that this

arrangement will ensure greater rapidity in the transmission of funds to subordinates is probable, but this advantage will be dearly purchased at the expense of the sacrifice of the much more important duty of incessant personal inspection of works and supervision of subordinates by the Executive Engineer.

8. The difficulty as regards supply of money can best be met either by giving the subordinates drawing accounts or by increasing their imprests. The former measure is open to so many objections that it should only be resorted to if absolutely necessary, but it is not clear that the latter has been tried to a sufficient extent.

9. To judge from the statements made in the letters under consideration, it appears to the undersigned that each disbursing subordinate in charge of famine works should have an imprest equal to a fortnight's expenditure, and, if this amount is in any case higher than the maximum allowed by the Public Works Code, formal application for sanction should be submitted at once, but the imprest should be given in anticipation of such sanction.

10. The undersigned has at present no information as to the frequency with which imprests are recouped in the Kálahasti sub-division, but the point is one of some importance as regards the amount of money required to be placed at a disburser's disposal.

11. Many subordinates and some officers are under the impression that an imprest can only be recouped at certain stated intervals, such as a week or ten days, and that the amount of such imprest must, therefore, be equal to the maximum expenditure during the interval *plus* the period required for transmission of bills to head-quarters and receipt of money therefrom.

12. It must be distinctly understood that there is nothing to prevent an imprest from being recouped daily or half a dozen times a day if necessary. Directly a bill is paid it may be transmitted to head-quarters and the amount of it obtained in recoupment of the imprest.

13. If this principle is clearly understood and acted on, a much smaller imprest will suffice than if accounts are submitted and recoupment effected at stated intervals.

14. The Superintending Engineer should decide, after discussion with Mr. Watson, what amount of imprest is necessary in each case to ensure regular payment after allowing for the delays caused by Mr. Watson's absence from head-quarters, which absence must be accepted as a necessary incident in the performance of his duty, and should order those amounts to be given at once, reporting his proceedings for confirmation whenever they go beyond the strict rules of the Public Works Code.

15. Every effort should be made to concentrate the laborers on the smallest possible number of works. It cannot be too strongly urged that the smaller the number of works upon which any given number of people are employed the better from every conceivable point of view.

16. It may be noted in connection with this case that Mr. Watson has been unfortunate in his subordinates, two of whom have had to be dealt with by the Chief Engineer on reports made by the Superintending Engineer, entirely independently of any complaints by Civil officers—a fact which may usefully be borne in mind by the latter when they are inclined to think that no notice is taken of shortcomings on the part of subordinates of other departments except on their reports.

17. To turn now to the case of the Chingleput division dealt with by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle. Here the state of affairs is somewhat different from that in the North Arcot district, for there is absolutely no evidence that there has been any delay or irregularity in payment except such isolated cases due to accidental causes, such as the illness of a subordinate, as must of necessity occur occasionally.

18. It must be understood that, for the reasons stated above (para. 5), no reliance can be placed upon reports made by Civil officers unless the cases have been reported to, and inquired into by, the Public Works officers at the time the complaints were made.

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19. The remarks contained in paras. 8 to 15 of this memorandum may with advantage be taken into consideration in the Chingleput district as well as in North Arcot, if any difficulty is experienced in keeping disbursing subordinates supplied with funds.

20. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, explains clearly the inconvenience caused by the action of the Revenue officers in connection with works under this department, and the undersigned can add nothing to Major Campbell's remarks, which have his entire concurrence. The Chingleput division is in charge of one of the smartest, most industrious and most trustworthy Executive Engineers in the department and the less he is meddled with by officers of other departments the better for all interests concerned.

21. The course which should be followed by Civil officers who receive complaints of short or irregular payments depends on the object which it is desired to attain. If that object be to ensure the maximum amount of ill-feeling, annoyance and friction between the two departments with the minimum of benefit to the laborer, no course can be suggested better than the one which is now followed in both the Chingleput and North Arcot districts. That course seems to be that a taliari or taluk peon (*vide* the Overseer's letter, submitted by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle) receives a statement from a cooly, communicates it to the Tahsildar, by whom it is communicated, through the regular channel, to the Board of Revenue; the complaint is ultimately recorded in an order of Government in the Revenue Department which is communicated to the Public Works Department and thence downwards to the Executive Engineer, who hears of it for the first time at a period which may be anything from six weeks to three months after the complaint was made, by which time the original circumstances have been entirely forgotten by the individual most concerned (even admitting that his grievance was a genuine one in the first instance) and inquiry is reduced to a mere farce.

22. In considering what ought to be the action of the Civil officers in such cases, four facts must be borne in mind—

First.—That the complaint is almost of necessity a charge of improper conduct on the part of the subordinate in immediate charge of the works.

Second.—That the Executive Engineer is the only person who can properly inquire into such a complaint, because he is the only person who can decide how far the subordinate was justified in withholding payment on account of laziness, absence, or other such cause.

Third.—That promptitude in action is of the utmost consequence and that every day's delay increases the difficulty of ascertaining the actual facts.

Fourth.—That every complaint, even *if well-founded*, is certain to be exaggerated.

23. The proper course would appear to be something like the following:—

First.—That no complaints by coolies on relief works under the Public Works Department should be received by any Civil officer below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar, this clause implying that complaints must be made to such officers in person and not through peons, clerks or other subordinates.

Second.—That any Civil officer receiving such a complaint should *at once* communicate it to the Public Works subordinate concerned and to the Executive Engineer of the division or to the Sub-divisional officer, if the latter is an Assistant or Sub Engineer.

Third.—That no such complaints should be alluded to in the Collector's reports to the Board of Revenue or to Government unless that officer has reason to believe that the Executive Engineer has deliberately refused to inquire into them or to redress them if well-founded, and it should be understood that such a report amounts to a formal charge of neglect of duty by the Executive Engineer and that the officer making it must take the consequences if his charge is shown to be recklessly made or unsupported by proof.

OOTACAMUND,
21st September 1891.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 29th September 1891, No. 2603/A. W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees generally with the remarks of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, contained in the memorandum recorded above. The suggestions made for the guidance of Public Works officers will be acted on accordingly. Should the services of paymasters or cashiers to assist overseers in the actual disbursement of wages on relief works be necessary, application for sanction to the entertainment of such subordinates should be made at once.

2. The Chief Engineer's remarks in regard to the action of Civil officers will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" " " V "
" Revenue Department, with papers in original to be returned.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
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Govt. of {1891} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 29th.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 29th Sept. 1891, No. $\frac{2603}{A.}$ W.

SEPTEMBER.

Famine Relief Works in the North Arcot and Chingleput Districts

Passing orders on memorandum of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, regarding delay in the payment of famine laborers employed on —.

No 109

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From

The Overseer

Relief works - Acharavakkam

To

The Sub. Divl officer Pwd.

Chingleput Sub. Div.

Sir,

I am extremely sorry to bring to your notice that the Revenue authorities often come and interfere with our work illegally - According to your order No 396 15.8.91 I have no objection and rather will be very glad to give all informations required if they come & ask me either in my office or in the work spot personally - Instead of doing this, the highest revenue authorities downwards to Village peons or Talagary who is considered to be the lowest man in the departments come and ask stealthily in my absence each and every Cooly "Did you get your wages properly?" At mere glance at this question I will quite convince you that it is itself an inducement for the Coolies to tell that they did not get their wages properly - There

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illiterate people though they are paid according to the piecework's bill will never be satisfied whenever they are asked such questions like this

I beg to state that this morning I took my measurements up to 12 o'clock and came to office for making Calculations and paying the wages to the Coolies This evening I heard that the Sub-Collector went on the work & spot and asked cash and every Cooly in my absence the same question which I have already stated. Moreover this evening Thasildar Seethiah sitting in a certain place used to send his peons one after another to call the Coolies after they got their wages and ask. "what did you get"? "Has the overseer paid you properly" Such questions as this from an officer equal to me through peons is not only insulting me but also our department. I hear from my predecessor that this is the very reason why he did not like this work while I have a checking officer in my department over me. I think no reason

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reason why they should come and trouble me in this way

In Conclusion I beg of you to be kind enough to relieve me from these troubles by making some other arrangements

I beg to remain
&c &c

(Signed) S. Sivangnanam
Overseer P.W.D
Relief work
Achampatham

29-7-91

No. 723

To
The Executive Engineer
Chingleput Dn.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your disposal. This mode of procedure seems to me to be quite improper and uncalled for

I have &c

(Signed) J. H. Sanderson
Sub Engineer
Chingleput Sub Dn.
1-8-91

(True copy)
Jno. Campbell Major R.A.
Supdg Engineer & Circle

No. 2509 8786/9

Chingleput Dn. Office
St. Thomas Mount
4th August 1891

From

C. H. B Barlton Esquire
Executive Engineer
Chingleput Dn

To

The Superintending Engineer
Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to send you a Complaint dated 30th July 1891 from the Overseer in Charge of relief works at Acharavakam in regard to the action of Revenue officials on our departmental works

Subordinates on other works have made similar complaints and I beg to suggest that all D.P.W relief works may be placed under our exclusive Control, while we, on the other hand, undertake to supply the Revenue Authorities with such returns

as

as may be Considered necessary

I have &c

(Signed) C.K.B. Barlow

Executive Engineer

Chingleput Dn

(True Copy)

J. M. Campbell Major RE

Superintending Engineer

V Circle

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P.W.S.

No. 413-W. 2286/10

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V Circle, Madras,
Chepak, 2° ~~August~~ September 1891.

From Major D. McNeil Campbell RE

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To THE Chief Engineer

P.W. Department

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to inform you that I consider it my duty to bring to your notice the Conduct of the Revenue officials in connection with the Relief works now being Carried out by us in the Chingleput District

2 In a time of distress like the present, it is essential that all Departments should work in perfect harmony and for this reason I have hesitated to bring the following circumstances to your notice sooner but after due Consideration, I have Concluded that friction between this and the Revenue Departments is more likely to be avoided by my representing matters and getting them

them rectified than by allowing them to go on as at present

3. I enclose two letters as per margin which will show you the State of affairs and I think that after reading them you will agree with me that work cannot be satisfactorily carried on in such a manner

No 109 dated 29/July 89 from [illegible]

No 2507 dated [illegible]

4 This is by no means the only Complaint I have received regarding undue interference on the part of the Revenue Officials, this interference has reached such an extent that the labourers are exceedingly difficult to manage, they seem to consider that they have now two masters the Superior one the Revenue Department who protect them and the inferior one our Department officers who oppresses them Consequently it is almost impossible to get a fair day's work out of them

5 The Revenue Stock inspectors and others frequently inspect our works and Submit Reports to the Collector and as is natural they often misrepresent matters; on one occasion it was reported that a Contractor had refused to employ Coolies on a work; this was found to be untrue, in another case they reported that the Coolies had not been properly paid though they had worked well this was also quite incorrect. They go so far as to report the absence of our overseers from the works and the matter is reported by the Collector to Executive Engineer, who, I hold, is not responsible to the Collector for the actions of his Subordinates. Only lately the Sub Collector reported that the measuring rods used by us were too long and the Executive Engineer had them measured and found them Correct. All these sort of things are causing Considerable discontent

6 When there are thousands of Coolies employed on daily labor and piece work it is almost impossible that there should be no complaints now and again but I consider that the Executive Engineer and

any myself are competent to decide whether these complaints are well founded or not and to deal with them accordingly and I strongly deprecate the present System of Reports being made to the Board of Revenue regarding alleged Short-comings on the part of this Department which have been reported by Stock Inspectors and other Revenue Subordinates without any explanation being previously obtained from this Department by this course an erroneous impression gets abroad regarding the D.P.W. officials who I sincerely believe are trying their best to cope with the distress

7. In the Famine Code it is laid down that works of Class (a) professional Agency works should be in charge of this Department and Class (b) Civil Agency works in charge of the Revenue Department and I see no reason why this ruling should be departed from

8. A Report can be sent to the Collector

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Collector as often as he wants it giving number of Coolies on each work reason for increase or decrease dates and amounts of payments rates &c. This I believe would be much more Satisfactory than having the Revenue officials constantly inspecting our works and asking individual Coolies if they have any Complaints, any one with a Knowledge of the Character of the native Cooly will Know that this is the very best way to make them discontented

9. Should you agree with me, I request that you will have orders issued that professional Agency Famine Relief works are to be entirely in charge of this Department, reports giving the information, mentioned above being forwarded to the Collector who could bring to my notice any thing he considers irregular. Copies of these reports would also be forwarded to

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me and I would at once inquire into any thing I thought required attention

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

Jas. Campbell Major RE
Superintending Engineer
Nizam

P.S. Since writing this letter the Collector has intimated to me that he is willing to discontinue the inspection of our work by Stock. Inspectors on Condition of reports being sent to him by this Department. This is a step in the right direction but as it will not prevent [redacted] interference on the part of Tahsildars and others and their peons I still think it advisable to submit this letter

From

The Supd.g Engineer
5th Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Dated 2nd September/71
Read

No. 413-W

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Relief Works in
Chinglepet- D.o

Brings to notice the conduct of Revenue Officials in connection with the — now being carried out in the D.o

No. 275.G
12-8-71

Board of Revenue Proceedings No 490 on 5-8-71
Mr. Buckley's Narrative for fortnight ending
31st July 1871 —
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Extract forwarded to Superintending Engineer IV Circle for information.
Executive Engineer No 274.G explains why payments cannot be made more often than once in 7 days — The average wage is low as Coolies seldom work the whole day — they often stop away to attend to their cultivation — on very few works can they be got to attend before 8. A.M. and often much later — while the mid day interval is often 3 hours. With the present Scale of tasks, Coolies could and should earn 1st Class wages all round. Executive Engineer would suggest that for a Junior Officer like Mr. Buckley to work "the P.W.D Officers must be driven to works ....." is some what strong language —

As regards Collectors endorsement travelling round or inspecting the works Executive Engineer has been during the last month 12th June to this day on 53 out of 61 days which leaves scant time for Office work — while on the other hand however advisable such travelling may be for other purposes it certainly does not make for payments more regular as the watching of these frequency and regularity is a matter of

of Offrs Records — while Executive Engineer is in our out Station, receipts & Imprests from Overs. does not give him dates of previous payments —

He also says, payments ought not to be made less than once every 3 days and "with proper Supervision". This would be feasible — As regards this, Executive Engineer thinks, Superintending Engineer will agree with him that though with 5 Overseers 5 times the present No of Coolies (3000) could be paid, if Concentrated that at Scattered as they are, it is a physical impossibility as shown in Executive Engineers Obs 2746 E.E. 12-8-91 quoted above, in which Case Collector might be asked to withdraw his Statement that the Supervision of work is not proper. —

William Watson

Executive Engineer
Kalahasti Zemindari
Dist.

Extract from Board of Revenue Proceedings
No. 490 dated 5th August 1891

Read Rep. 29. Buckley's Enquiry & Inquiry & Report for period
28th July 1891 x x x x

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15. The coolies of the circle around Pápalle Kallavedu, and Chelamalleru (with the exception of those of Karapatam and Pallivellam) are readily going to work for work. The general complaint is for more frequent payments. Payments are at present made at Short Contracts that seldom exceed 5 or 6 days at the least. The average wage paid is only a Subsistence allowance and without daily payment, the coolies are put to great difficulties, for it is for them to be able to obtain support on credit. I have not yet visited works at Karvetinagar and Ahobilam or other places between payments too long. The Public Works Department Officers must either be directed to make more frequent payments or, if it is considered that they are unable to do so additional Officers must be appointed to help them. —

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Endorsement by Mr. J. S. Fr. Fraser Esq Collector of North Arcot dated 8th August 1891 No. 5715. Gl. Engl

Forwarded. Sd/ Ag. Watson would move from his works and check his Overseers, payments will

be more regular. They ought not to be made less than every three days and with proper supervision, this would be feasible —

(Sd) [illegible]

Executive Engineer
Kulchar Zemindari
Dt.

S.W.D. ENGINEERS OFFICE, P.W.D.
9 SEP. 91
FOURTH CIRCLE.

No. 274 S.B.
From

Office of Executive Engineer
Kulchar Zemindari Dt.
Ranigunge 10th August 1891

G. J. Knight Watson Esqr.
Executive Engineer
Kulchar Zemindari Dt.

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The Superintending Engineer
IV Circle
Burdwan

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. F. H. Stamm Collector South Arcot in his No. 77 of 1st instant writes "I have the honor to request that "you will take such effectual measures "as may ensure, that payments will be "made on all work once in three days on "failure" (the underlining is mine) that is after intervals of 2 days only. I find it difficult to make him realise what such an order means, though of course, he has the power to issue it under G.O— so. I write to ask you if you consider it possible. I am sorry to have to acknowledge that at Perandur payments have been irregular, intervals between payments having been (not 3 weeks as stated by Mr. Buckley in his No 428 11-7-91 but) 12 and 14 days. This has been due to the Peons desperate (though conscientious and pains taking) slowness over his accounts and will cease now that he is being relieved. —

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2. My orders are that every gang shall be paid at intervals not exceed-ing 6 days and this can be and is being strictly enforced — but I ask your opinion as to 3 days payments under the following circumstances: —

Section 1 Venkatrama Iyer, works Ra-mabattapatti, 6 coolies 100. Situated 5 miles from Yellakur Station — Palla-mala, Coolies 50. 7 miles East of Ka-lahasti, Edam, 50. 4 miles South of Kalahasti and Channali 4c 100, 20 miles East of Kalahasti —

Section 2. Raghava Iyengar — works Kondamanaidu Channel 4 miles from gorged Coolies 50, Rayagunta Koppedu Road, Coolies 200. 16 miles from Pukkur Railway Station; Madras Railway, also called on for a revised estimate of Road.

Section 3. Annamarayana Pandia — works in Sreepinandhakepmann valley, 2 Tanks 6 miles apart, Coolies 300, and at Panabarpal Local Fund Road end bank, Coolies 400. — These centres are 15 miles apart — also called on for estimate for Local Fund Road estimate.

Section 4. Krishnasamy Iyer — 1 Road and 2 Tanks near Madrapack

Pavandur Section will be closed in 10 days unless new work is given us. 6 coolies 150 and increasing.

You will realise what tabling the measurements and making out Estimates &c means, also the giving of leaves and

and Supervision of work and laying out new work — besides lands necessary for Estimates for new works and I think you will find it very hard to arrange an itinerary meeting the Collectors demands and yet giving time at each place for necessary Departmental works. ——

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant.

[signature]

Executive Engineer
Kalahasti Zemindari
Dist.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D.
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Appendix to G.O. No. 2663W
Supg. Engineers office, 4th Circle,
No. 474 12 September 1891.
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From,
Lt. Col. R.E. Drake-Brockman, R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle,

To,
The Chief Engineer, 2786/18
P.W. Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 18th instant No. 2251 W, relative to the more frequent payments of Coolies on Famine Works in the Kalahasti Sub-division, I have the honor to forward herewith explanatory letters on the subject from Mr. C.J.K. Watson who, on receipt of the orders in the Revenue Department, which were sent direct to him, anticipated the inquiry that would be made in this Department by sending me the letters referred to.

2. I took the opportunity during my last tour in the North Arcot Division of talking over the matter with Mr. Watson as well as Mr. Le Fanu on the 16th instant, and I consider that, owing to the peculiarly awkward arrangements in postal Com-

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Communication that obtain in the Kalahasti Zemindari, and that by remaining at Yerpedu, or in its vicinity Mr. Watson is most in touch with the 6 subordinates working under him in regard to financial matters, and can therefore recoup their imprests with the least delay; far less indeed than if he were wandering about the Zemindary, when letters from his subordinates would take 4 to 6 days to reach him instead of the one or two days that are now occupied in postal transit.

3. When Asst Engineer Mr. C. A Smith was removed, Mr. Watson lost an able coadjutor, and I much regret, and so, no doubt, does Mr. Le Fanu, that an officer was not sent to take his place. As it is, under the powers vested in me by para 1577 of the P.W. Code, I have been reluctantly obliged in order that no delay may occur in keeping up the imprests of the Overseers by prompt recoupments, and money is the back bone of the whole affair, - to constitute one of the

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the 1st class Overseers in the Eastern end of the Zemindary, a drawing officer, and placing funds at his disposal in the Madanpalle Treasury.

4. In their review on the last Gajan Famine, the Government, as much pressure, to guard against waste of money as to ensure that works should be satisfactorily carried out, decided that all famine works should in future be in the charge of professional agency. Mr. Watson has all along gone on the principle of exacting a quid pro quo in the exacting of tasks and the disbursing of famine wages, and this necessarily entails a deal of measuring, assessing value of work done, and clerical [illegible] on an Overseer and the one clerk who is allowed him. The results have, I consider, been satisfactory, and the demoralisation of the laborers by giving what would otherwise amount to an Eleemosynary grant has been avoided. I have no reason to suspect, neither has Mr. Watson found occasion to doubt, the bona fides of the subordinates

in the execution of the work they have to perform, except in the case of two subordinates, Mr. Supervisor Lazarus, and Subovorseer Gnanapragasam Pillai, whose laches and incompetency have been made the subjects of special report to you. The system of P.W. Accounts, it is admitted, is so far complicated that it would not do at all for Mr. Watson to carry all his records and clerks about with him in camp, moving about from day to day as he would be required to do. The system whereby they are now retained at Head quarters leads to a far more prompt disposal of references than would otherwise be the case. Neither Mr. Le Fanu nor Mr. Buckley know anything of the interior economy of the Public Works executive or Accounts Branch and their requirements, and the best judge of these is, I submit, the responsible officer of this Department.

5. And in this connection I would deprecate the use of such an expression as that made use of by Mr. Buckley, an officer of only

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4 years standing, that Public Works Department officers (and Mr. Watson has 17 years service) "must be driven" to do their works. The necessity of more frequent payments is recognised quite as strongly by Mr. Watson as Mr. Buckley, and the former has, as far as I have looked into the matter with my long experience in the P.W. Department to assist me, done the very best thing he could have done in remaining at head quarters and confining himself to the inspection of works in his immediate neighbourhood, instead of wandering over the Zemindary, and putting himself into a position in which he can not possibly keep pace with the demands of his subordinates for recoupment of their imprests.

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6. There is one further point to which I have the honor to draw your attention, and that is, that the Proceedings relating to the Famine

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From

The Supg. Engr
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Payments of Coolies on famine works in the Kalahasti Sub-Division

Forwards for orders explanatory letter from the Exn Engr Kalahasti Sub Div in connection to the more frequent—

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Superintending Engineer's Office,
V Circle, Madras,
Chepák, the 16th September 1891.

From

Major D McNeile Campbell R.E.
Superintending Engineer, V Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No 2404 dated 8th September I have the honor to report as follows:—

Paras 15 to 20 of the Acting Collector's letter of 10 August 1891, on P.C. 3154 Eng. are devoted to considering this Department. I am somewhat surprised at this, considering the manner in which he has been supported in carrying out Relief works & in other matters even when contrary to my opinion of what was advisable; however it is pleasing to note his opinion that "he is glad to say there has been some improvement".

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3. In para 17 to 19 he gives what he states is the most glaring case of delay in payment of wages I have already Reported on this case in my Notes of Inspection dated 8th August 1891 and from there it will be seen that though payments were irregularly made the case is not such a scandalous one as the Actg Collector makes it appear. From the tone of his writing he evidently wants it to be understood that there were other cases of delay in payments, the only ones I heard of since the Imprests were raised were near Achampatam & Gummidipundy. I visited both those places & went carefully over the Overseers Account with the Executive Engineer and found that the Complaints were absolutely without foundations. It looks as if the Tremen here took it on behalf of the Coolies leads him to believe too readily Complaints made by them generally

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through his Subordinates or their peons and I appreciate the System he has adopted of embodying these Complaints in his letter to the Board of Revenue before obtaining an explanation from this Department. I may mention that there are several Complaints that he has made regarding the Conduct of this Department that I have found on enquiry to be incorrect, but I have refrained from answering them in order to avoid friction at a time when all Departments should work together smoothly.

4. From para 19 it seems that the Actg Collector is not aware that the Executive Engineer is not receiving

receives a weekly Statement giving on each work number of Coolies employed, dates of payments & amounts paid & that a copy of this Statement is forwarded to me.

5. From para 20 it appears he wished a change in the working of the Engineers Officers & also in the Spirit of working so that serious irregularity of payment should be severely punished. Now except in the case of Mr. Walsh (which is not so serious as represented) I know of no case of serious irregularity of payments for as I have before stated. I found all such cases represented to me to be utterly untrue, if any such case is found to be true the Subordinate Responsible will certainly be severely punished and they have all been warned accordingly

228/24 6. As regards sickness amongst the Subordinates, it is very probable that sometimes as in the case of Mr. Walsh and the Overseer Kadur that they may be ill for a few days at a time, if in such cases another Overseer is to be sent to relieve them, an extra Staff of Subordinates must be kept in waiting, the Act. Collector thinks that in the case of the Kadur Overseer another man should have been sent from estimating work and yet it was only a short time back that he complained that Estimates were not far enough ahead of the works. If it is thought that in the case of indisposition for a few days of a Subordinate another man must take his

this place I request that 3 more Upps Subordinates be posted to the Chinglepat- Division to meet such con- tingencies though in my opinion this is not at all necessary for I consider that the condition of the Coolies on Relief Works is such that they can easily wait for a few days without pay- ment; when Mr. Holmes saw the major females with "inverted stomachs" I do not know" he has I believe not been long in the Country & perhaps had little experience of the laboring classes I have had considerable ex- perience of that class and I can certainly say that I notice no difference whatever between the Coolies now em- ployed on Relief work & those

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those who usually work in times of plenty, at all times there must be a few out of many hundreds who look thin and weak-

7. In pursuance to para 5 of the Board's Pro- ceedings No 520 dated 14th August 1896 I would remark that there is no difficulty in making frequent and regular payments and that since the Imprests were raised I only know of one case (Mr Walsh's) in which irregular payments were made-

8. The starting of one or two large central works is in my opinion

opinion what should have been done at first, half the Establishment now employed would have been saved. The System of opening Relief Works at the doors of distressed Villagers is, I think, open to many objections and must fail should there be a Real Famine.

9. It will be seen from what I have stated in para 4 that there is a System of Communication between the Executive Engineer and his Subordinates by which the former is kept informed regarding Payments. In Conclusion I would remark that I feel the Censure passed on this Department by the A.G. Collector of Kerry that I think it necessary to forward herewith a letter I wrote to you some time ago but withheld hoping that these complaints would cease.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt

John Campbell Major R.E.
Supt. Engineer Tyrone

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Memo No. 7263 & 317-8-91 from
& Bno. 2404 W & 8.9.91
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G.O. 2251 W & 18.8.91

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Dated 11th
Recd. 14th September 1891.

ENCLOSURES.

No. 4309 dt 3rd

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Makes his remarks on the — passed on P.O.W. by the A.S. Collector Chingleput in B/F Proceedings No. 2520 & 4.8.91 & reports on the several points in the Proceedings alluded to

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No. 921 D.

Letter from the Supdg Engr. IV Circle No. 474 dt 12.IX.91
to — from — to V Circle No. 430 dt 14.IX.91

Memo: by the Chief Engineer P.W.D.:—

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. It will be convenient to consider these two reports together as they deal practically with the same subject, though there are special points to be considered in each case.

3. To take the North Arcot case first; both the Supdg Engineer and Executive Engineer Kalahasti Subdivision attach a great deal more importance than it deserves to a foolish remark occurring in a report from the Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot; this remark

merely indicates that
Mr Buckley who appears
to be an officer of something
under four years' service
has not yet learnt the
courtesy which usually
governs official intercourse.
He will doubtless know
better in a few years,
but in the meantime
Mr Watson need be
under no apprehension
that the Government of
India will attach the
smallest importance
to Mr Buckley's opinion
as to his conduct or
qualifications.-

4. A much more
important question is
whether there has, as a
matter of fact, been any
undue delay or irregularity
in payment of coolies
in the Kalahasti
subdivision, and if there
has been, what steps
can be taken to
remedy the irregularity.

5. It must be borne
in mind that a very

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large discount has to be
made from all reports
of short or delayed
payments, when such
reports are made by
civil officers, without
any previous reference
to the officers of the P.W.D.,
as unfortunately appears
to be the case in both
the Chingleput and North
Arcot Districts. These
reports are based upon
statements made by
the coolies themselves,
often through peons and
other subordinates, and
from the cases reported
must be deducted those
in which the statements
are altogether untrue,
those in which there
has been a deduction
from wages on account
of short work or idleness,
those in which the coolies
have been dissatisfied
with the pay offered
them and have refused to
receive it, which cases
they will be certain to

report as cases of non-payment, and those in which there is a substratum of truth overlaid with a large amount of exaggeration.

6. Making every allowance on these grounds there appears little doubt that in the Kalahasti subdivision there has been a certain amount of irregularity in payments due in great measure to the physical conditions of the subdivision, and the Supdg Engineer IV circle in paras 2 & 3 of his letter explains the measures that he has taken for preventing this irregularity.

7. The undersigned regrets that he cannot altogether approve these measures, so far as regards the detention of Mr Watson at or near his head-quarters, that this arrangement will ensure greater

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rapidity in the transmission of funds to subordinates is probable, but this advantage will be dearly purchased at the expense of the sacrifice of the much more important duty of incessant personal inspection of works and supervision of subordinates by the Executive Engineer.

8. The difficulty as regards supply of money can best be met either by giving the subordinate drawing accounts, or by increasing their imprests. The former measure is open to so many objections that it should only be resorted to if absolutely necessary, but it is not clear that the latter has been tried to a sufficient extent.

9. To judge from the statements made in the letters under consideration

it appears to the undersigned that each disbursing subordinate in charge of famine works should have an imprest equal to a fortnight's expenditure, and if this amount is in any case higher than the maximum allowed by the P.W. Code, formal application for sanction should be submitted at once, but the imprest should be given in anticipation of such sanction.

10. The undersigned has at present no information as to the frequency with which imprests are recouped in the Kalahasti subdivision but the point is one of some importance as regards the amount of money required to be placed at a disbursers disposal.

11. Many subordinates

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and some officers are under the impression that an imprest can only be recouped at certain stated intervals, such as a week or ten days, and that the amount of such imprest must therefore be equal to the maximum expenditure during the interval plus the period required for transmission of bills to head quarters and receipt of money therefrom.

12. It must be distinctly understood that there is nothing to prevent an imprest from being recouped daily or half a dozen times a day if necessary. Directly a bill is paid it may be transmitted to head-quarters and the amount of it obtained in recoupment of the imprest.

13. If this principle is clearly understood and acted on, a much

smaller imprest will
suffice than if accounts
are submitted and
recoupment effected at
stated intervals.

14. The Supty Engineer
should decide after
discussion with Mr Watson
what amount of imprest
is necessary in each case
to ensure regular payment
after allowing for the
delay caused by Mr
Watson's absence from
head-quarters, which
absence must be accepted
as a necessary incident
in the performance
of his duty, and should
order those amounts
to be given at once,
reporting his proceedings
for confirmation whenever
they go beyond the
strict rules of the P.W. Code.

15. Every effort should be
made to concentrate the
laborers on the smallest
possible number of
works. It cannot be too

(a) I will make enquiries about this, but am afraid this is impossible; it is not a question of sanctions recoupment, but I draw the pays, and this cannot be entrusted to an Assistant -

(b) Yes, almost always - but Kalabasti is itself a subdivision, under an Assistant Engineer -

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(a) Is it absolutely necessary that the recoupment of imprests should be personally sanctioned by the Executive Engineer? Cannot his Asst Accountant be allowed to sign the papers for him in this matter? Delay would thus be saved, & the E.E. would not be tied to headquarters.

(b) HLS
Are Sub divisional Officers Drawing Officers now? If not, cannot they be made so, & allowed to sanction recoupment of overseers imprests?

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I agree as regards Supty agency works

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strongly urged that the
smaller the number of
works upon which any
given number of people
are employed the better
from every conceivable
point of view.

16. It may be noted in
connection with this case
that Mr Watson has
been unfortunate in his
subordinates two of whom
have had to be dealt
with by the Chief Engineer
on reports made by the
Supty Engineer entirely
independently of any
complaints by civil
officers; a fact which
may usefully be borne
in mind by the latter
when they are inclined
to think that no notice
is taken of shortcomings
on the part of subordinates
of other departments
except on their reports.

17. To turn now to the
case of the Chingleput Division

dealt with by the Supty Engineer V Circle. Here the state of affairs is somewhat different from that in the North Arcot District, for there is absolutely no evidence that there has been any delay or irregularity in payment except such isolated cases due to accidental causes, such as the illness of a subordinate, as must of necessity occur occasionally.

18. It must be understood that for the reasons stated above (para 5) no reliance can be placed upon reports made by civil officers unless the cases have been reported to, and enquired into by the P.W. officers at the time the complaints were made.

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19. The remarks contained in paras 8 & 15 of this memorandum may with advantage be taken into consideration in the Chingleput District as well as in North Arcot, if any difficulty is experienced in keeping disbursing subordinates supplied with funds.

20. The Supty Engineer V Circle explains clearly the inconvenience caused by the action of the Revenue officers in connection with works under this Department, and the undersigned can add nothing to Major Campbell's remarks, which have his entire concurrence.

The Chingleput Division is in charge of one of the smartest, most industrious and most

I give his case to Mr. [illegible] The system of supervision by Stock Inspectors Subordinate Revenue officials is more than I should stopped at once. No wonder his Tremendous work have attracted it.

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trustworthy Executive
Engineers in the Department
and the less he is
meddled with by officers
of other Departments
the better for all interests
concerned.

21. The course which
should be followed by
civil officers who receive
complaints of short or
irregular payments depends
on the object which it is
desired to attain. If
that object be to ensure
the maximum amount
of ill feeling, annoyance
and friction between
the two Departments,
with the minimum of
benefit to the laborer
no course could be suggested
better than the one
which is now followed
in both the Chanda Distt
and North Arcot Districts.
That course seems to be

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that a Taliari or Taluq
peon (vide the Overseer's
letter submitted by the
Supdg Engineer V Circle)
receives a statement
from a coolie, communicates
it to the Tahsildar
by whom it is communi-
cated through the
regular channel to the
Board of Revenue; the
complaint is ultimately
recorded in an order
of Govt in the Revenue
Department which is
communicated to the
P. W. Dept and thence
downwards to the
Executive Engineer who
hears of it for the first
time at a period
which may be anything
from six weeks to
three months after the
complaint was made;
by which time the
original circumstances
have been entirely

forgotten by the individual most concerned (even admitting that his grievance was a genuine one in the first instance) and enquiry is reduced to a mere farce.

22. In considering what ought to be the action of the civil officers in such cases, four facts must be borne in mind:—

1st That the complaint is almost of necessity a charge of improper conduct on the part of the subordinate in immediate charge of the works.

2nd That the Executive Engineer is the only person who can properly inquire into such a complaint, because he is the only person who can decide how far the subordinate was

The system deserves all that has been said of it. HCS HH

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justified in withholding payment on account of laziness, absence or other such cause.

3rd That promptitude in action is of the utmost consequence and that every day's delay increases the difficulty of ascertaining the actual facts.

4th That every complaint, even if well founded, is certain to be exaggerated.

23. The proper course would appear to be something like the following:—

1st That no complaints by coolies on relief works under the P.W.D. should be received by any civil officer below the rank of Deputy Collector; this clause implying that complaints must be made to such officers in person and not through peons clerks

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or other subordinates.

2nd That any Civil officer receiving such a complaint should at once communicate it to the Public Works subordinate concerned, and to the Executive Engineer of the Division or to the Sub Divisional officer if the latter is an Assistant or Sub-Engineer.

3rd That no such complaints should be alluded to in the Collectors reports to the Board of Revenue or to Government unless that officer has reason to believe that the Executive Engineer has deliberately refused to inquire into them or to redress them if well founded.—

And it should be understood that such a report amounts to a formal charge of neglect of duty by the Executive Engineer, and that the officer making it must take the consequences if his charge is shewn to be recklessly made or unsupported by proof.—

Col. R.E.

Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Ootacamund
Sept 22nd 1891.

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Read - a letter to report in regular routine without being called on - any unnecessary delay or deficient reports to inquire ought to be reported as being stated DH

W/ I would not go quite so far as to say this does or ought to be done - but that if any allusion is made in reports to such complaints or unreasonable delay in inquiry ought to be reported to the superior officer for disposal. DH

This rule would be necessary if the rule is made as I propose to make it - known if the Coll. or Sub. reports that complaints are made in the course of a week, & if he does not at the time it is closed letter stating such & sending it to the Div. officer, & latter officer on being called on by him or Div. Superior, if necessary, to report how he disposed of or unreasonably delayed

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on this work and also to know whether the Chief Engineer is in a position to meet further demands. If relief works continue after next month a very large number of additional subordinates will become supernumerary appointments. Can they be kept on as short notice?

The note should be circulated and the views therein expressed considered in the Revenue & P.W.D. the letter.

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26 Sept.

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Letter from the S.E. IV Circle No. 474 of 12.IX.91
to ——— from —— " V " " 430 of 14.IX.91
Memo: by the Chief Engineer P.W.D No. 921 D
dated 22.IX.91.

Abstract. Delay in the payment of wages to coolies on relief works in the Chingleput and North Arcot districts.—

Note.

With reference to the Hon. Mr Stokes remarks as to the number of P.W. Subordinates in Chingleput and North Arcot the undersigned is not by any means satisfied that the numbers are absolutely sufficient for works so scattered as those at present under execution. 2. They would be amply sufficient if the works could be concentrated but the physical conditions

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of the Districts in question render it almost impossible to provide a small number of large works, which is the ideal for Famine Relief, and all that can be said is that the best provision possible has been made for the Districts in question with due regard for the requirements of other Districts.

3. If any extension of relief works is required the non-famine Districts will have to be sacrificed to a still greater extent than at present, and even then there will be difficulty in getting a sufficient number of men.

4. Trained subordinates cannot be got at

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short notice; any number of "passed candidates" are available on paper, but it takes time to collect them and still more to make them practically useful.

5. The matter is not being overlooked, and the Government may rely upon the Chief Engineer using every effort to provide the necessary staff, but if any large extension of relief works is necessary, we shall be obliged to indent upon other provinces, as was done in 1877-78.

Copy of the above submitted to the Hon: Mr Stokes

for information.
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gone in orientation
to other Hon: Members
unlettered file - this
has been done to
same time.

Hon Hon Mr. H.C. States

C.S.J.

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Thanks.
I am afraid we shall have to put
up with a list of named candidates
& make the best we can of them

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Would it help any assistant to be transferred to charge of a Division and if so would any one volunteer to go? The physical labour [illegible] work from task work [illegible] as task done is [illegible] greater than at present. The actual expenditure [illegible] larger in task work done with tools left to ourselves than when the labour is provided by the Contractor. If desired a few [illegible] volunteer to go any one by [illegible] of my staff would be mentioned at once

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The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Garstin
C.S.I.
&c. &c. &c.

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SUBJECT.

Famine Relief works in the Kistna and Chingleput Districts

Passing orders on Memorandum of the Chief Engineer Protpts suspending the delay in the payment of famine labourers employed on —

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Letter from the Supdg Engr IV Circle N.E. No 474 dated 12th Septr 1891
— do — V circle N.E. No 430 dated 14th Septr 1891
Memo by the Chief Engr P.W.D. N.E. No 921 D dated 22nd Septr 1891

His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees generally with the remarks of the Chief Engineer. P.W.D. contained in the memorandum recorded above. The suggestions made for the guidance of P.W. officers will be acted on accordingly. Should the services of pay masters & cashiers be required to assist overseers in the actual disbursement of

of wages on Relief Works be necessary, application for sanction to the entertainment of such Subordinates should be made at once.

2. The Chief Engineer's ~~Complaints~~ remarks made in regard to the action of Civil officers will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(1) ✱ C No 9735
(2) C. No 9802
(3) No. 92 Dd/22 Sep. 91 with letter thereon
(4) Note for orders d/22-IX-91
(5) — do — 23-IX-91
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The Revenue Dept ✱ Imp. paper 29-IX
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Public Works Department, dated 29th September 1891. No. 2698 W. & P.W.

Order thereon 14th October 1891. No. 962

The Government entirely concurs in the Chief Engineer's remarks in paras 20 to 22 of his note of the 22nd September last. It is of course essential that the Collector who is the chief officer responsible for the conduct of relief in a district should be entitled to inform himself as to the way in which relief works under the Public Works Department are conducted but the deputation of petty revenue subordinates to spy into the doings of the Department is utterly wrong and the acceptance of their statements without reference to the higher officers of the Department and the forwarding of them in their untested and crude shape to the Board and the Government is opposed to all recognized principles of administration & His Excellency the Governor in Council is accordingly pleased

pleased to lay down the following rules for observance for Civil officers.

1. No complaints by Coolies on Relief works under the Public Works Department should be received by any Civil Officer below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar it being understood that complaints must be made to such officers in person and not through peons, Clerks or other subordinates.

2. Any Civil Officer receiving such a complaint should at once communicate it to the Public Works Subordinate Concerned and to the Executive Engineer of the division or to the Sub-divisional officer if the latter is an assistant or Sub-Engineer.

3. If in any reports to the Board or the Government allusion is made to complaints of delay in payment of wages by the officers of the Public Works Department the such allusion should be confined to a mere statement of the number and nature of the complaints made and the period of time which elapsed since they were first received and forwarded to the responsible officer of

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Communicated to officers of the P.W. Department for information and guidance in continuation of G.O. $\frac{2603}{A}$ W dated 29th September 1891.—

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