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6th April 1891, No. 265, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following letter from Major D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Chepâk, 26th March 1891, No. 112-E:—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, my notes of inspection of famine-relief works in the Chingleput division. The amounts of estimates as given in paragraph 34 were taken from a statement given me in camp by the Sub-divisional officer, and I believe them to be correct. I have written to Executive Engineer for a complete statement; but I do not think it advisable to delay my report till it is received and the two have been compared.

Enclosures.

Relief works and establishment required.

Number on imperial list.	Names of works.	Amount of estimate.	Upper subordinates required if tri-weekly payments are to be made.	Upper subordinates for weekly paymen.	Upper subordinates for daily payments.	Remarks.	Clerk required.	Remarks.
..	Arni river diversion.	..	2	1	3	One overseer now employed; one overseer telegraphed for from South Arcot; another required if daily payments are made.	One for Sub-divisional office.	These have already been applied for, and are absolutely necessary owing to the extra clerical work entailed in carrying out work departmentally.
..	Arni river bank ..	..						
..	Kortalyár bank ..	..						
138	Pularambakam ..	..	2	1	2	One overseer ordered from Tanjore; one overseer ordered from Negapatam.	One for Divisional office.	
76	Vadamadurai ..	..						
11	Kadúr	..	2	1	2	One overseer already employed; if daily or tri-weekly payments are ordered another overseer will be applied for.	....	
12	Kambaukam ..	..						
3	Santhavelur ..	..						

N.B.—If weekly payments are sanctioned no more establishment than that now employed and ordered from other divisions will be required even when the other works mentioned in report are begun, but if the distress lasts more than three months, it will be necessary to appoint other overseers for Tanjore, Negapatam and South Arcot to replace those withdrawn.

Owing to change of programme this statement does not now hold good, but it is submitted to show the establishment required for different times of payment.

(Signed) D. McN. CAMPBELL, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

23rd March 1891.

Inspection Notes of Major D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, on *famine relief* works in the Ponnéri and Tiruvállúr taluks in the Chingleput district.

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31. All the coolies employed in the Kadúr and Kambakkam tanks earn their full day's wages, viz., annas 3, that is, they do 3 cubic yards at anna one, and I cannot help thinking that if these works were on contract, the coolies would still have gone to them, that is, if really in distress, for they would then have earned annas 2½, that is 3 cubic yards at pies 10.

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Departmental works and frequent payments.

38. Government have apparently decided on reports received from the Revenue authorities that the distress is so severe that the principle laid down in paragraph 38, chapter II of the Famine Code should not be adhered to and consequently departmental works have been started and orders issued that frequent payments are to be made. There is no doubt that contract work is not suited to afford relief to the poorer and feebler class of village laborers who suffer more than any other class in seasons of scarcity. A contractor will not employ feeble coolies and the latter will not work under a contractor knowing that they cannot earn sufficient to support themselves; but it seems to me that it is not intended that the department should find work for these feeble-bodied coolies, see Famine Code, paragraph 18 to 21, chapter I, and that for such person the Revenue Departments should find work under class B; there is, however, the class of laborers who are able to do from 75 to 100 per cent. of a full day's work and for such departmental work will be useful though I am inclined to think that this class would work under contractors if there were no departmental works.

39. As regards frequent payments, I request definite instructions as to whether payments should be made daily or twice or three times a week; there is no doubt that coolies like being paid daily, but the question is whether it is necessary. I am strongly of opinion that any oftener payment than once a week is not necessary, except to fresh coolies for the first week or so, and I would point out that if daily or even bi-weekly or tri-weekly payments are insisted on, the extra establishment required will be enormous; it will be necessary for daily payments to appoint an overseer for each work and for bi-weekly or tri-weekly, one for every two or three works if they happen to be near one another will be required.

40. Owing to the orders about frequent payments I have been obliged to order three overseers from other divisions, while if payments were to be made weekly, one man would be sufficient. I therefore request that the matter may be reconsidered and that sanction may be given to weekly payments except to coolies on their first coming to a work when they should be paid daily for the first week.

41. If many more departmental works are started on which daily payments have to be made it will perhaps be found necessary to appoint cashiers; but I think this should be avoided as long as possible as there are obvious objections to employing, for the purpose of making extensive payments, low-paid men temporarily employed for a few months.

42. I do not think the labor involved in making payments is sufficiently realized; it takes a sharp man at least 6 hours to pay 1,000 coolies and when to this is added laying out work in the morning, measuring up in the evening, entering 1,000 names in the muster rolls and compiling the 10-day reports, the strength of the establishment of both clerks and upper subordinates required to make *daily* payments can be estimated; of course if the coolies were in an emaciated condition no amount of establishment should be spared, but at present no more than weekly payments are necessary, and as relief works have been started early, it is probable that the system need never be departed from except in the case of coolies when they first come to a work.

43. I have dwelt at length on this matter of frequent payments, as I feel convinced that if payments oftener than once a week are insisted on and the distress spreads to several districts, the strain in the Public Works establishment will be more than it can bear. I have had experience of what these frequent payments entailed during the last famine in Ganjam.

Works near villages.

The Acting Collector seems to wish works to be started near villages where scarcity is greatest, but I think it is open to argument whether this is necessary or even advisable. By starting a work near a distressed village many people come for employment who are not really in need of relief and could easily find work on the ordinary works; also all the weak and feeble people of the villages come for work and they should properly be employed on work of class B under the Revenue authorities. The correct principle is, I believe, for the Public Works Department to provide several large and suitable works on which to employ all coolies capable of turning out 75 per cent. of a full day's work, while the Revenue authorities start works suitable to give relief to the feebler coolies as these latter are the ones who suffer first; it seems to me that village relief works are the ones that should be started first. It will simply be impossible always to find useful work close to villages, but I will make every endeavour to provide such works till such time as village relief works, class (B), can be begun.

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48. As I have already stated, I have ordered for relief works three overseers, one from each of the other divisions in this circle, and no more upper subordinates will be wanted at present; these three overseers I considered absolutely necessary on account of the order about frequent payments and should frequent mean daily, I shall want two more upper subordinates; but should it be settled that weekly payments will suffice, I can dispense with the services of two of them on relief works, in which case I would keep them here for a month or so preparing estimates for more relief works and then let them return to their own divisions. Should it be essential to retain the overseers for more than three months it will be necessary for me to apply for an overseer for each of the divisions of Tanjore, Negapatam and South Arcot as these are below their proper strength.

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49. I request definite instructions on the following points :—

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(2) Are all coolies, even those that cannot do 75 per cent. of a full day's work, to be employed on relief works?

(3) If such coolies do not earn even enough to support themselves, how much are they to be paid?

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ORDER—dated 6th April 1891, No. 265, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances set forth in paragraphs 38 to 42 of the inspection notes of the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that there is no necessity for daily payments on Public Works Department works departmentally executed in Chingleput. The questions raised in paragraph 49 of the report will therefore be answered as follows :—

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2. The Superintending Engineer may be authorised to employ three temporary overseers for the Tanjore, Negapatam and South Arcot divisions for three months.

3. With reference to the Superintending Engineer's remarks regarding the advisability of employing weakly laborers on civil agency works, as contemplated by the Famine Code, his attention should be directed to paragraph 10 of G.O., dated 19th December 1890, No. 1026, Revenue, from which he will see that, from the experience of the Ganjam famine, the Government came to the conclusion that civil agency works should be abolished.

4. This order modifies paragraph 4 of G.O., dated 1st April 1891, No. 247.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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APRIL.

Famine-relief works.

Passing orders on certain questions raised by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, regarding the daily payment of wages to laborers and their employment on — in the Chingleput district.

Vide Rev. G.O. 265 d/ 6 April 91

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Note

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(Sd/ A. C. S

To

S. A. W.

Please note, and show to DW. The Rev. G.O on which the above was written will follow shortly.

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The accompanying
order will dispose of the
Revenue Dept. Proceedings
and action will be
taken by D.W. on the
matter of appointing the
Overseers. A copy of the
above note has also been
sent to D.W.

7.10.91

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Secretary to Government

To.

The P.W.D (Irrigation)
" " (Works) } with paras 43, 48 & 49 of the Report
" Board of Rev: R. S. & R
& Agriculture
" " Land Rev:
" Collector of Chingleput

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Clerk
~~Secretary~~ to Government

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" " (Works) with notes by the Hon'ble Members & report returned.
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& Agriculture
" " Land Rev:
" Collector of Chingleput

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Ootacamund, 8th April 1891

OFFICE NOTE.

From "J"

To "W"

1. G.O. no 265. Rev. dated
6th April 1891 sent direct
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to the Revenue Secy
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that it entirely
upsets the arrange-
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in para 4 of G.O.
no 247. Rev. dated
1st April 1891 Com-
municated to me
with G.O. no 944. W.
dated 4th April
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2. As G.O. No 944 W. dated 4th April 1891 was issued by you and you have the management of "Famine" I suppose orders on this G.O. No 265 Rev. dated 6th April 1891 will also issue from you

C.m. Stewart
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No 1020 W. of 13 April 1891

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Proceedings of Govt. Revenue Dept, H.E. No. 265 dated 6th April 1891.

Communicated to the Supg. Engineer V Circle for information and guidance ××

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× It will be observed that the orders now given modify those communicated with G.O. 944 W of 4th April 1891 in regard to rates of payment of Famine laborers.

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