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Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 3678-79W

DATED 23 December

[Despatch Abstract.]

Officers & Subordinates Ordered that a reply
be sent to the Govt of India stating that it is
not possible to say whether any - Can be planned
at the disposal of that Govt of India until it is
known to what extent relief works will be required
in this Presidency.

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DEPARTMENT.

No. 3678W d/ 23 December 1896

READ the following

From the Govt. of India by 3007 & dated 8th Dec. 1946.

The following vps
will be sent to the Govt. of
India -

Ms. no. 3679w of 23 December 1876
 to the Secy to the S. of S. P. W.?
 Sir,

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In reply to your letter
No 3007 of dated 8th Decr 1888,
I am directed to state that
it is not possible to say
whether any Officers and
Subordinates can be placed
at the disposal of the Govt
of India until it is known
to what extent relief works
will be required in this
Presidency. The distress
is slight at present, and
yet two Assistant Super-
and nineteen upper subor-
dinates are already em-

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played on famine works,
and should matters become
worse in a few months, it
is probable that at least
ten times that number will
have to be employed owing
to recent orders that all relief
works are to be in charge of
the P.W. Dept. - If any large
area is affected, necessitating
the opening of many relief
works, the strain on the
P.W. Dept will be very severe,
and the only way it can
be met will be by stopping
furlough, recalling officers
from leave, stopping all
ordinary works as far as
possible, and doubling up
the present divisions and
sub divisions - If the
distress in this Presidency
proves to be not severe
or does not extend over a
large area, then it may
be possible by adopting the
same course, i.e. recalling
officers from leave, stopping
ordinary works, &c., to spare

a small staff of European
subordinates for work
under the Govt. of India.
The Govt. in Council
would however disapprove
the adoption of such
strong measures, which
would dislocate the
Department & cause con-
siderable loss to Govt.
unless circumstances should
render them absolutely
necessary.

Wm. H. C.

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H/6 Requisition from G. I. S.
for officers & subordinates for
famine relief work.

Read the following:—

The Hon. Secy. Govt. C. I. S.

Letter from the Govt of India No. 3007 G. I. S. 21896.

FOR ORDERS.

It is quite impossible to say whether any officers and subordinates can be placed at the disposal of the Govt of India till it is known to what extent relief works will be required in this Presidency. The distress is slight at present and yet 2 Asst Engineers and 19 upper subordinates are already employed on famine works, and should matters become worse in a few months it is probable that at least ten times that number will have to be employed owing to recent orders that all relief works are to be in charge of the Public Works Dept. 2. I have no information as to what extent the distress is expected to increase in the next few months and over what

A reply may be drafted in the sense of this Note.

A. S. H.

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area it may extend, this is probably known to the Board of Revenue; but if any large area will be affected, necessitating the opening of many relief works, the strain on the Public Works Establishment will be very severe, and the only way it can be met will be by stopping furlough, recalling officers from furlough, stopping all ordinary works as far as possible and doubling up the present divisions and subdivisions. If it is not anticipated that the distress in the Presidency will become very severe or extend over a large area, then it may be possible by adopting the same course i.e. recalling officers, stopping ordinary works ~~to~~ to spare a small staff of Engineers & subordinates for work under the Govt of India.

3 Before answering Justice's letter in detail it is necessary to know to what extent relief works are likely to be required in this Presidency and to what extent it is considered that ordinary works should be stopped, if it is thought necessary to stop work in progress due notice should be given to the Suptg Engineers concerned so that they may arrange as far as possible to prevent the deterioration of materials: but the loss to Govt

FOR ORDERS.

in any case will be considerable, If all works in progress are stopped except such as are urgent, it will be possible to double up divisions ^{set} and ~~get~~ some officers & subordinates free for famine.

4. I most strongly deprecate such strong measures which will dislocate the whole Dept and cause considerable loss unless circumstances should render such measures absolutely necessary. I think it probable that the distress in this Presidency can be met without such strong measures but if officers & subordinates are to be applied to the Govt of India besides those required for relief works in this Presidency there will be no other course left open.

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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 11363

Order

From The Govt. of India.

No. 30079

Dated 8. 12. 96

Received 14. 12. 96

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Famine Relief works:

Enquiring what surplus
staff of Engineers, Messrs
Subordinates, lower Subordinates
and accountants can be
placed at the disposal of
the Govt. of India in the
event of their services
being required for —

GENERAL.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BURMA.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.

In view of the threatened scarcity in a great part of India and the probabilities of Relief Works being started in the several Provinces that are affected, the services of a professional supervising staff of Engineers, Upper Subordinates, Lower Subordinates, and Accountants will probably be required for employment on such works. I am therefore directed to enquire what surplus staff of each of the classes named above you are likely to be able to place at the disposal of the Government of India in the event of their services being required.

Your most obedient Servant,

of the walkers

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
P.W. Department

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For orders whether
this paper may go on
to the Hon. Mr. Lynde,
who is in charge of
finance, & who may
wish to make some
remarks -

At
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H. Lynde
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out -

It is not likely
that any upper subordinate
will be available - If
works in this President
are entirely curtailed,
the temporary staff would
be discharged, & the
permanent men left
would not be sufficient
for more than maintenance.
The temporary
men could not be
compelled to take service
in the north.

The staff of
lower subordinates in

Reason: that if any

the effective maintenance

London

This President is very
wonderful
15.12.98

It is quite important to my whether
any other & products can be placed
at the disposal of the Govt of India
that is known to the extent
relating to the & resumed in the
President. The duties in the
President are set 2 D. 5 and 19
the President are already engaged
on foreign matters and other matters
from time to time. It is
probable that it takes 10 days for
Munster to have the President's
to meet a day that the President is
to be in office of the P. H. S.
I have no information as to what action
the President is expected to take in
the next few months and one that will
be by action. This is probably known
to the Govt of India. But it may
be that the President is expected to be

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Before making their letter in detail it is
necessary to know to what extent relief can
be taken to be required in the ordinary course
of the business it is desired that notice
be given to the effect, if it is thought
necessary to stop work in process the matter

should be given to the U. S. Government as their
 they may want to for a present to ^{to the} ~~man~~ ^{the} ~~man~~
 the determination of materials: but the ^{to the} ~~man~~ ^{the} ~~man~~
 any other way to be considered, if the ^{to the} ~~man~~ ^{the} ~~man~~
 papers are ^{to the} ~~man~~ ^{the} ~~man~~
 it will be ^{to the} ~~man~~ ^{the} ~~man~~
 not ^{to the} ~~man~~ ^{the} ~~man~~

for the same.
I must strongly disapprove such strong measures,
which will be to break the whole department &
cause confusion all over Western Civilization.
I should consider such measures absolutely necessary.
I think it probable that the action is the
President's ^{own} to meet without much delay
the action of the office - and to do so by
to be referred to the Govt of the President
then again for action with the President
then will be a more complete representation.

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