

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1086 W

DATED 27 April 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Relief works in Bhadrachalam
Letter from the Suptg. Engineer I Circle explaining
the circumstances under which certain sums
were surrendered from the —, recorded.

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Godavari District Special Asst. Secy
 Office Camp Cawridgepet
 12. 3. 97
 No. 437
 To
 The Collector
 Madras
 Sir
 I have the honour to report as follows:-
 In accordance with the instructions
 contained in your letter Ref on G.O. No. 338 of 27.12.96
 I opened a test relief work in the northern
 part of the taluq which is certainly the most
 most affected. The work chosen was the road
 from Chinnampeta to Chinnampeta, where jungle
 cutting to be done. Such as the Kogas are
 thoroughly accustomed to do. The work was
 widely advertised throughout the taluq and
 as far as the northern or Chinnampeta range
 was concerned, I myself at Chinnampeta
 on the 26th February personally explained
 to the head-men of all the villages the
 conditions

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a water pondal. Simple material were at hand for the erection of a large kitchen and but if the necessity had arisen there was very little water to be had along the road it would only be obtained from pits dug in the bogs here and there, consequently a water pondal was provided with water pots: if coolies had come some of them would have been made to fetch water from the Chodavani a distance of 2 or 3 miles. The Komaties of Sumagudem and Bhadrachalam had opened a shop on the spot and it was arranged that cholera should be sold at the price prevailing in Bhadrachalam. As for tools the Koyas would bring their own axes and iron supply was necessary.

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I think it unnecessary to open any other rest work. There is no other part of the Taluq affected so much as the Bhadrachalam Range and the road selected was situated most conveniently for a rest since people could have come easily enough both from Marigodem and Bhadrachalam Ranges.

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The conclusion to be drawn from the failure of the work is that the distress is not bad enough now to compel the Koyas to work at famine rates. It is happily does not prove that there is no distress for the full moon will not come to such work until driven to extremities. It will be necessary therefore to be constantly on the look-out and I have instructed the Tahsildar and the Revenue Inspectors to thoroughly inspect the interior villages. I myself will remain in the Taluq till the 20th of this month; I cannot remain longer, since I have to go through Chodavani Division which I have not yet visited and have to do the jamabandi there as well as in Polavaram and Yellavaram Divisions. The jamabandi has to be finished before the end of May as the rains come on early in June.

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I have informed the Headmen of the villages that should the Koyas ever feel inclined to accept relief on the terms offered

(Revenue Department)

From The Special Asst. Secy
Godavari

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

Dated 12.3.97

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Subject

Forwarding a copy

of report submitted to the
Collector regarding the
closure of Ist relief works
started in Bhadrachalam
by order of want of relief
workers in anticipation of
Collector's sanction.

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Ref: on Art. no. 338 of 17.3.97. Collector's office

From

V. A. Brodie Roquin

Collector Godavari District

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
Waltair.

Sir,

In reference to your telegram of the
16th instant, I have the honor to state that the
D.P.W. officers may be withdrawn for the present.
In the event of the Sppa flower crop turning out
a failure relief works will probably have to
be restarted at the end of April next but
it is hoped and up to date expected that it
will not fail.

I have etc.

(sd) V. A. Brodie
Collector.

(True Copy)

Ch. Secy
Snp. Engr. 1st Circle

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No. 176D.

FROM

J. L. Lammie Esquire M. D. C. E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FIRST CIRCLE.

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THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WALTAIR 2nd April 1897.

SIR,

With reference to para 3 of 90
no. $\frac{834}{4}$ W dated 22nd March 1897, I have the
honor to inform you that the surrenders
referred to were due to the circumstances
explained by the Collector and Special
Assistant Agent Godavari District in
their letters noted in the margin Copies of
which are herewith enclosed. From this cor-
respondence it will be seen that first works
were closed as no coolies presented themselves
to do work.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. Lammie
Superintending Engineer
First Circle

1 Copy of letter from the Collector Godavari
no. 338 dated 17th March 1897.
1 do from Special Asst Agent to the Collector
dated 12th March 1897 bearing no. 349 dated
12th idam to the Supg. Eng. 1st circle

FROM .

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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