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Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1333 W

DATED 20 May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment for famine relief. Pro:
Revenue Dept. Re-transferring certain
papers on the subject of the —, with the re-
mark that orders have been passed on
the question of the transfer of Local Fund
works to the P.W.D. and that it is unnecessary
to invite the Board's remarks thereon, under.

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Statement of the famine officers and Subdivisions posted and the works on which they are employed —

No. Division	Name	Designation Works on which employed	Amounts of estimate	Labourers employed on each	Remarks
1 Bellary	M. R. P. J. A. Jagadoba Asst. Engineer Sgr. B. A. B. E.	3rd grade Division being unmanageable by one officer with famine relief works in progress it has been divided into two, and this Assistant Engineer has been put in charge of that portion of it which includes Harpendully, Hadagully, and Kudli.	5	6	The Assistant Engineer was originally posted. Charge of Harpendully Division, but as famine operations there are in progress he has been appointed to Bellary Subdivision in

works.

M. R. P. J. Swaminatha Sgr.	Overseer 1st grade	Devagundahully Tank	8290	439	A. Subramaniam is in immediate charge of the work. The overseer superintends the work and prepares estimates for repairs of tank.
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Public Works Department.

Note by the Chief Engineer dated 6th January 1897.

From a statement received from the Superintending Engineer III Circle it appears that the officers and Upper subordinates sent to his circle for famine duty are employed as follows:—

Bellary Division.

1. Assistant Engineer in charge of part of Bellary Sub-Division.
2. Upper subordinates in charge of Relief Works.
 1. Upper subordinate in charge of 3 works which were intended to be relief works but to which no labourers would come.
 1. Upper subordinate preparing famine relief estimates.

Buddapah Division

1. Assistant Engineer in charge of famine Sub-Division.
3. Upper subordinates in charge of famine relief works.
 1. Upper subordinate investigating famine relief projects.

Kurnoob Division.

3. Upper subordinates in charge of famine relief works.
 1. Upper subordinate preparing estimates for famine relief works.

There are thus altogether 2 assistant Engineers and 12 Upper subordinates employed.

employed while it will be seen from the statement that there are only 8 relief works actually in progress and three other works being carried out in the ordinary way; it will also be seen that the number of labourers employed is only 13,839.

Since the Superintending Engineer's statement was received 1 more Assistant Engineer and 8 more Upper subordinates have been ordered to the III Circle so that he will have altogether 3 Assistant Engineers and 18 Upper subordinates employed on relief works, and he states that owing to the transfer of Local Fund Works to this department, a great number more will be required.

I therefore think it right to bring to notice that if the famine gets severe the strain on this Department owing to the requirements of the New Code and the transfer of Local Fund Works will be more than it can bear, and steps will have to be taken to increase the temporary establishment.

In Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Resolution dated 25th October 1893, No. 6144, printed with G.O. No. 3116 dated 2nd December 1893, the number of persons for whom relief may be required in the Districts of Bellary, Anantapur, Buddapah and Kurnool, is given as 7,39,000; but it is also stated that in the great famine of 1876, the number employed on works never exceeded 1 million and

and as the area of the 4 districts mentioned above is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ th the area afflicted by famine at that time, it will probably be safe to assume that work will not have to be provided for more than 3,00,000 persons. But considering that 8 relief works employing 13,839 persons necessitates the appointment of 2 Assistant Engineers and 12 Upper subordinates, the number of officers and subordinates required in the case of a severe famine can be inferred though of course it does not follow that with double the number of works and people employed, double the superintendence will be required, still to superintend famine relief works to give employment to 3,00,000 persons or even half that number would be more than this Department could undertake.

In these remarks I have not considered famine relief works in Ganyam and Vizagapatam to which 5 Upper subordinates have already been posted. Should the distress there become severe or extend to other districts, the strain on this Department will be still greater.

I think it very advisable that the means by which this strain on the P.W. Establishment can be met should be considered now so that there may be no confusion and delay should a pressure arise hereafter, and I would make the following

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Read Proceedings of the

Public Works Dept., No: 140 W., of 18th Jan'y. 1897.

Order thereon, No: 596 Mis of 2nd Feby. 1897

The papers received with the G.O. read above are retransferred to the Public Works Department with the remark that orders have been passed on the question of the transfer of Local Fund work to that Department, and that it is unnecessary to invite the Board's remarks thereon.

(True Extract)

Wm. D. D. Dorn
Under Secretary to Govt.

To the P. W. Dept., with the papers.

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following suggestions:—

1st. As many Local Fund Works as possible should be carried out by the Local Fund Department; the object of transferring all such works to the D. P. W. is not apparent to me and does not seem to have been contemplated in the Famine Code.

2nd. That the Local Government sanction the appointment at once of 23 temporary Upper subordinates to take the place of those deputed to famine duty; the services of these men can be dispensed with should the next ~~south western~~ South west Monsoon be favourable.

Should these proposals be sanctioned I think it will be possible to carry on the ordinary Public Works in a satisfactory manner till the results of the next S. W. Monsoon is seen.

(Sd) D. M. Neil Campbell, Colonel R. E.

Chief Engineer.

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