

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2453 *W*

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Tasks: Pro: Revenue Dept recording Board's Pro: requesting Collectors of affected districts to see that - are within the competency of the average Gang, and are not altered without their sanction ~~with the Board~~ requesting that the S.E. III (in) be asked to report the circumstances under which he fixed the tasks, Comd to Sub Officer for report.

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To the Famine Commissioner.

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