

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2780 W

DATED 6 October 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Tasks and abolition of fining on chief works.

Pro: Revenue Dept transferring to the PWD
Board's Pro. submitting correspondence from the
Collector of Karnool regarding complaints
made by the PWD about low — recorded.

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Revenue Deptt which has been obtained and put up, that the papers were circulated to the H. Ins. and H. Co. who decided that the papers should be transferred to the P. W. D. for information, no action being necessary. It is therefore submitted that the current may be recorded -

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from the Executive Division for June 1897.

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work have gone up 700 having joined on King for a sub oversar

which come daily to the work miles - others come from distant - but these accommodation nearer to mined several gangs to be about normal

I saw no emaciated two sheds for childrens and plenty of tatties - The kitchen was - 144 to 150 ted and clean - There were 20 carts with plying water. Ordered ch cart as bullocks - Some gangs were breaking metal - others rebreaking

E forms were handed in on Sunday
for 28, 29 + 30; the paymaster
promised to make inquiries of the
assistant paymaster as to delay in
payment. He could not explain it
himself. There were no ^{other} complaints
worth noticing from the coolies. Paymaster
^{said} he had none to make as to non-receipt
of E forms. B class wages are being
paid to most - and A class to those
who earn them. The Overseer has
discontinued fining on account of the
Head Assistant Collector's action. The
General arrangements seem good. The
name of the upper Subordinate is Mr.
Moses Pillai. The Medical Subordinate
visits the work once a week. No
latrine trenches have been dug. None
are required where metal is being broken
but I ordered them to be furnished
when the road work commenced. I
^{except} the owners of fields will
object to these trenches being dug.
Especially as now ^{that} all who can are
sowing. The coolies work generally
from 6.30 to 4 pm with an interval
of 2 hours at noon. all do not work
these hours. I noticed one gang which
had completed 3/4 of its task by
9.30 AM. As soon as task has been
accomplished

I don't think
they are
needed.

accomplished they troop home -
Coolies have increased so fast
that it will be necessary to
appoint a sub-overseer to assist
the Overseer.

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Executive Engineer

Kurnool Division

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Inspection notes from the Executive
Engineer, Bellary Division for
the 3rd June 1897



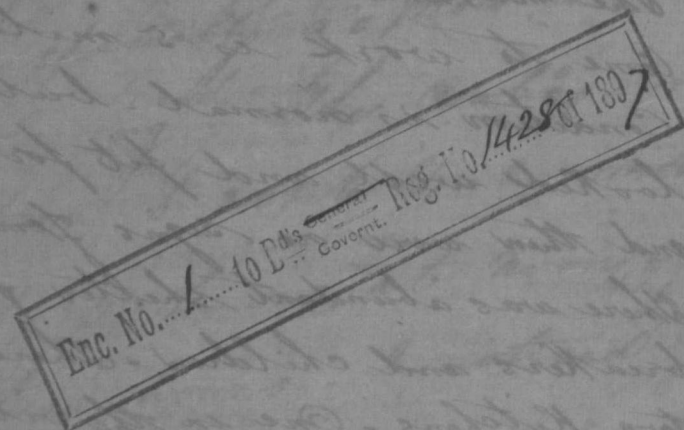
Kalwa Betamcherla Road
Betamcherla section

New road formation from
Betamcherla station towards Kalwa
3 1/2 miles set out; side channel
nearly dug and earthwork almost
done. Metal collected almost
completed - and gravel about
half so. From the station for
a mile the road passes through
a black cotton and wherever
that is black cotton. I ordered
to place 6 inches at least of
course gravel to form a foundation
for the metal. Most of the
ground is gravelly & stony.

The coolies on the work
numbered yesterday as below.

Men	607	Total
Nursing Mothers	224	
Women	808	2001
Children	362	

The maximum distance coolies
come to work is 5 miles.
Condition is normal - bulk
looked well and fit for work
and there were no signs of malaria.
There was abundant shelter for
breakers and children. There are
two kitchens - one in the village
and another in 3 miles. The latter
had been blown down but was
being re-erected - We had a heavy
storm.



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Storm of wind and rain
last night which came up
from the east. There are
106 persons fed daily - Two
wells are being excavated
and two had 3 feet of water
in them. Drinking water is
supplied in sufficient
quantities.

For collecting and breaking
of metal lead 1 furlong - and
stone hard to break the task
was 0.9 yds a unit - and most
gangs accomplish this task.
with of course the abatements
for distances etc.

For digging wells - in
hard ~~rocky~~ soil - the task
was 6 yds and abatements are
made for lift - task is
usually done. The metal
tasks I found marked out
this morning; checked a few gangs
which I found correct. There
were 18 absent in one gang, due
I believe to last night's rain.

The following tools are on the
work: templates for -

Gravel and metal	— 30
road formation	— 2
Guard rings about	— 1000
Gauge rings	— 28
Mammoth	— 499
Pickaxes	— 599
Hammers	— 1167
Rammers	— 70
— wooden	— 52
Crowbars	— 0
handles	

handles of hammers seemed fair.
1 Blacksmith and 2 Carpenters
are ready for repairing tools.
The Overseer seems to know
his duties. He has not sufficient
stationery and was told to
indent on the sub Division
Office.

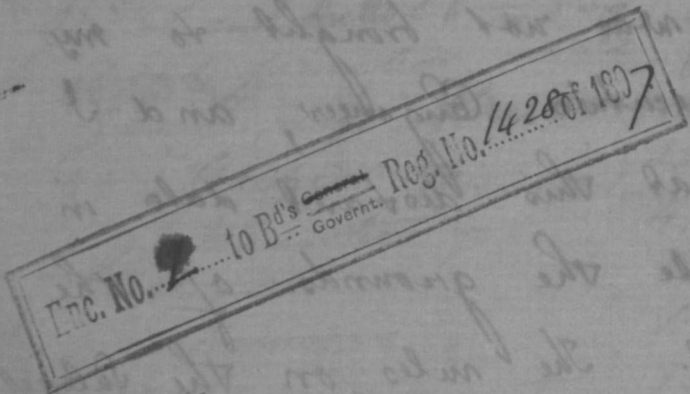
Daily registers is entered up
to date. measurements in meas.
book are entered up to 1 June,
but there are no abstracts showing
work done each day and totals
up to date from Commencement
of work.

Coolies are paid twice a
week. Some complained they
had not been paid Friday,
Saturday and Sunday. Of past
week 28, 29 + 30 inay. This
was due to change of paymasters
and will not happen again
I hope. E forms are handed
over to paymasters on Monday,
Thursday and Sundays - I did
not see the paymaster and so
could not ask if he had
complaints. Overseer gets his
E forms from the Tahsildar
and has a sufficiency of
them. It appears the chetties
are so overwhelmed with
Coppers that they would
like a little silver for
a change. ^{and the consequences of} that is the
Coolies find a difficulty
in buying grain with Coppers.

If the Revenue Department could
arrange to exchange silver for
Coppers - It would be an
improvement - A and B class
wages paid - These have been
no fines lately - Overseer's
name is Balasundaram Modhir.
Once a week a medical
subordinate visits the works.
No latrine trenches have been
dug - ordered them to be furnished
at once - The Coolies work
from 8 A.M. to noon and 3
p.m. to 6 p.m. - Establishment
is sufficient.

John Johnston
10/6/97
Executive Engineer
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 30th August 1897.

No. 7014 mms.

READ..... The following letter from the Collector
of Hammool, vis. No. 508/97, dated 16th August
1897.

I have the honor to reply to
Board's Proceedings No. 6302 mms, dated 10th
August 1897.

2. The Executive Engineer's remarks
about firing on the Aranyam - Banganapalli
frontier road work.

The fact that the paymaster
refused to accept the Overseer's recommendation
regarding firing was not brought to my
notice by the Executive Engineer, and I
am not therefore at this distant date in
a position to state the grounds of the
paymaster's refusal. The rules on the subject
of firing issued by the Executive Engineer

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to his Subordinates are given below:-

(a) Rules 6 and 7 of rules for the execution of famine relief works, dated 31. 3. 97. "For Contumacy individual coolies can be selected and fined. The fines should not reduce wages below the minimum or D class in any case. The fines will be regulated by the scale given in article 28 of appendix VI. It will be the duty of the officers in charge to encourage the coolies to do B or A class work. Fines must be given only to coolies who by short work have really earned it, and every effort must be made to enforce the reduced task tables. No fines (on individual coolies) should be imposed reducing wages below C. class till all tools including rings are provided in fit condition with proper handles, nor for the first week that a new description of work is required of it."

(b) Rules 6 and 7 of rules for the execution of famine relief works dated 23-5-97. "For Contumacy individual coolies can be selected and fined. The fines should not reduce wages below the D class in any case. Without

the sanction of the division officer no fines should be inflicted at all for more than a week on the same parties. When it is necessary to continue fines longer the Museum should apply for sanction to the Divisional officer sending a copy to the Executive Engineer through the Sub-divisional officer. The fines will be regulated by the scale given in article 28 of appendix VI. It will be the duty of the officers in charge to encourage the coolies to do B or A class work. Fines must be given only to coolies who by proved malingering or insubordination have really earned them and every effort must be made to enforce the task tables. Late attendances not excusable under rule 8 can be punished by a fine not exceeding 4 days pay. No fines (on individual coolies) should be imposed till all tools including rings are provided in fit condition with proper handles, nor for the first week that a new description of work is required of them."

No orders clashing with the above were ever issued by my divisional

officers or myself after the receipt of Government Orders 216 dated 30.3.97 and 1700 ms. dated 30.3.97, the Head Assistant Collector finding that fines were still being imposed merely for short work without reference to the question of malingering or insubordination about the middle of May a circular (1) calling upon the officers to show, when recommending fines, by means of an entry on the C forms that the workers to be fined had been either malingering or insubordinate, and (2) directing the paymasters not to impose the fines recommended unless accompanied by some such entry. I believe that in order to save labour the following abbreviations were agreed upon, viz, M. for malingering, I. for insubordination and L. for late attendance. It will thus be seen that in this district fining, when resorted to in accordance with the existing rules, was not at all discountenanced by the Revenue department and that the Public Works department had only itself to blame where discipline was not enforced.

3. The Executive Engineer's remarks about tasks on the Panyam-Banganapalle frontier road work.

In the absence of clearer details than are given, I cannot say whether the task of 1.1 cubic feet for metal collection and breaking was sufficient or not. I presume that the task set was that entered in the district task table, as scarcely a single application for permission to depart therefrom has so far been made to the divisional officers or myself by the Public Works department under the provisions of Section 3 (ii) of Government Order No. 216. I take it that the task was that shown as "metal collections including breaking - stone easily procurable but difficult to break (note hard crystalline is the description given in the report.) Lead 100 yards to one furlong B class 1.1 cubic feet per unit. Mr. Johnston does not appear to have been convinced of the insufficiency of the task, for he writes "I allowed the task fixed". Had he considered it insufficient, he could have addressed me on the subject - a course he did not adopt. As for the remark, "I noticed one gang

which had completed $\frac{3}{4}$ of its task before 9.30 am. Very little can be said without information as to the hour at which the gang came to work. Instances of work having been commenced at 5 am in the hot weather are, I believe not unknown. If, as might have been the case, the gang consisted of expert metal beaters, it should have been placed in the A class and given a heavier task. Mr Johnston does not appear to have thought it worth while to apply for sanction to enhance the task of this particular gang.

4. The Executive Engineer's remarks about tasks on the Batamcherla work.

The only thing mentioned on the subject is that "the coolies work from 8 am to noon and 3 P.m. to 6 P.m." This, taking into consideration the allowances to be made for distant residence from the works spot, was a very fair day's work, and calls for no remarks.

5. The enclosures to the Board's Proceedings are herewith returned.

11. Read also G. O. No. 4288 vis, dated below.

16th August 1897.

Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O. 4288 dated 16th August 1897.

2. The Public Works Department does not seem to have applied for sanction to increase tasks, except in a very few cases, and no orders improperly restricting firing seem to have been issued by the Revenue officers.

(True copy and extract)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department

Collector of Lurnool.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue, Revenue Settlement &c., No. 7014 Mis., dated 30th
August 1897.

ORDER thereon, NO. 5070 Mis., d/ 27th Sept. 1897.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)



Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.

" Famine Commissioner.

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