

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2828 W

DATED 9 October 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Roads in the Maipilla Country, remarking
on the progress made with the —, and on
the ~~work~~ work of the officers connected
therewith directing the S.E. to submit with
the least possible delay a progress report
of the roads for September 1897 and stating
that it adheres to the opinion that the
work should not be given on contract.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following:

G.O. No. 2522 W. dated 9th September 1897.

Read also

Order thereon: No. 2028 W., dated 9 October 1837.

After perusing the papers recorded above, His Excellency the Governor in Council is compelled to express the opinion that the Moplah road work has not been satisfactorily carried on. The expenditure and progress up to March 1897 were admittedly bad. From April to July (4 months) the outlay was Rs. 2,666 on the Pandikad-Tuvur road, Rs. 3,722 on the Melathur-Karivarakundu road, and Rs. 3,007 on the Tuvur-Karivarakundu road, or Rs. 2,335 in all, or less than Rs. 2,500 per month. This expenditure with a special establishment put on and with the special orders from Government that the work should be looked upon as an urgent one for special political reasons is not satisfactory. The proportion of Moplahs to Hindus employed in May was about 3 to 1, in June $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1, and July $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 1. This is hardly in conformity with the wishes of Government that Moplahs should, if possible, be solely employed - the more so when it is borne in mind that almost the whole working

population

population of the locality is made up of Moplahs.

2. It is observed from Mr. Wood's report No. 591 S.E. dated 17th August 1897 that the establishment consists of inefficient men. Considering the importance and urgency of the work, greater care should originally have been taken in selecting the men composing this establishment, and when the Superintending and Executive Engineers found the staff incompetent, they should have taken immediate steps to substitute better men.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is constrained to remark that the orders of Government in the matter of these roads have not received the careful attention and the loyal obedience which should have been given to them, and that both the Superintending and Executive Engineers are to blame.

4. The Superintending Engineer will submit with the least possible delay a progress report of the roads for September 1897.

5. The Government adheres to its opinion that the work should not be given on contract and considers that the present arrangements should continue.

(True Extract)

(Signature) Secy to Govt.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.
Judicial Department with Mr. Fawcett's
report for the week ending 14th
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