

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3014 W

DATED 27 October 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Value of Public Works executed by famine
labour: Directing with remarks that the reports
called for by the Govt of India on the subject of
the — be drawn up by Engineers in charge
of P.W. divisions in the form attached
and forwarded through the S.E. of the Circle
to the Famine Commissioner for submission
to Government.

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OCTOBER.

Directing, with remarks, that the reports called for by the Government of India on the subject of the —, be drawn up by Executive Engineers in charge of Public Works divisions in the form attached and forwarded, through the Superintending Engineer of the Circle, to the Famine Commissioner for submission to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O., No 772, Revenue, dated 9th September 1897.

Read—the following letter from T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 23rd August 1897, Circular No. 29/210—1 F.:—

I am directed to request that when the time comes for reviewing the famine operations which are at present being carried on in the Madras Presidency, the report may contain a careful estimate of the value at ordinary rates of construction of the public works which have been executed by famine labour. The works should be classified into "major" and "minor" works, and also according to their character, as, for instance, earthwork, construction or repairs of unmetalled roads, metalling or remetalling roads, collecting metal, railway earthwork and other embankments, canal excavation, constructing or deepening tanks and the like.

2. The report should also state to what extent the works are of a permanent character and distinct public utility, or to what extent their value is temporary and their public utility doubtful. The Government of India attach great importance to this information being given as fairly and accurately as possible. They are aware that works have not unseldom to be undertaken for relief purposes which will not be of lasting value and may not be really required. But they wish to ascertain what the country has to show in the way of durable improvements and new works of unquestioned value for the large expenditure which has necessarily been incurred this year in providing employment for the people.

3. The question has been raised as to whether, in the present famine, the people have shown increased resources and more resisting power than in previous famines of like severity. On this point the opinions of Local Governments will be valuable, and, together with any facts illustrating the question which may have come to notice, should be placed on record in the reports.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 19th October 1897, No. 3249 B./A.

[Your office-note No. 3862 C., dated 14th September 1897.]

Herewith a sample form for collecting the information required by India, and subject to any modification that may be thought necessary.

It will be seen that this form, if adopted in its entirety, will contain more information than is actually asked for as regards famine works, *e.g.*: there is a column for showing value of work at abnormal rates; another for value of materials charged to works; but these additional particulars might be found very useful for reference in the local Secretariat. The remark column might be specially used for distinguishing works of permanent from those of semi-permanent utility.

I don't think there would be much use in my office being asked to verify the figures in these statements when received, as suggested, through Superintending Engineers. There would be sure to be differences almost impossible to verify without having the divisional books to hand. Executive Engineers' figures will have to be accepted as correct, but my office could, of course, tabulate them into one general return for India if required.

ORDER—No. 3014 W., dated 27th October 1897.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

REPORT on Famine Relief Works carried out in Division in 1896-97 called for in G.O., No. , dated
Major Works.

Name and description of work.	Total quantity executed.	Total actual cost.	Total normal cost.	Excess cost.	Remarks.
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<i>Earthwork.</i>		RS.	RS.	RS.	
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<i>Construction of metalled roads.</i>					
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<i>Repairs of metalled roads.</i>					
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<i>Collecting road metal.</i>					
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<i>etc., etc.</i>					

NOTE.—In column 2 enter “cubic feet” for earthwork; “miles” of various widths for road construction or repair; cubic feet for road metal, &c.
In column 6 enter, information called for in paragraph 2 of Government of India Circular No. .

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

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189 , No.

(1) Current No. 9139

of 1897, dated 9th September, from Revenue Department.

(2) " " 10439

" 1897, " 19th October, " Exar. P.W. Accts.

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Suptg. Engineers.

The Examiner, P.W. Accounts.

,, Revenue Department.

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Note: In Vol. 2 under 'entire feet' for cartwork;
'entire' of various widths for tracks.
entire feet to repair; entire feet for
road metal as is.
In Vol. 6 under information called for in Para 2
of Govt of Madras Circular No.

Instructions to
Roads.

Referring to metalled
roads.

collecting road metal
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The form drawn up by the Examiner P.W. Accounts will be adopted. The requisite information will be supplied by the Executive Engineers concerned, and will be submitted through the Examiner P.W. Accounts who will tabulate it for submission to Government through the Famine Commissioner, as required by the order in the Revenue Dept read above.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 10439

Order

From
The Engineer, P. W. Dept.,
Measuras

No. 3249¹²/A

Dated 19th October '97

Received 20-10-97

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SUBJECT.

Examine outlay — Suggests
the introduction of certain
form showing work
carried out and value
under normal & abnormal
rates for —

C.H.W.

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.

16 SEP. 1897.

No.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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CURRENT No.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

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Madras, 19th October 1897.

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P. W. ACCOUNTS.
16 SEP 1897

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
16 SEP 1897

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 9159

From

The Revenue Department.

Order

No. 772.

Dated 3rd Sept. 1897.

Received

Registered 11-9-97
13-9-97

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SUBJECT.

Stating that orders will issue in the P.W.D. for recording information in the report on the famine operations of the nature and value of public works executed by famine labour and requesting the Fam. Commr. to obtain similar particulars in regard to works carried out by the agency of the Rev. Dept.

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Serial No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

FAMINE.

ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Circular No. $\frac{29}{210-I}$ -F.

Dated Simla, the 23rd August 1897.

Requests that when the present famine operations are reviewed the report may contain an estimate of the value of public works executed by famine labour.

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Circular No. $\frac{29}{210-1}$ -F.

FROM

T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I. C. S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Famine.

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I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,
T. W. HOLDERNESS,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

P. W. ACCOUNTS.
16 SEP. 1897
No.

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(True Extract)

G. H. Williams

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To the Famine Commissioner.

- " Public Works Department.
- " Local and Municipal Department.

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