

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 674W

DATED 8 March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Delay: Letter from S. S. M. Gish explaining the delay which occurred in the taking over by the P.W.D. of famine relief works in Tumak. G^o Comd^o to the Revenue Dept. with reference to the order in that department N^o. 595 177 2. February 1897.

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H.E. the Governor
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Communicated to
the Revenue Department
with reference to the order
in that Dept No. 595 dated
Order 2 February 1897.

From the Superintending Engineer
B. C. C. C.
Bellary

No. 4090 W

To The Rev. Depts. S & 397

Dated 22 February 1897

to Mr. & the Governor.

Received 23.2.97

The ¹Sublt. Genl's expla-
nation seems to clear the
S. W. Dept of blame in regard
to this delay.

Registered 23.2.97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Delay in taking our charge
of Famine Relief works by
paid from Revenue Departt
in Annual Dist.

Reporting the Cause for
the _____

BACK DATES

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No 4090W

From

W. B. de Winton Esq.

Sept. Engineer, III Birch,
Bellary.

To

The Chief Engineer.

P. W. Department,

Madras.

Sir,
With reference to G. O. No. 433 W dated 13th
February 1897, I have the honour to report as
follows on the delay which occurred in the taking
over by this Department of Famine Relief Works in
Kernool District.

2. G. O. No. 3451 W dated 3rd December 1896
ordering the transfer was received in my Office on
December 7th, and by me in camp on December 9th.

3. On the same date I forwarded it to the
Collector of Kurnool with a request that he would
inform me what relief works under the Dist Board
Engineer were in progress in his District and what
further works were contemplated in the near future,
to enable me to instruct the Executive Engineer and
to apply for what further staff was necessary.

vide this Office
No 57 C dated
9th December to
the Chief Engineer

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4. To this endorsement I expected to get a reply in a week, but as a matter of fact I did not receive it until January 4, 1897, although the Collector was reminded twice that I was waiting for it.

5. I most respectfully submit that it was impossible for me to take over works of whose numbers and positions I was absolutely ignorant, and it was equally impossible for me to apply for an extra staff required. I considered that if I took relief works over without full information concerning them, so that they could be properly organized, endless confusion would ensue and that it was far better that they should remain under the charge of the District Board Engineer until I was in a position to take them over properly. But I never contemplated having to wait so long for the information I requested.

6. The list of relief works, in hand and proposed was received by me, as above stated, on January 4, 1897 and was immediately sent to the Exr. Engineer with orders to apply for the staff required. He reported on January 8th, and on January 13th he was given a list of all relief works with definite instructions as to how he was to take them over.

7. The relief work on the Oak-Ladpatre Road

Road, which was, I believe, the only work in progress under the District Board Engineer in December was taken over by this Department by my instructions, on December 25th.

8. I very greatly regret the delay which occurred, but I respectfully submit that without the information asked for from the Collector of Karnool I was working entirely in the dark & if that information had been supplied with promptitude there would have been no avoidable delay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. M. L. L. L.

20/2/97

Suptg. Engineer, III Circle.

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