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Upper Subordinates and Assistant Engineers

Proceedings, Revenue Department, approving the proposal of the Chief Engineer to double up certain divisions to allow of some Executive Engineers being made available for famine duty and wiring to the Famine Commissioner on the impracticability of sparing more — from non-affected districts for supervision of relief works, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., No. 489, Revenue, dated 25th June 1897.

Read—the following note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 27th May 1897:—

I have several times brought to the notice of Government the strain put on the establishment of this department by the withdrawal of men for famine, and matters have now become so serious that I request there may be no delay in utilising the services of subordinates in other departments.

In my note, dated 7th April 1897, I stated that there were 94 Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates on famine works. That number has now increased to 114 and I am daily receiving telegrams for more men: this is out of an effective strength of about 330.

I hitherto considered that this department would be able to bear the strain till the result of the south-west monsoon was seen, but I am afraid that this will not be the case as new relief works seem now to be started almost daily and the increase of coolies is very great.

In G.O., No. 314, Revenue, dated 11th May 1897, it is suggested that a larger number of officers might be relieved for famine duty by a re-arrangement of the divisions and ranges in the non-affected districts.

The re-arrangement of divisions would no doubt set some Executive Engineers free for famine, but at present officers of that rank are not required. The demand is for Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates. As regards the re-arrangement of sub-divisions this has had already to be done to as great an extent as possible. I cannot see how any more Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates can be spared without the ordinary work of the department suffering very considerably, and in the event of failures either in construction or expenditure it will be impossible to hold the Superintending or the Executive Engineer responsible.

In the event of a failure of the south-west monsoon more Executive Engineers will be required and I am prepared to double up the following divisions:—

Gódávari Eastern.	Nellore.	Coimbatore.	Tanjore.
Do. Central.	Buckingham Canal.	Salem.	Negapatam.

By this means four Executive Engineers will become available, and in addition all officers now on leave will be recalled.

I enclose a statement which will be of some interest as it shows how very much undermanned the department is at present owing to withdrawals for famine.

Order—No. 489, Revenue, dated 25th June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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2. Ordered that the following telegram be despatched to the Famine Commissioner:—

"Chief Engineer reports impracticability of sparing more Upper Subordinates and Assistant Engineers from non-affected districts for supervision relief works. Please expedite submission of lists called for in order 314. Immediate steps should be taken to concentrate works and to introduce intermediate piece-work system ordered in G.O., No. 430, dated 3rd June 1897."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 2025 W., dated 26th July 1897.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information.

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Under Secretary to Government.

To all Superintending Engineers.
,, the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, the Executive Engineer, Lighthouse Division.
,, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

Cir. 6868

Sir

According to this
Govt. the Famine Engineers
concerned are to be warned
to hold themselves in
readiness to proceed
on famine duty.

Definite orders
are required as to
which divisions are to
be warned.

The divisions to
be doubled up are

(1) { Godavari Eastern (Mr Henderson)
— do — Central (Mr Howley)

Is Mr Standfield or
Mr Howley to be relieved
for famine work?

(2) { Nellore (Mr Wickham)
S. Canal (Mr Paul)

Mr Wickham has
Yes | already been
warned

(3) { Coimbatore (Mr Mallet)
Salem (Mr O'Connell)

Which officer is to
go to famine?

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Government (1897) of Madras.

REVENUE.

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To
Mr S.E.'s
C.A. to Govt
All Attached
Chief Engineer Irrigation
Ger & W. accts
Ex Ex Engrs

2/8/97

Upper Subordinates and Assistant Engineers.

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C. A. Murdoch
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
„ the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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„ the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Heads of Offices in the Presidency town.
„ the Collectors of non-affected districts.

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