Public Works (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Relief Works

Proceedings, Revenue Department, recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement) submitting, with remarks, notes on inspection of Gazuvaka and Kondakarla — by the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, and expressing the opinion that it is the duty of Public Works officers to bring to notice any shortcomings they may find in the administration of relief works, communicated to Superintending Engineers for information.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 3867, Revenue, dated 26th July 1897.

Read—the following papers:—

G.O., No. 2802, dated 2nd June 1897.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 4876, dated 3rd July 1897.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 5115, dated 9th July 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 4876, dated 3rd July 1897, letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam submitting further remarks on the Superintending Engineer's notes on inspection of Gazuvaka and Kondakarla relief works.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 5459, dated 17th July 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government the inspection notes of the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, referred to in G.O., Mis. No. 2802, dated 2nd June 1897.

Order—Mis. No. 3867, Revenue, dated 26th July 1897.

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2. With reference to the observation in paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 4876, dated 3rd July 1897, that the remarks of the Superintending Engineer, bearing as they do on matters non-professional, are out of place, the Government is of opinion that it is the duty of Public Works officers to bring to notice any shortcomings they may find in the administration of relief works and that Mr. Larminie's remarks are perfectly legitimate.

(True Extract.)

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

ORDER—No. 2145 W., dated 6th August 1897.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers for information.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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SUBJECT.

Expressing the opinion
that it is the duty of P.W. officers
to bring to notice any shortcomings
they may find in the adminis-
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett. No. 4878 Misc.
Dated 3rd July 1897.

Read again B.P. dated 14th June 1897 No. 4319 Misc. forwarding to the Collector of Vizagapatam for very early remarks Proceedings of the Madras Govt. dated 2nd June 1897 No. 2802 Misc. Rev

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam dated 19th June 1897 Dis. No. 2109:-

In reply to B.P. No. 4319 Misc. dated 14th June 1897, I have the honour to remark on the Suptg. Engr.'s notes on inspection of Gazuvaka and Kondakorla Relief works.

2. The drinking tank at Gazuvaka will be of very much use to very many people. It is at four cross roads and a shandy site. The classification of boys over 12 as men is according to the Famine Code. The coolies have been kept in as good condition as possible. The Suptg. Engr.'s statements as to the proportion of men on the works is not in accordance with facts or with the weekly returns from the district. Perhaps he excluded boys over 12.

3. His remarks on Kondakorla are more correct. There was not much distress in that neighbourhood and when agricultural work became available, I stopped this relief work, vide my fortnightly report for period ending 15th June.

Resolution.

The Famine Commissioner begs to return with the Collector's and his own remarks the inspection notes of the Suptg. Engr. I Circle forwarded with G.O. 2802 dated 2nd June '97.

2. The Collector denies that the work at Gazuvaka is useless, and asserts that the tank, being situated at four cross ro near a market site, will be of very much use.

3. He is also of opinion that the remarks of the Suptg. Engr. as to the scarcity of men is not borne out by the weekly figures. The Suptg. Engr. states that the Number of men was only 1/6 that of the women and that at other works in the north of the taluk only one man was to be found for every 20 women. The

figures of the week ending May 1st show that at Gazuvaka 398 men were employed, and 1214 women. This is a ratio of 1:3 and at Pendur which must be the work of in the north of the taluk referred to by the Suptg.Engr. The numbers were 414 and 1026, a ratio of 1 to 2 1/2. The district totals at the same period were 2448 men and 7484 women; which give a ratio practically similar to that at Gazuvaka. The Collector thinks that the Suptg.Engr. may, perhaps have excluded boys over 12.

4. The relief work at Kondakorla was stopped as soon as agricultural work became available.

5. The first remark that the Famine Commissioner has to make is that the Suptg.Engr.'s remarks bearing, as they practically all do, on non-professional matters, are out of place. Disregarding the Suptg-Engr.'s assertion that only one man is to be found on relief works for every 20 women, it is clear that the relief works cannot be the cause of the inability of the P.W.D. contractor near Kondakorla to obtain coolies, when two men out of every three are not on the works. If the P.W.D. contractor would pay regularly and not try, as is probable to get coolies at famine rates, unalleviated by other famine concessions, he would find no difficulty in getting his work done. The Famine Commissioner is at a disadvantage in criticising the rate offered for ordinary P.W.D. works near Kondakorla, as the nature of the soil is not given. Taking however the soil as of no easier nature than that of the relief work, it appears that the ordinary labourer may be expected to turn out (24 + 24/5) cubic feet a day or say 30 cubic feet. This at nine pies per yard means a daily wage of 10 pies which is certainly not attractive, with prices at scarcity rates.

(True Copy.)

G. Stokes.

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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1. G.O.No.2802 dated 2nd June 1897.

2. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Rev.Sett.Misc.No.4876 d/ 3rd July 1897.

3. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Rev.Sett.Misc.No.5115 d/ 9th July 1897 submitting to Govt. in continuation of B.P. dated 3rd July 1897, No.4876, letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam submitting further remarks on the Suptg.Engr.'s notes on inspection of Gazuvaka and Kondakarla relief works.

4. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Rev.Sett.Misc.No.5459 d/ 17th July 1897 submitting to Government the Inspection notes of the Supdg. Engineer [illegible] referred to in G.O.No.2802 Misc. dated 2nd June 1897.

Order thereon, Misc.No.3867 d/26th July 1897.

Recorded.

2. With reference to the observation in para.5 of B.P.No. 4876 dated 3rd July 1897 that the remarks of the Suptg.Engr. bearing as they do on matters non-professional are out of pla the Govt. is of opinion that it is the duty of P.W. officers to bring to notice any shortcomings they may find in the adminis tration of relief works and that Mr.Larminie's remarks are perfectly legitimate.

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To the Famine Commissioner.

.. Public Works Dept.