Public Works (189) Department.

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G.O., No. 177 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Relief Works

~~Famine Relief~~. Procs. Rev. Dept. approving and sanctioning the recommendations of the Famine Commissioner in regard to the execution of certain works in the Rapur taluk of the Nellore Dt. for the purpose of providing employment for the working classes, Comd. to the Chief Engr. for Irrigation for the necessary action.

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Relief Works

Proceedings, Revenue Department, approving and sanctioning the recommendations of the Famine Commissioner in regard to the execution of certain works in the Rapur taluk of the Nellore district for the purpose of providing employment for the working classes, communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for the necessary action.

Resolution—Mis. No. 10176, dated 28th December 1897.

Submitted to Government with the request that sanction may be accorded for the execution of the works specified by the Collector.

2. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector in thinking that employment should be provided for the working classes in the Penubarti range of the Rapur taluk. Three of the works named may be opened at once as test works under the intermediate system.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 194, Revenue, dated 14th January 1898.

The Famine Commissioner's recommendations are approved and sanctioned.

2. The necessary instructions will issue in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 177 W., dated 20th January 1898.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, who will take immediate steps for the execution of the works mentioned in the Collector's letter, issuing his orders on the subject by telegram to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. D'Moss

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For orders.

E. I. should apparently be asked to take steps for the execution of the works mentioned by the Collector, the Pros. being communicated to the S.E. II circle at the same time.

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Ask him to issue orders by telegram to S.E. II.

information and orders of Govt. This note could then be "transferred" by you as Secretary, to the Revenue Dept. where it would be circulated.

R.S.
19 Jan 98.

Addition cancel. Please let me see the G.O. about 'Intermediate work'

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19.1.98

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In [illegible] though the works are so small that I do not think it is worth while [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
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Papers about intermediate system of works submitted.

In present G.O. might issue, & the note to be written on the subject might be ~~[illegible]~~ taken up afterwards.

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Yes - please 20/1/98

return papers
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Public Works (1898) Department.

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From

The Revenue Department,

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Order

No. 194, Misc.

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SUBJECT.

Approving of the Famine Commissioner's recommendations regarding the execution of certain works in the Nellore district and requesting the P.W.D. to issue the necessary instructions.

Communicated to the Chief Engr. for Irrn. who will take immediate steps for the execution of the works mentioned in the Collector's letter, ~~and~~ issuing his orders on the subject by telegram to the S.E. II Circle.

The [illegible] considers that the 'intermediate system' is not workable, and that ordinary piece work is the best form for relief work, but [illegible] the former has been given a trial.

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19.1.98

Ch. E. for I [illegible]
S.E. II Circle } [illegible]
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No. 4274
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Nellore Head Assistant
Collector's Office
13th December 1897.

From

A. Thompson Esqr.

Ag. Head Asst. Collector of Nellore

To

The Collector of Nellore

Sir

I have the honor to submit the fortnightly narrative for the period ending 12th December 1897 for the Rapur Taluk of this Division, only the reports from other Subordinate Officers not having reached me yet.

State of Country, Rainfall and Water Supply } There has been no rain during the fortnight under review. The rainfall at the latter end of November, as finally ascertained by reports from villages, was about 3 inches in the Southern part of the Taluk, but little more than an inch in the Northern Firka of Pennubarthi. In parts where the rainfall was larger an appreciable quantity of water came into the tanks and saved the standing paddy crop for the time being, but the supply is already exhausted again or shortly will be. For drinking purposes there is as yet a sufficient supply in all parts though in the Penubarthi Firka in villages where there are no tanks there are complaints of inconvenience on this head.

Agricultural Operations and condition of standing crops } A large quantity of Zonna has been sown ~~at all~~ since the rain on lands where it had been lost before or had not been sown at all, and in some villages it has been sown on wet lands. The old sown Zonna is very unequal having been damaged, it is said, in many cases by insects. It ought to yield now even without any more rain but will probably not give more than 8 annas at the outside and may fall as low as 6 annas. The new sown is just out of the ground and has come up well with a few showers; it has to turn out better than the old sown though the ryots have their misgivings thinking it is too late in the season.

The Aruga crop of which there is also a considerable quantity withered altogether before the rain over a considerable area. The rest has come round fairly with the rain but appears to be stunted in its growth and is hardly likely to average more than 4 annas. In some cases it is sown with cotton which appears to be a fair crop. The Aruga should be reaped in a month or so and it is unfortunate that it should turn out so badly as it might have been trusted to to replenish what will be by that time the practically exhausted stocks of grain. The paddy crop where it had not actually withered before the rains got a new lease of life which, however, is likely to be short if there is not rain immediately. Agricultural operations began again with the rain, zonna &c being sown but they have practically ceased again now.

Supply of stock and pasture and condition of cattle - - - } Of fodder there seems to be hardly any where the villages are mainly dry. Pasture has revived considerably but less in the parts where the rain fall has been small. Cattle appear to be taking ~~none~~ no harm at present.

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General remarks The late rain has at least been sufficient to ensure a crop of some sort from the zonna and Aruga sown previously but it can in no case be a normal one which was the least that was required after the bad season of last year. Nor is it likely to be supplemented by a good yield of the relatively small quantity of paddy there is. What is on the ground will not yield at all unless there is rain to give the tanks some supply, while land that has already been sown and the crop lost or land that has not been sown, it will be useless to sow at all unless the tanks get a full supply.

Food

Food supplies and State of markets } Cholum ... 11 Seers
Cumbu .. 14 Seers
Ragi .. not available
Rice 2d Sort .. Do. Do.
Rice 1st Sort ... 7 5/8 Seers

Activity of trade:- Trade is not at all active in villages, as a rule, confining themselves to their own stock of grain. I found one ryot importing paddy from Goodur to a village in Penubarti firka but such cases, I believe, are rare. On the other hand people from Atmakur were taking paddy from a village in Podalakur firka and, in fact most of the traffic along the road seems to belong to Atmakur. In the smaller villages in Penubarthi firka, where grain is scarce, people go to larger villages for 2 or 3 Rupees worth but there seems to be little

wholesale

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wholesale trade between villages or with places outside the firka.

Condition of the people... } The poor classes e.g. the Malas and Madigas in the Penubarthi firka are entirely stinting themselves in the other firkas probably not much so. In Penubarthi the extent of stinting seems to vary considerably with the village. In Chittalur where I now am, Malas and Madigas appear not to be getting even a meal a day, but going for 2 or 3 days with nothing but ganja and the effect is beginning to be apparent to some extent in their looks. As yet, however, they are not at all reconciled to the idea of a famine wage. In adjoining villages their condition is better though even there they seem to get no more than a meal a day and are beginning to complain, but will hardly leave their villages yet a while to go to famine works.

Sickness and mortality } No exceptional sickness or mortality is observable.

Remarks. The smallness of stocks of grain due to the bad harvest of last year is a distinguishing feature in the situation. Leaving out of the question what the yield is likely to be, none of the Zonna crop can be reaped for another 2 months and before then it is likely that the ryots will be hard put to it to support themselves on their stocks much more to have anything to spare for poorer classes.

Relief works or at any rate a considerable addition to ordinary works may be required in the next

2 or 3 months even if we should have more rain.

I have &c
(Sd.) E. Sita Rama Rao
for Ag. Hd. Asst. Collector
(True Copy)
(Sd.) V. Jagannadha Rao.
for Ag. Collector

(True Copy)

Hn. Grey.
for
Famine Secretary.

Exd. V.R.C.
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records & Agriculture, Madras.

Dated 28th December 1897, No. 10176 Misc.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 21st December 1897, No. 2378:-

In forwarding herewith copy of the Head Asstt. Collector's report No. 4274, dated 13th December 1897, for the fortnight ending 12th December 1897, I have the honour to state that I considered it advisable to provide some labour in the Pembarti Range of the Rapur taluk and to recommend that the sanction of ~~the~~ Government be obtained for the execution of the marginally noted works for which estimates have been prepared by the Tank Restoration Party. The works could satisfactorily be carried out under the intermediate system described in G.O., No. 430 Rev. dated 3rd June 1897.

Nelabulli tank	"	Rs. 262
Gundavoli jogi tank	"	411
Do Akili tank	"	453
Do. Yerragotipalli tank	"	316
Pembarti Nalla tank	"	2080
Do. Yerra cheruvu	"	890
Gounpalli Venkivolu tank	"	651
Do. Village tank	"	545
Tokanchi tank	"	167
Dacbar largetank	"	338
Pullekallu west tank	"	435
Mogallur village tank.	"	455

Resolution

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(True Copy & Extract).

Signed /. L.E.Buckley

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government , Revenue Department with enclosure

To the Collector of Nellore.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon Misc. No. 194, dated 14th January 1898

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(True Extract).

Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, &c.,

To the Public Works Department, with Head Asstt. Collr.'s letter to be returned.

15 Jan 98