

Public Works (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief: Pro., Revenue Dept. approving the action of the Collector of Nellore in opening certain test-works in the district as also the suggestion of the Famine Commr. that the works be carried out on the intermediate gang piece work system and requesting the Financial Dept. to make a provision of Rs 50,000 for Nellore in the revised estimate of 100 lakhs under 33 Famine Relief, credited to the Supty. Engrs. Branch, and the Chief Engrs. for Engrs.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 10009, dated 17th December 1897:—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 11th December 1897, No. 4137-Ver.:—

I have the honour to apply for sanction for an allotment of Rs. 1,250 for opening a test-relief work near Udayagiri in the Udayagiri taluk. Of the amount applied for, Rs. 250 is required for a kitchen. I request that the orders of the Board may be communicated by wire.

There has been no rain in the taluk since my letter No. 3986-Ver., dated 4th December 1897, and prices are now as follow:—

		For the week ending 4th December 1897.	For the week ending 11th December 1897.
Rice (2nd sort)	...	...	...
Cholum	...	...	...
Ragi	...	13-60	11-90
Cumbu	...	13-12	11-48

As reported in my letter above referred to, some work was provided by me from Local funds in removing prickly-pear close to the village of Udayagiri; but it failed to attract any labourers until the 1st instant. There were on the 6th December the following persons on the work:—

Details of caste of labourers.	Residence.	Males.	Females.	Children.	
				Males.	Females.
Muhammadans	Udayagiri	23	13	29	15
Madigas	Do.	21	48	22	22
Malas	Ganugapentapalli	1	..	1	..
	Sakunlapalli	..	4	..	..
	Udayagiri	..	..	..	..
Sudras	Do.	20	22	2	..
	Cherlopalli	11	18	25	16
	Venkatrowpalli	1	8	5	3
	Total	77	113	84	56

The wages have been given at the following rates:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Males, adults	...	0	1 6
Females, adults	...	0	1 0
Children between 12 and 15 years	...	0	1 0
Do. do. 7 and 12 do.	...	0	0 9

The work was not intended as actual test-relief work and should not have been so shown in the last season report, nor was it intended to allow it to reach such large dimensions. The task set has been as follows:—

Male adults	...	6 square yards.
Female adults	...	3 "
Children between 12 and 15	...	1 1/2 "
Do. do. 7 and 12	...	1 "

It is sufficiently clear that test-relief work is now necessary. I propose to commence as a test work the breaking of metal on the Udayagiri-Sitarampuram road near Udayagiri and am now on my way from here to Udayagiri, where I shall personally make all arrangements.

I would have addressed the Board earlier, but up to the time of leaving Nellore for this taluk had received no information from Udayagiri to lead me to the belief that work was required. The Deputy Collector, M.R.Ry. T. Gopalasami Iyer is not energetic enough for the work he will now have to do, and I have to-day received from him an application for privilege leave on the ground of ill-health which I am forwarding. Whether or not the leave is granted, I trust some one else may be sent to relieve him.

Read—also the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 13th December 1897, Ref. No. 2627-Ver.:—

I have the honour to report that I have been for the past week on tour in the Kanigiri taluk and also in a part of the Podili division and that I consider it advisable to start test-relief works at the following places:—

Kanigiri taluk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nandanavanam.
Podili	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pamur.
										Peddarikatla.

The season has been exceedingly unsatisfactory throughout the Kanigiri taluk, especially the west and south-west. The following statement of the cultivation and outturn of crops will show this better than anything else. The chief standing crops are aruga, horse-gram, castor-oil and cotton. The aruga has already withered almost everywhere, the cotton is in a very poor condition while castor-oil and horse-gram are still fair:—

Name of the crop.	Total cultivation.	Outturn of harvested crops in annas.					Estimate of standing crops in annas.				
		12	8	4	0	Total.	12	8	4	0	Total.
Paddy	ACRES. 561-31	..	..	..	..	..	322-8	231-23	8-0	561-31	561-31
Jonna	9,042-6	2-68	74-34	257-72	403-14	737-88	..	1,997-94	6,306-24	8,304-18	8,304-18
Sazza	10,652-74	764-37	5,150-44	4,378-47	359-46	10,652-74	..	..	..	..	..
Ragi	661-48	..	7-90	2-23	42-54	52-67	41-5	565-76	2-00	608-81	608-81
Aruga	12,369-25	..	..	..	4-00	4-00	..	2,226-36	10,138-89	12,365-25	12,365-25
Others	12,686-00	..	168-82	1,089-84	668-96	1,927-62	..	5,364-59	5,393-79	10,758-38	10,758-38
Cotton	3,802-39	133-23	235-54	64-42	12-00	445-19	..	3,672-39	180-00	3,852-39	3,852-39
Indigo	482-66	..	..	..	..	..	..	28-96	8-51	37-47	37-47
Oil-seeds	7,261-12	..	..	..	..	..	1,857-13	4,956-55	447-44	7,261-12	7,261-12
Gingelly	199-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	1-42	198-16	199-58	199-58
Tobacco	10-89	..	..	..	..	..	..	10-89	..	10-89	10-89
Topes	414-26	13-97	28-23	19-62	2-36	64-18	11-86	42-82	221-98	73-42	350-80

Very little labour is anywhere available; practically the only labour is the transplanting of ragi under wells, and the thrashing of sazza, but this gives work to only a small proportion of the labouring classes, and from what I have observed I am satisfied it is necessary to start the two relief works in the taluk I have proposed.

At Nandanavanam, the work I intend to start is repairing the big tank, a major irrigation work, for which an estimate of Rs. 4,450 has already been sanctioned. This will be executed under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

At Pamur, which is in the Kálahasti zemindari, I propose to have the metal broken for 3 miles of the Kanigiri-Pamur road still unformed. The formation of the road will later on serve as a relief work.

I visited Peddarikatla in the Podili taluk from Kanigiri as it is one of the poorest tracts in the district, and there is in the village and in the neighbouring village of Chinna Arikatla and Irsalagindam a large population of Malas and Madigas. Here too, as in the case of the Kanigiri taluk, I found no labour was available, and a test work is required for the same reasons as at Nandanavanam and Pamur.

The test relief to be started will be the breaking of metal for the Kanigiri-Chinna Arikatla road. I have made arrangements for the erection of kitchens and everything will be ready to start work in a few days. I request the sanction of an allotment of Rs. 4,000 for the works, of which Rs. 800 will be for the kitchens.

Resolution—Mis. No. 10009, dated 17th December 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the request that Rs. 5,250 may be placed at the disposal of the Collector for opening test works in the localities named.

2. The Famine Commissioner considers that the hard and fast rules of the Famine Code are not called for at the present stage, and is of opinion that the intermediate system of works described in G.O., No. 430, Revenue, dated 3rd June 1897, which will now be communicated to the Collector, may be adopted with advantage.

3. Attention is solicited to the Collector's request for an active Divisional officer.

4. The Collector will be requested to number the paragraphs of his letters.

5. A copy of the Proceedings of the Famine Commissioner, No. 693, dated 1st November 1897, will be forwarded to the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Nellore, with copy of G.O., No. 430, Revenue, dated 3rd June 1897, and Board's Proceedings, No. 693, dated 1st November 1897.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 10143, dated 22nd December 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 17th December 1897, Ref. No. 953-G.B., Ver.:—

In continuation of this office letters, No. 4137-Ver., dated 11th December 1897, and Ref. No. 2627-Ver., dated 13th December 1897, I have the honour to request the Board's sanction for starting another test-relief work near Narravada in the Udayagiri taluk as I found on my recent tour there that there is considerable demand for labour in the part of the country surrounding that village. An allotment of Rs. 1,250 may be sanctioned for the present—Rs. 1,000 for the work and Rs. 250 for a kitchen.

2. In this office letter, No. 4137-Ver., dated 11th December 1897, I requested sanction for an allotment of Rs. 1,250 for breaking metal on the Udayagiri-Sitarapuram road and an attached kitchen. However, on visiting Udayagiri on the 13th instant I found that the work of removing prickly-pear would be suitable for the present for a test work, while it will be advisable to locate a kitchen permanently at Udayagiri.

I accordingly stayed at Udayagiri until the 15th instant, and started the test work with the kitchen. My Assistant Mr. Campbell has been left to supervise the work. The work will be executed from the allotment applied for for the road work. Later on I propose moving the work to 5 miles north of Udayagiri on the Sitarapuram-Udayagiri road, should the number on the work increase considerably. The number at work on the 15th was 851.

3. I am preparing a complete list of works proposed to be taken up as relief works during the next few months and shall submit a formal application for allotments and funds in the course of a day or two. In the meantime, I request that the Board will be pleased to accord its sanction for the allotments I have applied for.

4. In anticipation of sanction, I have ordered the different works to be opened and allotted sums as shown below :—

	Amount of allotment.
	Rs.
1. Udayagiri prickly-pear work	200
2. Kitchen at Udayagiri	200
3. Metal-breaking at Pamur	200
4. Kitchen at Pamur	200
5. Metal-breaking at Narravada	200
6. Kitchen at Narravada	200
7. Metal-breaking at Peddarikatla	200
8. Kitchen at Peddarikatla	200
9. Nandanavanam tank	200
10. Kitchen at Nandanavanam	200

The estimates in all the above cases are ready and full particulars as to the amounts of the estimates and those expected to be spent during the next few months will be furnished in the application for allotment.

Resolution—Mis. No. 10143, dated 22nd December 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the request that an allotment of Rs. 1,250 may be placed at the Collector's disposal for opening a test work near Narravada in the Udayagiri taluk.

2. The Collector's action in opening the test works specified in paragraphs 2 and 4 in anticipation of sanction may be approved, as also his proposal to move the test work at Udayagiri 5 miles further north, on the Sitarapuram-Udayagiri road, in case the numbers on the work should increase considerably.

3. The Collector's attention will be drawn to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 10009, dated 17th December 1897, wherein the introduction of the intermediate system of works is suggested.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Nellore.

ORDER—No. 2, Revenue, dated 4th January 1898.

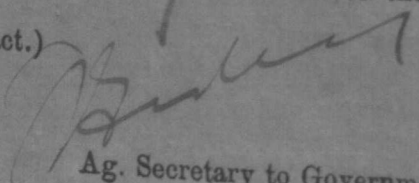
Miscellaneous.

The opening of test works at Udayagiri, Narravada, Pamur, Nandanavanam and Peddarikatla is sanctioned and the works to be opened in anticipation of sanction is approved. The suggestion of the Famine Commissioner that the works be carried out on the intermediate gang piece-work system is also accepted; this will render the grant of gratuitous relief to dependants unnecessary at the present stage. The Collector should be instructed accordingly by wire.

2. The Collector should also be called upon to submit immediately a detailed estimate of the amounts required for famine relief in the next few months classified according to budget heads in the recognized budget form. Meanwhile, the Financial Department will be requested to make a provision by re-appropriation of Rs. 50,000 for Nellore in the revised estimate of 100 lakhs under 33 Famine Relief now being recast in that department.

3. The request of the Collector in the last paragraph of his letter of the 11th December is noted.

(True Extract.)


Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.

Mrd. Shaik Karim.

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