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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 29.-8.-1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th August 1865.

No. 504. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1865, No. 2,336.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Muddenpully, 13th April 1865, No. 44 :—

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, as per margin, with enclosures, I have the honor to report that, when I arrived in Cuddapah in July 1863, I found the roads in and about Cuddapah in a very bad state, and some of them perfectly dangerous for quick travelling and difficult for even slow. I therefore spoke to the Sessions Judge on the subject, and found that three gangs of prisoners were at out stations for sanitary reasons, and two besides were employed on the railway, and others were employed elsewhere, leaving me only one gang for digging, carting, and repairing some twenty miles of road.

4th March 1865, No. 1,262, herewith returned.

2. There being an estimate for the first two miles of the road from Cuddapah to Madras, as also from Cuddapah to Vellore, this work was done by the Department Public Works, but the greater part of all the other roads were either worn out or fast doing so, owing to the prisoners being employed elsewhere for hire, and the proceeds taken for jail purposes. About the middle, however, of 1864, finding that the road, which would be the main one to the railway on its opening, was very bad, and in some places so impassable that bandies went out in the fields, I managed to get three gangs for digging and repairing the roads, and took some of the Local Funds for carting Kankur, as the railway was so near completion, and as it is this work that takes so much time when performed by prisoners. This number was subsequently increased to five, and the works were going on in a very satisfactory manner, when suddenly three were withdrawn, upon which I remonstrated with the Sessions Judge, as per enclosed letter, and you will see by his answer also enclosed, that he considers the railway works of more importance than the roads leading to it, the greater part of which are now fast wearing out, and which will get much more so if either the prisoners are not worked on them or else the proceeds given to either myself or the Department Public Works to be spent on them, and I will here remark that I can see no reason for employing the prisoners on the railway where labor is more abundant than on any other part of it.

Dated 6th March 1865, No. 161.

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3. I quite agree with Captain Moberly that Colonel Hemery was right in principle, in not allowing funds to be spent where there were prisoners; but in this case the prisoners were employed elsewhere, and surely money raised by out-door work, when plenty of coolies are available, cannot be called *savings*, when this legitimate work is neglected, to do which other money has to be expended.

4. I have, therefore, the honor to request that either the prisoners may be kept for working on the roads and other works in and about Cuddapah, or else that the proceeds of these works may be allowed for doing that which they ought to do.

=ber of prisoners to keep in repair

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th August 1865.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah, to F. S. CHILD, Esq., Sessions Judge of Cuddapah, dated 6th March 1865, No. 161.

Having been given to understand that there is not more than one gang of prisoners available to keep the roads in and about Cuddapah in repair, the traffic of which is greatly on the increase, and some of the roads in wretched repair, for which there is no estimate, and as I am also given to understand that the remaining prisoners are employed on the railway, although there is abundance of labor to be obtained in the District, and further that the proceeds of the prisoners' labor is carried to the account of the Jail, I have the honor to request you will let me know if my information is correct in order that I may obtain an order from Government that either the prisoners be employed according to their orders, viz., in keeping the roads in repair within two miles of the Jail, or else that the proceeds of their labor be handed over to employ cooly labor in their stead.

From F. S. CHILD, Esq., Sessions Judge of Cuddapah, to H. G. SMITH, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah, dated 9th March 1865, No. 164.

In reply to your letter No. 161 of 1865 of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you that one convict gang is employed on the railway at Conamalapally. This it was necessary to send there permanently in consequence of the over-crowded state of the Jail. The two gangs employed on the railway here were applied for by the Railway Engineer, and I sanctioned the application, as I considered it most desirable to give every assistance to the railway.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. G. SMITH, *Magistrate.*

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order dated 21st February, No. 380.

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1865, No. 2,027.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Judicial Department, for issue of orders in that Department to place at the disposal of the Collector a sufficient number of prisoners to keep in repair the roads in and about the town of Cuddapah, pending the sanction for Rupees 45,000 in lieu of convict labor applied for in paragraph 5 of letter dated 17th November 1864, No. 2,110, Revenue Department, to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 2027.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29th August 1865.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Submitting letter from the Collr of Cuddapah stating that three gangs of prisoners are employed on the Railway by order of the Sessions Judge, and requesting that orders may be issued either for their employment in keeping the roads in and about Cuddapah in repair, or for the proceeds of their labor being handed over to employ cooly labor in their stead.

(Here enter 9th May 1865 No. 2336)

Referred to the Judicial Department for issue of orders in that Department to place at the disposal of the Collector a sufficient number of prisoners to keep in repair

repair the roads in and about the town of Cuddapah, pending the sanction for Rs. 45,000 in lieu of convict-labor applied for in para 5 of letter dated 17th November 1864, No. 2110 Pc. D. to the Govt of India.

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No. 2027.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 29th August 65

Pro: Madras Govt J. Deptt
dated 19th Septr 65 & No 2647

Pro No. 404-405
21-2-65

Requesting the Judicial Departt to place at the disposal of the Collr of Cuddapah a sufficient number of Convicts for repairing the Cuddapah roads.

No 404 & 405

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