

No 275.

Vizagapatam 9th April 1872

From R. J. Melville Esqre.
Ag Collector.

To J. Grose Esqre.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report on the progress made on relief works during the past month.

2. Work has been in progress on all roads for which special grants were sanctioned with the exception of that from Honada to the Trunk Road between Chittur and Chicacole and that from Kuppili to Chilkapalem. For the former of the two roads a grant of Rupees 10000 was sanctioned on March 4th 1872 - The line previously surveyed and fixed on for the road was condemned by the present Range Officer consequently the

the work had to be stopped. A new line has since been fixed on and steps are in progress to make over the land required for the road to the Department Public Works. Nothing has been done on the road from Kuppili to Chikrapalem as I was of opinion that it was inexpedient to spend more money at present on works connected with Kuppili Salt Pans, as the salt water supply there is reported on by Doctor Patton to be so defective.

3. On the other works the grants sanctioned are being expended. I enclose a list showing the amount expended up to 31st March and the estimated expenditure up to June 30th. The daily number of labourers employed on these works exclusive of those employed on Irrigation Repairs and those employed by

by the Maharajah of Vizianagram amount to between 8 and 9,000 men women and children.

4. Some of the grants are being rapidly expended but in many cases further expenditure can be met by allotments already made in the Local Fund Budget of 1872-73. This however is not the case as regards the Trunk Road from Toonee to Chicacole. It is true that a total sum of Rupees 14,000 appears in the Local Fund Budget under this head, but this is the maintenance of the road throughout its entire length. I have therefore the honor to request a further grant of Rupees 20,000 to be expended along the entire length of the Trunk Road. This will keep the work going till June when it is to be hoped that the usual

usual rains may fall and the people find employment in agricultural operations.

5. In my letter No 219 dated 26th March 1872 to which no answer has as yet been received, I applied for a further grant of Rupees 1500 to be expended on the road between Ramabhadrapuram and Bobbili. — 10000 Rupees was allotted in the Local Fund Budget for the road from Gajapatnagram to Parvatipore, but this amount was reduced by the Board to what extent I am as yet uninformed.

6. Certain irrigation works have been chosen by Mr. Kelsall the Principal Assistant Collector in consultation with the Range Officer on which to expend the grant of Rupees 15000 made. ^{As yet} I have as yet received no report as to

to the progress made on these works. Mr. Kelsall has generally allotted money to works the estimates for which had already been sanctioned, but which had remained unfinished for want of funds.

7. I would now bring to notice the delay caused by the formalities which the Controller Department Public Works insists on before an anna of the money can be expended by the Range Officer.

On a special grant being ^{17/2} sanctioned I have been in the habit of informing the Range Officer concerned of the sanction, stating that the ~~sanction~~ was at his disposal and requested to know at what Treasury he intends to draw it. A cheque on that Treasury was sent him. The Controller has ordered

ordered the return to me of all such
cheques and forbidden the Range Officer
to draw any money except on "Credit
order" - to be furnished by the Controller.
This system however suitable it may
be for the ordinary routine of the
department is clearly unsuitable for
Special grants made under exceptional
circumstances. The grant is perhaps
applied for and the sanction is re-
ceived by telegraph within a few hours,
but the Range Officer cannot touch
the money or commence the work till
he has written to the Controller asking
for Credit orders and received the same
which in this district could not reach
him under the most favorable circum-
stances for 10 or 11 days. As far as
I understand the method of the
Controller the result appears to
be

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be that no distinction is made
between expenditure from Special
grants and the ordinary allotments
each of which it appears to me should
be kept distinct

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sd / R. J. Mulville
Ag. Collector.
(True Copy).
H. J. Mulville
Ag. Collector

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No. 313

Vizagapatam April 16th 1872

From,

R. J. Melville Esquire,
Acting Collector

To,

The Honble W. Suddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort. Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your telegram
dated the 15th Instant, I have the ho-
nor to forward copy of our letter to
the address of the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, dated 9th idem,
No. 275, reporting the progress made
in famine relief works.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt. servt.

Wm. Melville
Acting Collector

1872

Departments

June 13th 1872

The Co. Secy

Vizagapatam

The Secretary

to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

June 9th 1872

No. 275

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Report to the Secy

on the work of the

Board of Revenue

March 1872

Testimony before

July 1396.

The Commission

Investigation

To the Chief Secretary
to the Commission

John R. George

Patent 16, 1912
No. 202

No. 313

Patented 2

The Commission
to the Secretary the
Board of Directors
regarding the progress
made in the same

Respectfully

Respectfully
submitted by
the Secretary

Received of the
 Honble Secy to the
 Govt of Madras
 the sum of Rs 313
 on 16th June 1872
 for the purpose of
 carrying out the
 works on the
 road from Chittoor
 to the sea at
 Chittoor.

Relief Works	Grants.	Sanction	Expenditure.		Total.	Difference between Columns 3 & 6	Allotment if any in Local Funds Budget for 1872-73	Grant required for such as have no allotment in Local Funds.	Remarks.	
			To 31 st March	Estimated to 30 th June.						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Trunk Road S.W. from Chittoor to Chittivalsa.	2,500	G.O. 6 th Feb. - Aug 1872 No 245.	1,210	1,815	3,025	- 525	14,100	20,000		
2 Dr. from Chittivalsa to Ankapilli	2,500	Dr.	2,500	20,000	25,180	- 17,680				
3 Dr. from Ankapilli Southwards	3,000	Dr. 17 th Feb. 1872	2,290							
		Dr. 34 th March 1872	390							
4 Dr. repair between Nacca and Pimp.	2,000	G.O. 17 th Jan. 1872	718	1,077	1,795	+ 205	10,000		The Budget allotment is for road from Vijayanagaram to the sea for carrying the Simlipa - Nam. Vijayanagaram & Kacifar of the road.	
5 Road from Vijayanagaram to Chittivalsa.	2,000	- Aug 1872 No 34	138	1,362	1,500	"	6,114			
6 Dr. from Vijayanagaram to Pimp.	1,500	Dr.	138	4,220	5,900	- 3,900	3,900			
7 Dr. from Vijayanagaram to Pimp.	1,000	Dr.	1,680							
8 Dr. from Pimp. to Polavem	1,000	Dr.			6,741	- 4,741	14,500			
9 Dr. from Chittivalsa to Pimp.	1,000	Dr.								
10 Dr. from Vijayanagaram to Chittivalsa High Road -	2,600	G.O. 20 th Dec. 1871 No 3141	500	2,100	2,600	"	"		Dr. Dr. road from Vijayanagaram to the sea for carrying the Simlipa - Nam. Vijayanagaram & Kacifar of the road.	
11 Dr. from Ram Bhadrapuram to Bobbili	1,000	G.O. 17 th Feb. 1872 No 34	734	2,202	2,926	- 1,736	10,000	1,500		
12 Salt Road from Kuppili to Trunk Road	1,000	Dr.								
13 Road from Sahur to foot of Pimp. Ghat	5,000	G.O. 28 th Feb. 1872 No 351	400	4,800	5,200	+ 4,800				
14 Dr. from Pimp. to Pimp.	5,000	Dr. 8 th March 1872								
15 Road from Konada to Vijayanagaram	15,000	G.O. 4 th March 1872							The amount reduced by the Pimp. for 10 Pimp. Pimpings of 15 th Jan 1872.	
16 Irrigation repairs Sub. Dr. - main	15,000	G.O. 8 th March 1872 No 416.								

Vijayanagaram
 9th April 1872

Signed
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 Examined
 By Collector.

R. J. McNeill
 By Collector