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Famine Relief Works.

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The Government are very desirous that a considerable proportion of the laborers now employed on Relief Works, in the Bellary and Kurnool Districts, should be directed to the large works now undertaken on the East Coast Canal in the Nellore District. Contractors are engaged in recruiting labor for these works, and it becomes necessary to make provision for gangs of laborers proceeding from the Bellary and Kurnool Districts to the canal. The roads along which it is proposed that these gangs should travel are—

2. From the Kurnool District to the Northern Section of the Canal with head-quarters at Kottapattam. This portion of the canal will extend from the Chinna Ganjam Creek, twenty-one miles southward.

3. The Kurnool laborers will assemble in the first instance at Cumbum and march by the road which passes through the Vamataud Pass to Paulapad, Paudella, Oopalapad, Ongole to the line of Canal.

4. The Collector of Nellore will instruct the Sub-Collector to have this road carefully examined at once, with a view to determining the most suitable halting-places for the coolies proceeding either in large gangs or in small parties to the canal. The first requisites for halting-places are a good and sufficient supply of drinking water, and facilities for obtaining sufficient food.

5. It is improbable that in a season of scarcity such as is now experienced the villages within any reasonable distance from the road will be able to supply food for the large numbers of laborers who, for the next three or four weeks, will be passing along the road.

6. Arrangements must therefore be made to supplement largely local resources by establishing at the halting-places depôts of food, and to this object the Sub-Collector will at once devote his attention. It is difficult to state with any exactitude the number for whom food is to be provided, but it is hoped that the exodus from the Kurnool District once fairly commenced, there will be a daily passage along the road of some 300 or 400 laborers, or say 10,000 or 12,000 in a month, and the Sub-Collector must arrange for the provision at the depôts of supplies to this extent, either at once or by periodical transmissions.

7. Grain in sufficient quantities to meet these requirements will shortly be at the disposal of Government at Kottapattam, upon which grain depôt the Sub-Collector will draw for his road supplies.

8. It will be necessary that at each halting-place there should be an intelligent native subordinate in charge of the grain and responsible for its distribution and for the preservation of good order among the laborers. A small guard of Police will also be required to guard the grain depôt. If there are sufficient Katubadies or Taliaries or such rural police available and reliable the Sub-Collector will employ these temporarily in aid of, or in substitution for the Police. A small supply of medicines to meet exigencies of cholera or fever must be sent to the depôts with plain instructions for their use, and the Sub-Collector will communicate with the Engineer in charge of the works to ascertain whether a medical subordinate can be sent from the Medical Establishment already assembled at the Canal Works to

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be engaged in constantly passing along this road from Cumbum to Kottapattam and affording medical aid where required.

9. A distinct camping-ground must be selected for the gangs to halt at, and portable mat latrines must be prepared. The camping-grounds and their latrines should be occasionally shifted for sanitary reasons, and a sufficient conservancy establishment at each halting-place must be engaged.

10. No time should be lost in making these preparations, the Sub-Collector personally seeing to the execution of his orders, and as soon as he has put matters in such order as to admit of gangs starting, the Sub-Collector will communicate with the officials of the Kurnool District. All laborers engaged for the Eastern Canal Work, whether proceeding in gangs or in small groups, will be furnished with tickets which will be accepted as vouchers of their engagement and of their being entitled to be fed at the depôts along the road.

11. The above general instructions, which relate to the progress of laborers to the northern portion of the canal, are equally applicable to those gangs which will reach from Bellary that portion of the work of which the headquarters will be at Eskapillay.

12. The laborers from Bellary will be conveyed in gangs of 300 or 400 by rail to the Rajampett Station, from which they will proceed by easy marches ~~via~~ the Rapoor Ghaut, Toomultopoor to Eskapillay, avoiding if possible entering the town of Nellore. The Collector will personally see to the preparations for these ~~movements, and will keep himself in communication with the Revenue Officers of Bellary District on the subject of his preparations.~~

13. The Collector will avail himself in the first instance of the supplies of grain which are at Nellore, making such contracts hereafter as may be necessary for the continuous supply of grain at the depôts along the road.

(True Extract.)

To the Board of Revenue.

the Collector of Bellary.

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„ the Collector of Nellore.

„ the Collector of Cuddapah.

.. the Accountant-General.

„ the Public Works Department.

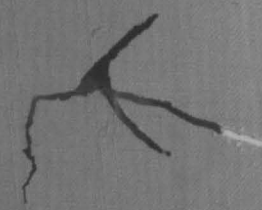
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