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20th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 650. Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 6th March 1877, No. 998.

"Report what effect given to paragraphs 9 and 10 of G.O., dated 5th February, No. 515, relative to relief in villages and inspection thereof. Great importance attached to this."

With reference to your telegram of the 2nd instant, as per margin, I have the honor to state that the following reply was despatched on the 5th idem :—

"Your telegram 2nd. Relief camps, eighteen in district. Village heads made responsible against allowing starving. As soon as European officers settled in taluqs, village inspections will be made."

2. On receipt of the G.O. referred to (dated 5th ultimo, No. 515,) the attention of all officers in charge of relief works was directed to it, and they were called upon to propose either any change in the locality of the present relief houses, or any addition to the number which might appear necessary in connection with the relief works now being undertaken. Proposals will be submitted in accordance with the principles enunciated in the Government order as soon as the reports called for have been received. None have come to hand as yet, but a reminder will now be sent out.

3. Referring to paragraph 8 of the G.O. under reply, my predecessor asked the District Engineer to state what arrangements he would propose for the followers on the East Coast Canal, desiring him at the same time to assume the entire charge of such relief houses as might appear necessary, because he had such a large and complete organization on the canal.

4. A copy of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's letter of the 14th ultimo, No. 261, replying to this requisition, is submitted. From this it appears that he proposes to have a relief camp at each of the ten sub-divisions* into which the canal is now divided, and estimates that provision in every camp will have to be made for the subsistence of about 1,000 persons. On a rough calculation, the cost of such an undertaking, inclusive of establishment and exclusive of the cost of erecting sheds, fences, &c., could not be less than Rupees 30,000 a-month. It is for the Government to consider whether they are prepared to go to such expense on a single large work, irrespective of the proposals that may be advanced for minor relief works and "relief camps centrally situated in taluqs or sub-divisions of taluqs." Before making any distinct recommendation on this subject myself, I propose to talk the matter over with the District Engineer.

* Mypad.	Chacocherla.
Ramatheertham.	Pakala.
Iskapally.	Itamukkala.
Tummalapenta.	Padarti.
Chinnapalem.	Kanaparti.

5. The question of the entire management of the relief camps along the line of the canal has also to be considered. It seems to me that Mr. Sharp's proposal to leave the entire charge of each camp in the hands of the canal officers is a reasonable one, considering the complete organization on the canal.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Nellore, 14th February 1877, No. 261.

IN reply to your letter, No. 699, dated the 9th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I would propose to have a relief camp attached to each sub-division of the canal, where food and shelter could be given to all camp-followers and other destitute persons unable to work.

I could not undertake the entire management of these relief camps, but I will give any necessary assistance in erecting sheds, &c., that you may require.

The canal is now divided into ten sub-divisions as follows:—

Mypad, Ramatheertham, Iskapally, Tummalapenta, Chinnapalem, Chacocherla, Pakala, Itamukkala, Padarti and Kanaparti.

The relief camps should, I think, be at about the centre of each sub-division and two miles inland from the canal, and it will probably be necessary to provide for the subsistence of about 1,000 persons at each relief camp; these persons would of course include the destitute from surrounding villages as well as camp followers.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Collector.

No. 651. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1877, No. 1,166.

Miscellaneous.

THE District Engineer will explain more fully the need for a relief camp for 1,000 persons incapable of work and dependent on Government for gratuitous subsistence on each section of the East Coast Canal, on which work the labourers can earn by piece-work or petty contract sufficient to maintain themselves and their families, and though a small camp may be necessary on each section with reference to the case of new arrivals not capable of earning more than subsistence wages for themselves, the need of providing by anticipation for 10,000 helpless dependents on these persons is very questionable.

2. Mr. O'Shaughnessy must understand that each relief camp in each section is an appendage to the relief work and under the same administration, and that he must arrange for the necessary supplies, establishment, &c. The supplies must be obtained by public tender, and the expenditure on the camps must be brought to account separately from that on the relief works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Nellore.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE,
&c.,
&c.,

Dated March, 2nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 2nd March 1877, No. 1,163.

MARCH.
Nos. 650-651.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 721.

Relief Camps along the line of the East Coast Canal.—Requesting the District Engineer, Nellore to explain more fully the need for a relief camp for 1,500 persons incapable of work dependant on Government for gratuitous assistance on each section of the canal, on which work the laborers can earn by piece-work the petty contract sufficient to maintain themselves and their families; informing him that each camp is an appendage to the relief works and under the same administration; and that he will arrange for the necessary supplies, establishment, &c., the supplies being obtained by the trader and the expenditure on the camps brought to account separately from that on the works.

No 261

District Engineer's office
Nellore
14th February 1877

From

The District Engineer
Nellore

To

The Actg Collector
Nellore

Sir

In reply to your letter No 499 dated the 9th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I would propose to have shrelief Camp attached to each Sub-division of the Canal, where food and shelter could be given to all Camp followers and others destitute persons unable to work.

I could not undertake the entire management of these relief Camps, but I will give any necessary assistance in erecting sheds &c. that you may require.

The Canal is now divided into 10 Sub-divisions as follows

Mypaud. Ramatherthaud. Isukapally, Sundapenta, Chennapalinm, Chacharla

Pakala, Eatamakala, Padarty and Kanuparthy.

The relief Camps should, I think be about the Centre of each Sub-division and 2 Miles inland from the Canal, and it will probably be necessary to provide for the Subsistence of about 1000 persons at each relief Camp; these persons would of Course include the destitute from Surrounding villages as well as Camp followers.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Most obedient Servant

Sgd/ J. O'Shaughnessy

District Engineer

/True Copy/

Copies to Board 17th Dec 1866

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Collr of Nellore

Dated 6th March 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

We propose for about the 10 relief camps for the E. C. Canal as the following 6 cost- 30000 Rs a month, exclusive of cost of erection & that there are 18 camps in different parts of the Dist & before making definite recommendations in respect of "relief camps" centrally situated" to propose to talk matters over with the Dist Engineer - the Dist Engineer proposes that the entire management of each of the camps be left to the proposed Asst Engr, the Canal officer, presently in charge of the division of the Canal on which the Camp is situated.

Orders are urgently to let us know whether so many camps are wanted along the Canal

2nd [illegible] Camp

Pakala, Katamakala, Padarty and Kanapartha.

The relief Camps should, I think be established at the Centre of each Sub-division and 2 miles inland from the Canal, and it will probably be necessary to provide for the subsistence of about 1000 persons at each relief Camp; these persons would of Course include the destitute from the surrounding villages as well as Camp followers.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient Servant

(Sgd) J. O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer

(True Copy)

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Collector.

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Revenue Department.

No.

From Colr of Nellore

Dated 6th March 1877

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Crowe proceeds to relief camp for E. C. Canal and takes 6 cost 30000 Rs a month, & returns & cost question & that there are 18 camps in 8 present being definite reason with tions in respect of "relief camp centrally situated" to propose to talk matters over with the S.E. Engineer - the Dist Engineer - But suppose that the entire small camp will be re- management of each Camp moved on each section - Camp to be left to the Collr allow the addition must proposed Asst Engr, the be followed at Yeddacan- Canal officer, presumably near Madras. in charge of the division of the Canal on which the Camp is situated.

He must consult the Orders are urgent to. Canal officers, take charge get as to shelter so many as to whether Camps are wanted along the Canal

2nd Class 6 Camps

of them - The District
Engineer says he
cannot undertake
the entire charge
of them

H.P.

12/3/77

I do not think Mr. Ed.
Hopkins does right to
keep for a relief camp for
two persons incapable
of work & dependents for
provisions & subsistence
in each division of the
work.

As I understand - he
employs laborers in the
case by piece work at
contract prices & not to
maintain their laborers'
families - & the
camp may be necessary
to support the case of the
invalids incapable of
labor & their families -
for instance - I guess he
needs providing
for two relief camps
in these -

Let the Dist. Engr.
that the Relief camp in case
must be an appendage
to the work - & under the

administration - & that
he must arrange for the
necessary supplies - cover
retain &c - He must
obtain supplies by public
tender - The Expenditure on
Relief camps &c to be
acct. of separately from
that on the work.

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No. 1166

O. O. 20 Mar 1877

The Dist. Engr. will explain
upon application to him for a
Relief camp for 1000 persons
in case the work of dependents
on those for labor constitutes
an item of the cost
of each section on which
contract labourers can earn
by piece work a sufficient
support to maintain them &
their families & that a
Relief camp may be necessary
in connection with supplies
to the laboring men
employed in the construction
of the Canal providing
thereby for 1000 helpless
dependents or those persons

FOR ORDERS.

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4. A copy of Mr D'Abreu's letter of the 4th Instant, No 261, replying to this requisition is submitted. From this it appears that he proposes to have a relief Camp at each of the 10 Sub Divisions into which the Canal is now divided and estimates that provision in every Camp will have to be made for the subsistence of about 1000 persons. On a rough calculation the cost of such an undertaking inclusive of establishment and exclusive of the cost of erecting sheds, fences, &c, could not be less than Rs 30,000 a month. It is for the Government to consider whether they are prepared to go to such expense on a simple forger work, irrespective of the proposals that may be advanced from minor relief works and "relief Camps centrally situated in Taluqs or such divisions of Taluqs".

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

J Grote
Collector

E.S.

* Chyppa
Pamatkarlova
Sakrapelly
Immalapuram
Chinnapalem
Chavacherla
Pakala
Ramakuppam
Parantli
Kanaparti

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