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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 184A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1877, No. 1,357:—

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nagavaram, 13th March 1877, Extra No. 304.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from the Head Assistant Collector forwarding the accompanying estimates for certain masonry works on the Rajampett to Hoblam road, which is a famine relief work and approaching completion.

2. I have been over six miles of this work, and have seen the large and one of the smaller road dams. Unless these are completed, it will be impassable for carts.

3. I quite agree with Mr. Benson, who in his letter fully enters into the matter, that the estimates should be sanctioned and the cost charged to the road. As, however, they relate entirely to masonry work, I consider that existing orders prohibit my passing them.

4. I accordingly make a reference to the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

FROM E. S. BENSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Kodoor, 7th March 1877, No. 214.

I HAVE the honor to forward three plans, with report, specification, and estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,590, for a road dam over the Pullangair river on the first furlong of the new Rajampett-Hoblam road; and also two plans, reports, specification, and estimates for Rupees 320 and Rs. 235, respectively, for two tunnels on the same road. These have been sent to me by the District Engineer for disposal.

2. The road, as you are aware, is a relief road, but it will be impassable for carts until these works are completed. For these reasons, with the approval of the late Acting Collector, I urged the Range Officer to push on such masonry works as were absolutely necessary to render the new roads passable, and in these and some few other cases the work was put in hand in anticipation of sanction. I also sanctioned a tunnel on the above road, costing Rupees 220, about three weeks ago.

3. Since then the recent Government Order has been received limiting relief works to such as can be carried out by task-work, and disallowing the use of contractors. I therefore feel at a loss as to how these estimates are to be disposed of. As far as possible masonry works on the new roads are avoided, but some are essential and must be carried out to admit of traffic. The traffic on this road would be very heavy even now, and if the lower Choyaur embankments are sanctioned this traffic would be enormously increased in carrying supplies to the coolies. In fact, it is essential to make the road passable, being, as it is, the only means of communication between the great mart of Rajampett and Hoblam which, with Tungatur on the other bank of the river, will be centre of the embankment operations.

4. I should notice that though part of the stone-work can only be done by skilled men who might not otherwise receive State employment, still a great part of all these works is done by ordinary coolies who would, if not so engaged, be a burden on the works; costing nearly as much and doing less work and of a far less useful character.

5. I consider it would not be possible to carry out these works by daily labor at famine rates.

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6. I request the favor of instructions as to how these and similar estimates are to be dealt with—(1) in the case where the works have been gone on with in anticipation of sanction, (2) where work has not been commenced, but is necessary to render the road available for use.

7. The cases in my taluqs will be very few, and I am strongly of opinion that they ought to be gone on with by the Public Works Department and the bills paid by us and debited to the respective roads.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 6.—Plans.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 7 to 9.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 10 to 12.—Specifications.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 13 to 15.—Reports.

The Collector is authorized to sanction the estimates which are within his competence.

2. The Board do not consider that the orders of Government were intended to preclude the execution of such works which are necessary to the completion and utility of relief works, and which require some skilled labor for their execution, though they at the same time permit of the employment of a considerable quantity of unskilled labor. It is necessary in the selection of works to take care that those involving a minimum of masonry or other work requiring skilled labor should be chosen, but all works must involve some of it which cannot be tasked or always executed at relief wages.

3. The Board have received several references on this point, and to put the matter beyond doubt request Government to issue an order declaring that when works of the kind are unavoidable, they may be carried out on the piece or on usual rates so far as the skilled labor necessary is concerned. The unskilled labor might probably be tasked in most cases.

4. It is evident that, unless this is permitted, benefit from relief works completed so far as unskilled labor can complete them will be very partial, and in many cases, notably tank repairs, the outlay will be entirely thrown away.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 184B.

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1877, No. 1,366A.

Miscellaneous.

His Grace the Governor in Council
is pleased to sanction the execution by
piece-work or contract at usual rates,

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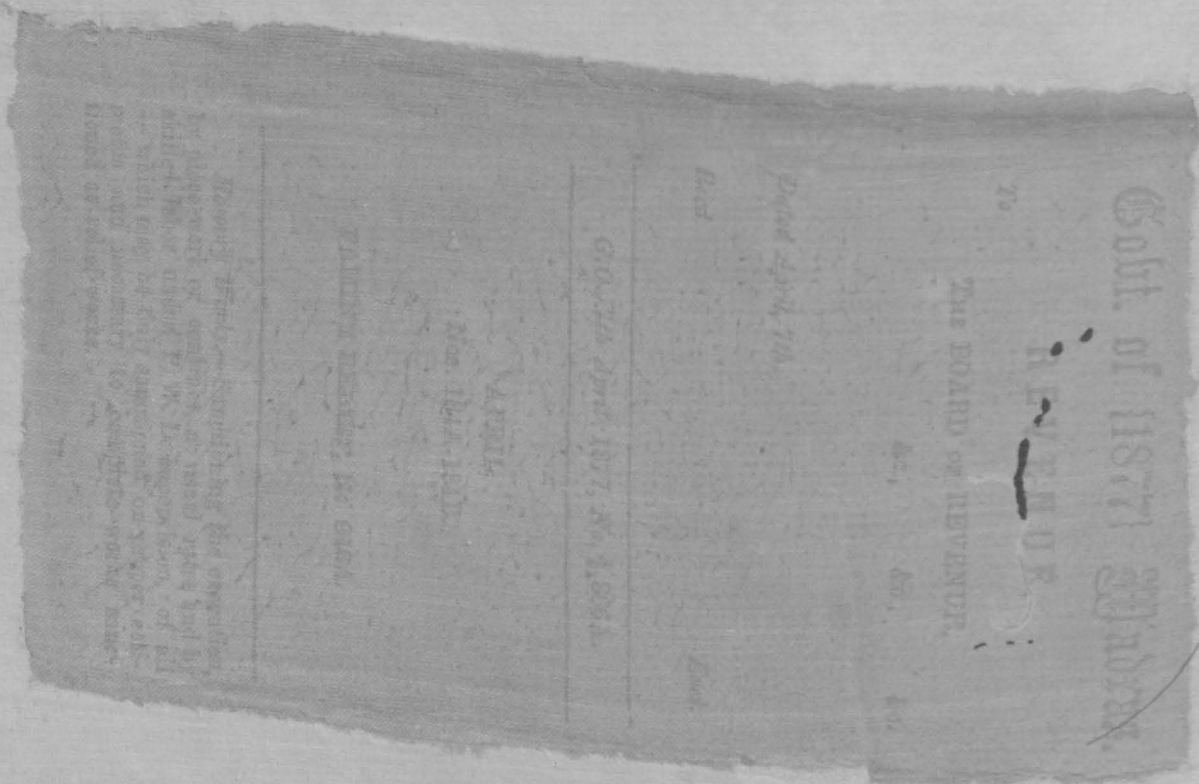
and by skilled labor, and under Public Works Department supervision, of all masonry works which may be duly sanctioned on proper estimates and necessary to complete works sanctioned as relief-works.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. A. F. Goodall.



Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 26th March 77

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Read the following

Order No. 304

From

J. H. Price Esq^r

Acting Collector of Cuddalore

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8-R
No 2850.

To

H. C. Stokes Esq^r

Secretary to the Bd of Revenue
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/ True copy /

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Respectfully

Secretary

To

The Additional Secretary
to Government P.D.

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Nov. 1877 Sept
to Dec. 1900
the 13d of
June.

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Q. A. Y. 2nd July 1774. No. 1366
 Remd from Benjamin Bell to
 Stephen in Southgate St.
 a fine new work of preaching
 completion, — Gathering
 Collected & printed in 1774.
 — made for a fine new
 work to be — & repeating
 first: to issue an order
 declaring that the work of
 the Lord was now in the
 that may be carried out on
 fields or in small plots so
 far as skilled labor necessary
 is concerned.

No 1366 R

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piece work or contract ^{at usual rates} & of skilled labour,
^{supervision} under P.W.D. of all necessary work ~~including~~ ^{which may be duly sanctioned in proper estimates}
necessary to complete work sanctioned as relief work -

Box 4/4

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7 April 1877.

Ind. Cap. to the President Dec 21st 1894
35 Dec 20th 1894
21 Dec 1894
The Finance and
The Secretary General