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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 227. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1877:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1877, No. 267.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the sanction of the Government, estimates for certain roads under execution in the Ramalkotta and Pattikonda Taluqs. The estimates are supposed to approximate to what would be the probable cost of the roads if carried out by the Public Works Department under ordinary circumstances. But as the works have in most cases been begun without pre-organisation, without any trained agency having been secured for purposes of supervision, and without a sufficient supply of tools, and as every person applying for relief was admitted indiscriminately, the coolies went through the mere form of work and did little or nothing, and the estimates have in consequence been very largely exceeded in nearly every instance. Supplemental estimates will now have to be framed for the completion of the road-works, and Mr. Clogstoun has been requested to have them prepared and submitted.

2. Copy of Mr Clogstoun's letter explaining more at large the causes of excessive expenditure is enclosed for the information of the Board.

3. The names of some of the works entered in the list of estimates do not correspond with the names entered in the weekly reports submitted from this office. The following explanatory remarks are therefore added:—

"Road from Yeldurti to Goruntla".—This is a portion of the road from Yeldurti to Kodamur, which passes through the village of Goruntla.

"Road from Kodamur to Gonagondla and Kodamur to Venkatagiri".—These two are a continuation of the road from Yeldurti to Kodamur, and the outlays on them are lumped together and shown in the weekly relief return under "Road from Kodamur to Yeldurti" in Pattikonda.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 6th March 1877, No. 50-44.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for submission to the Board of Revenue, a number of estimates prepared by the officers of the Public Works Department for roads already under construction in the section of the district now under my charge. The estimates are supposed to approximate to what would be the probable cost of the roads if carried out by the Public Works Department under ordinary circumstances. Had we the trained agency for supervision, the supply of tools, the power of selection of labor, without which the Public Works Department would not dream of commencing the construction of a road, it might be possible for us to have completed the roads in question at a cost not very greatly exceeding the estimates. Situated, however, as we have been up to within the past month, with a supply of tools out of all proportion below our requirements, with a professional staff utterly unable, owing to its very limited strength, to supervise fairly a quarter of the works in progress, and with the burden upon us of paying all-comers, women and children, young and old, without the means of exacting a fair quota of labor in return, there has never been

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left to us any hope of being able to show a fair return for our outlay, that is to say, where the return is measured in cubic yards of earth dug rather than in lives saved. The expenditure on many roads which are still far from complete is already far above the estimate, and there is very little reason to hope that any road will be completed by relief coolies within the estimated amounts. One main cause for exceeding ordinary estimates is the fact that on relief roads in this section all material that is not on the spot is conveyed there by the laborers themselves, the hire of carts and cattle being forbidden as tending to increase the aggregate cost of the famine, though it would doubtless have the effect of decreasing the expenditure on any given work. Due weight must be given to facts like these in considering the question of estimates, and, perhaps, it would have been fair to show this in the estimates themselves. In an estimate now before me for the reconstruction of the Kurnool and Bellary roads the cost of labor is computed at Rs 1,00,719, and that of carting metal and gravel at Rs. 1,30,390. It is manifest that this estimate, large as it is, would be vastly increased were the metal and gravel, as in relief-works, to be carried to the side of the road by coolies. The remark in many of the estimates that metal is not to be found within half a mile applies in probably an equal number of cases to gravel, and it moreover hardly describes the state of things on many of our roads, which are through black cotton soil, with sufficient accuracy. Not only are metal and gravel not obtainable within half a mile, but in a number of cases, of which I have personal knowledge, they are not obtainable within a mile, in some cases a mile and-a-half. It will be evident that the carrying of metal and gravel these long distances by coolies only must add enormously to the cost of a work; and yet it is clear that the provision of carriage would add to the total famine expenditure a sum which it is not absolutely necessary, and, therefore, not advisable to add thereto.

2. I have thought it proper, in justice to those who have worked in concert with me in the section and to myself, to submit this brief explanation. I know that no labor has been spared either by them or by myself in carrying out the work that has been entrusted to us, and that it is due to us all that, in considering what we have done, the difficulties under which we have labored, and continue to labor, should not be lost sight of.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

APPROXIMATE Estimate of the Cost of certain Roads in Kurnool District.

No.	Taluk.	Name of Road.	Length.	Estimated Cost.	Remarks.
1	Ramalkotta	Road from Yelduri to Goruntla ...	MILES.	RS.	Under construction.
2	Do.	Do. do. to Kistnagiri ...	24	29,750	
3	Do.	Do. Chinna Tekur to Nagalaparam ...	63	20,050	
4	Do.	Do. do. to Nurnar ...	71	23,220	
5	Do.	Do. Third mile of Kurnool and Bellary	6	18,510	
6	Pattikonda	Do. Road to Ulichala ...	6	18,850	Do.
7	Do.	Do. Kodamur to Gonagondla ...	10	34,200	Do.
8	Ramalkotta	Do. do. to Venkatagiri ...	3	11,130	Do.
9	Do.	Do. Ramalkotta to Nyyalavada ...	8	23,250	Do.
10	Pattikonda	Do. do. to Yembayi ...	10	29,060	Do.
		Do. Pattikonda to Devanakondla ...	19	34,560	Do.

KURNOOL,
6th March 1877.

(Signed) H. F. CLOGSTOUN,
Special Assistant Collector.

The estimate will be submitted for the sanction of Government.
(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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10th April 1877.*

No. 228. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1877, No. 1,389.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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From The special Assistant Collector
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To The AG Collector Kurnool

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GOVT. of MYSORE
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 227 228.

APRIL.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 833.

Dated April, 1904.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 10th April 1877, No. 1,389.

Order made in the Revenue and Public Works
Departments, Mysore District.—Sanctioning estimates
for the construction of —

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Asst. Assistant Collector
Karnool 6th March 1897
I have seen
H. & Cologston
Special Post Office

True Copy
True Copy
H. & Cologston
Sadd. Sub Collector
in charge
Secretary

Jan 2/2015

Enclosure in 1387
 Paid to the 1887
 Aug: 16/10/15
 dated 28/11/15

Approximate estimate of the cost of certain roads in Kurmool District

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1	Ramalkota	Road from Giddur to Gopankota	9 1/2 m	Rs 29,750	Under Construction
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3	DO	" Chinnur to Gopankota	7 1/2 "	23,220	DO
4	DO	" Chinnur to Gopankota	6 "	18,570	DO
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Rs 288,880

1/2015 H. Y. Lalapattan
 Sd/- Asst. Commr.

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Kurmool

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Dated 28th March 1877.

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Instructions. Supplemental estimates will now have to be framed
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Sir

Enclosed & Board
Sent to the addre-
see; before 28th
28th March 1877
9a 10 27/4/77 No. 1389.

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General Collector's Office? I have seen
20th March 1877 } Sd/- C. A. Bird
Adt. Sub-Collector in
charge
The Estimate will be submitted for the sanction of Government. (Enc. Copy & Extract)

10 Enclures
To the Adt. Secy to Govt. Rd. Secretary
With 10 estimates to be returned & copies of
Special assistant's letter.

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