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18th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 439. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 7th April 1877, No. 59.

In reply to the G.O., No. 1,331, of 4th April 1877, requesting to know whether the famine relief-work in this district could be placed under the Public Works Department, and if so, to what extent, I have the honor to state that the work which is now being done under Revenue supervision is mostly the work of the Public Works Department, and when under European supervision, is done at the fixed Public Works Department local rates.

2. It is probably done more effectively, because of the greater supervision. A very large amount of work is already completed and only awaits completion certificates, for which I have directed Division Officers to apply.

3. I do not think Sir Richard Temple's remarks are at all applicable to this district.

4. It will take all the available officers of the Public Works Department to measure up the work already done. In fact, many miles of road-metal were ready for measurement, but the local Overseer was sick and could not do the work.

5. As Sir Richard Temple examined any relief-work in this district, I have no objection to the proposal made in reference to the Ceded Districts. So far from inadequate task-work being exacted, he was in favor somewhat of relaxing the task exacted.

6. It was by hard tasks we prevented undue pressure of persons, who could otherwise have supported themselves, on the works; and after having seen the work turned out, I consider it could not have been done better, or cheaper, by the professional department.

7. There is no large work in this district on which a large body of men could be concentrated, or which could be made over to Public Works Department agency.

8. The works, which are excessively useful, are scattered over eight distressed taluqs under adequate supervision, and in the course of a few months I trust that returning cultivation will reduce the numbers to a great extent.

No. 440. ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1877, No. 1,471.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
By A. F. Goodall.

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107/1 Coimbatore 7th April 1877

From,

The Collector of Coimbatore

To,

The Additional Secretary to Government,
Revenue Dept.

Sir,

In reply to the G.O. No. 1331 of 4th April 1877 requesting to know whether the famine relief work in this District, could be placed under the D.P.W., and if so, to what extent, I have the honor to state that the work, which is now being done under Revenue supervision, is mostly the work of the D.P.W. and when under European supervision, is done at the fixed D.P.W. local Rates.

2. It is probably done more effectively, because of the greater supervision. A very large amount of work is already completed, and only awaits completion certificates, for which I have directed Division Officers to apply.

3. I do not think Sir Richard Tem-

ple's remarks are at all applicable to this District.

4. We will take all the available officers of the D.W. to measure up the work already done. In fact, many miles of road metal, were ready for measurement but the local overseer was sick & could not do the work.

5. Had Sir Richard Temple examined any relief work in this District, I think he would have accepted it from the proposal made in reference to the Feded Districts. So far from making a task work being exacted, he was in favour somewhat of relaxing the task exacted.

6. It was by hard tasks, we prevented undue pressure of persons, who could otherwise have supported themselves, on the works, and after having seen the work turned out, I consider it could not have been done better, or cheaper, by the professional Department.

7. There is no large work in this District on which a large body of men could be concentrated, or which could be made over to D. W. Agency -

8. The works, which are excessively useful, are scattered over a distended Talook, under inadequate supervision, and in the course of a few months I think that re-turning attention will reduce the numbers to a great extent.

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

Alfred Turner
Collector

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