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

Famine Relief.

No. 441. Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Saidapet, 14th April 1877, No. 64.

IN forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter, No. 573, of the 11th instant, this day received, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, as well as of No. 633, dated the 2nd idem, from the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway, and of No. 312, dated the 9th idem, from the Resident Engineer, Arconum, I have the honor to observe that it will be necessary to find employment for a very large number of coolies in the interval which must intervene between the reduction of numbers on the Madras line and commencing work on the Chingleput to Conjeveram extension, as the Notifications, under Sections 6 and 17 of Act X of 1870, have only been recently published, and this only for about half the lands. Colonel Shaw-Stewart estimates the number likely to be thrown out of employ at three or four thousands, but from the Chief Engineer's letter it will probably be six thousand at least.

2. I can employ a good number on the earth-work of the Tinnanore, *via* Vulliyoor. to Periapaliem road, if necessary; but the best work to which the coolies could be set temporarily, and which is close at hand, would be the embankment of the Cortelliar river alluded to in the enclosed correspondence* which has passed between the Deputy Collector in charge of the Trivellore Taluq, the Superintending Engineer, and myself. The Superintending Engineer's last letter on the subject is not very clear, and leaves matters *in statu quo*; but if ordered by Government, the line of embankment might be marked out without difficulty by the Public Works Department, when I would depute the Deputy Collector to the spot to take charge of the work and arrange for task-payments, &c., and if a subordinate of the Public Works Department could be detailed to work under him and assist in marking out and measuring up, useful employment could be afforded for any number of coolies. I would observe, with reference to Colonel Moberly's paragraph 2, that the Tripasore-Ramanjeri road crosses the Cortelliar about midway between the two places, but it is of minor importance whether work is afforded here or at some little distance up or down the river.

3. As regards the Consulting Engineer's paragraph 2, I would observe that after making over the land for the conversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram line, which was done some time since, I imagined that the connection of the Revenue Department with the matter ceased, and I simply ordered the Sub-Collector to send the coolies available in the vicinity, when the Railway authorities were ready to begin. I had no idea that paragraph 4 of G.O., dated 6th December 18[illegible], No. 3,299, contemplated payments being made by the Revenue Department; but I can at once arrange to do so, if ordered, though I should prefer the arrangements being left in the hands of the Railway authorities, as is the case with the other works alluded to by the Consulting Engineer.

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* 1. From Temporary Deputy Collector, No. 44, dated 6th March 1877.
2. To the Superintending Engineer, No. 193, dated 19th March 1877.
3. From the Superintending Engineer, No. 35, dated 5th April 1877.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Madras, 11th April 1877, No. 573.

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 225, and previous correspondence, I have the honor to inform you that at the end of this week it will be necessary to decrease the numbers (upwards of 20,000) at present employed on the doubling of the line between Ambatoor and Arconum. The number of persons who will thus be thrown of employment will probably amount to three or four thousand. As the South Indian Railway Company are not yet in a position to commence the line from Chingleput to Conjeveram, it will be necessary, I presume, to provide for the employment of these surplus hands on other relief-works.

2. I take this opportunity to bring to your notice that no famine labor has yet been made available for the diversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram branch near the latter station. It might be desirable to transfer a sufficient number of persons from the Madras Railway, though you may find some difficulty in the matter as, under the order of Government, dated 6th December 1876 No. 3,299, payments on this work have to be made by the Revenue authorities. It will be necessary, therefore, to send Time-keepers and Paymasters with the coolies. I believe it to be the intention of Government that on the Chingleput-Conjeveram line all supervision shall be provided and payments be made by the Railway Company, as on the work between Ambatoor and Arconum.

3. I will give you early intimation of the date on which the South Indian Railway will be prepared to receive labor on the new line.

Enclosure No. 2.

From the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway Company, to the Special Relief Officer, Chingleput District, dated Madras, 2nd April 1877, No. 633.

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2. The Resident Engineer reports in a letter which I have just received, that with the present number of coolies the earth-work for the double line will be finished by the end of this week—

From Trivellore (26 miles) to 31½ miles.
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4. Each mile will provide work for about two thousand coolies, but already sixteen thousand are employed, so that in a short time it will be difficult to find room for all of these.

5. When the earth-work is completed, a small number can be engaged to do hand ballasting from the Cortelliar.

6. I addressed the Collector of Chingleput on 19th ultimo regarding the formation of Camping grounds near that river, but have not yet learnt his wishes on the subject.

Enclosure No. 3.

From W. BOUTH, Esq., Resident Engineer, Madras Railway Company, to the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway, dated Arconum, 9th April 1877, No. 312.

I have the honor to report that I have now over 20,000 coolies employed between Trivellore and Arconum, and that I am unable to find work for more; and that after the end of this week, I shall have to dismiss a large amount of coolies daily. I shall therefore be obliged if you will give directions as to what place these coolies are to go to.

Enclosure No. 4.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District, dated Saidapet, 19th March 1877, No. 193.

In forwarding the enclosed extract from a letter dated the 6th instant, No. 44, from the Temporary Deputy Collector in charge of the Trivellore Taluq, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether it is in contemplation to embank the Cortelliar near Ramanjeri, and when the estimate for the work promised by the Range Officer will be ready. Further employment is now needed in this locality.

Enclosure No. 5.

From the Officiating Temporary Deputy Collector of Chingleput, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Trivellore, 6th March 1877, No. 44.

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4. Another subject which requires immediate attention, and, I think, one which ought to be attended to while labor continues cheap, is the construction of an embankment along the Cortelliar to check the annual inundation to which the country all about Ramanjeri and its hamlets is exposed; and I am apprehensive that unless some thing is done to prevent the inundation, the road now under construction will also be damaged. I saw large beds of sand drifts on cultivable lands and on portions of village nattams, and it seems that in a good season, when the river is in its usual freshes, cultivation suffers much, necessitating large remissions. I am not aware whether the project of embanking the portion of Cortelliar about Ramanjeri has engaged the attention of the Public Works Department, but the Tahsildar informs me that the Range Officer who lately visited Ramanjeri promised to prepare an estimate for the same, and I request you will address the Superintending Engineer on the subject. Apart from the project being a permanent benefit to the villagers, it will, I think, be a capital relief-work for the next few months for the villagers west of Tripassore.

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Enclosure No. 6.

From Col. F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 5th April 1877, No. 65.

I regret that there has been so much delay in answering your letter, No. 193, of 19th March, but I had no knowledge of the subject; and Lieutenant Smither's reply is very unsatisfactory.

2. There does not appear to be any embankment of the Cortelliar near the road to Ramanjeri, which is itself some miles from that river and on its affluent coming from Naggery.

3. I have desired that an investigation into the necessity for an embankment be made, and can better reply to your inquiry when I know the issue.

No. 442. Order thereon, 18th April 1877, No. 1,472.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are unable to sanction the commencement of the Cortelliar embankment until plans and estimates have been submitted and results well considered.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th April 1877.

2. The Collector's proposal to employ some of the necessitous people, discharged from the Arconum Railway, on the road from Tinnanore to Periapolliam is approved.

3. G.O. of the 6th December 1876, No. 3,299, Public Works Department, does not appear to contemplate the work of the conversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram line being executed by the Revenue authorities. In the letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, on which the order was passed, the opinion of the Railway authorities is stated to the effect that if the work is carried out as a famine relief-work, it will cost more than if done by contract in the usual manner, and the Consulting Engineer's suggestion as to the mode of adjusting the increased cost is approved. It was not the intention of Government that the work should be supervised otherwise than by the Railway authorities, who were to be supplied with funds and laborers by the Revenue authorities of the district, and if any misapprehension on the point exists, the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, is requested to set it right.

4. It is also the wish of Government that the line from Chingleput to Conjeveram should be carried out in the same manner, and it is hereby exempted from the operation of G.O. of the 31st January 1877, Nos. 329 and 330, Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Chingleput.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1877 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF CHINGLEPUT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 187

Read

Encl.

G.O., 18th April 1877, No. 1,472.

APRIL.

Nos. 441-44.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 988.

Employment of certain Coolies in Chingleput District.—Approving the proposal of the Collector regarding the — on the road from Tinnanore to Palapolliem, and passing orders regarding the allocation and adjustment of the cost of the Arconum-Conjeveram line and the line from Chingleput to Conjeveram.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1092 / 4

From The Collector of Chingleput

Dated April 14th 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

[illegible] submits a letter marked "Emergent" in which he reports that the Railway authorities state that the earthwork on the railway between Arconum & Ambattur will be finished by the end of this week (that is yesterday) & that they will probably be obliged to reduce the numbers to 2000 per mile of 7 miles* on which they could be employed for some little time longer. There are now over 20000 on the work & of these about 6000 will probably have to be [illegible] at a time [illegible] above. The Railway authorities want to know where they are to go. Mr Barlow suggests their being set to work to embank the Cortelliar which is close to the railway.

The Govt. cannot without particulars & reasons sanction the embankment of the Cortelliar — nor can any embankment be set out without careful consideration of the survey & levels of river —

* or 14000 in all

The Coy. & Chingleput rail & Chingleput & Arconum [illegible] have [illegible] involving an [illegible] cannot be [illegible] out of Famine relief. So far as earthworks is concerned the R.W. Engineer arranging for supervision control & drawing money from the Dept for money as

It appears to have ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] for~~
~~the work from Colonel~~
~~Moberly long ago~~
asked Colonel
Moberly so long ago
as March 19th whether
the embankment of
the Cortillia was
contemplated and
when the estimate
promised by the
Range officer would
be submitted —
Col: M. replies to
the said letter on the
5th April & says he
will have the necessity
for an embankment
investigated —
Mr Barlow now
suggests that the
[illegible] for an embank-
ment be at once
by the O.P.H.
worked out & an
Overseer placed at
his disposal for
carrying out the
work by means
of the coolies discharged

[illegible] has been done [illegible]
Cuddapah —
I would at same time
suggest to R.W.
authorities the expediency
of having collected
from Madras & Arconum
a sufficient supply
of Laterite or hard
Vellore broken stone
with which to cover the
ballast on the remaining
line & keep down the
dust — as is largely done
in Bengal on E.I.R. —
This would be good work
for coolies [illegible] & it
is capable of easy
measurement & can be
given by piece work to almost
~~[illegible]~~ any man who can
employ all members of

a family in [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~
the Collectors crew of
flaying men who will
be work — temporarily on
the road — in [illegible]
there who choose to leave
employ until R.W. line
work ready — ~~advantageous~~
There are many tanks
[illegible] which [illegible]
tanks might with
advantage be made good
when rain does come
[illegible] all possible —

In the mean time the
Coll: must see that
those who are dis-
tressed get work
a for

from the Railway go.
At the same time he [illegible] the
Conjeveram [illegible] pointed
W.S. Dist.
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[illegible] -Conjeveram
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S.I.R. Co are not
to commence
get ready
the line from Chingleput
to Conjeveram. He suggests
that a number of the coolies
about to be discharged
from the Arconum-Ambatur
work might be employed
on the Arconum-Conjeveram
diversion but points out
the difficulty in connection
therewith owing to the terms
of G.O. of Decr 6th /76 No
3299, which requires
a railway Engineer to
measure out the
work & an officer of
Govt. to pay for it — but
is silent as to its supervision.
As Mr Barlow points out
he has been under the
impression that the
Railway authorities

ing to supervise it
& he has been waiting
for them to send for
coolies. The [illegible]
prefer that the Railway
authorities should
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
between Arconum & Conjeveram
Amb. there
Mr Barlow also says
he can, if necessary
employ a good number
of coolies on the road
from [illegible] to
Periapaliam.

Early orders are requested
on the following points:
1. Is the Cortalliar embankment to be ordered to be put in hand at once?
2. Is the road from Timanore to Periapaliam to afford employment to the discharged coolies?
3. Are the Revenue authorities to carry out the Arconum-~~Conjeveram~~ diversion or are the Ry. authorities to do it?
4. How of the Conjeveram Chingleput line to be supervised & paid for?

15/4/77

they were [illegible]

FOR ORDE

Chingleput
Yes Not

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Good Not

Not until plans estimates & results have been well considered

Yes

R. W. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

as a Famine relief work
R. W. Supervision & [illegible]
exempted from G.O. &
[illegible] of [illegible]
to R. W. from Revenue
Bel. 15/4

[illegible] 1877 [illegible]

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Read letter from the Collector of
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No 64.

G. O. 18th [illegible] 1877

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1877 — Nos 329 and 331.

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Passed in Council

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Send copy to the Collector of Chingleput

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M.S.C. Pub Wks Dept D/23 April/77

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30 Board of Revenue ✓

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Mysore

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With reference to Sir W. Robinson's remarks the undersigned has the honor to recirculate to him the papers together with a copy of G.O. 18th April 1877 No 1492 in which the terms on which the work is being done is clear. The allowance for 3 per children is given only on works executed on the subsistence wage by task work under G.O. 5th Feb. No ~~[illegible]~~ 570A

G.J.
28.7.77.

Approve as
suggested
W.R. 29/
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Railway Departt.
No. 573

Consulting Engrs. Office
Madras, 11th April 1877.

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From
Lieut. Col. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,
Signed/ W. H. Coaker for Lieut. Coll. R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.
(True Copy)

Collector

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In a letter from
the Collector of
Chingleput d/ 14th
April 1877 No. 64.

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Madras Railway Company,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Madras, 2d April 1877.

No. 633.

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Madras Railway.

To

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(Signed) Francis B Hanna
for Chief Engineer

(True Copy)

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Collector.

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Madras Railway Company,
1st Dn Resident Engineer's Office,
S. W. L. Arconum 9th April 1877

No 312.

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(Signed) Wm Booth

Resident Engineer

(True copy)

Collector

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14th April 1877 No 64

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Chingleput D^t. Off^g Tempy D^y.
Collector's Office
No. 44 1472 / 15 Trivellore, 6^th March 1877.

From
The Off^g. Tempo^y. Deputy Collector
of Chingleput,

To
The Collector of Chingleput,

Sir,

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(Signed) A. Kistnamah
Offg Tempy Dy Collector.
(True Extract)

M W Barlow
Collector.

Exd
J.P.

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In a letter from
the Collector of
Chingleput d/ 14th
April 1877 No 64

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Chingleput Dt. Collector's Office
Saidapet 19th March 1877.

No. 193 1472/17

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Collector

/True Copy/

R W Barlow

Collector

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Collector of Chingleput
14th April 1877 No 64.

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No. 65.

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Chingleput Superintending
Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas Mount, 5 April 187

From,

The Superintending Engineer,
Chingleput.

To,

The Collector,
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Sup.g Engineer, Chingleput.

(True Copy)

Collector.

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In a Letter from
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No. 64. ~~Emergent~~

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Chingleput District, Collector's Office.
Saidapet, 14th April 1877.

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SIR,

In forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter No 573 of the 11th Instant, this day received, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, as well as of No 633 dated the 2d Idem, from the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway, and of No 312 dated the 9th Idem, from the Resident Engineer, Arconum, I have the honor to observe that it will be necessary to find employment for a very large number of coolies in the interval which must intervene between the reduction of numbers on the Madras line, and commencing work on the Chingleput to Conjeveram extension, as the Notifications under Sections 6 and 17 of Act X of 1870, have only been recently published, and this only for about half the lands. Colonel Shaw Stewart estimates the number likely to be thrown out of employ at three or four thousands, but from the Chief Engineer's letter, it will probably be six thousand at least.

2. I can employ a good number on the earth work of the Tinnanoor, Via Vulliyoor, to Periapaliem road, if necessary; but the best work to which the Coolies could be set temporarily, and which is close at hand, would be the embankment of the Kortelliar river alluded to in the enclosed correspondence which has passed between the Deputy Collector, in charge of the Trivellore Taluq, the Superintending Engineer, and myself. The Superintending Engineer's last letter on the subject is not very clear and leaves matters in statu quo; but if ordered by Government, the line of embankment might be marked out without difficulty by the D. P. W. then I would depute the Deputy Collector to the spot, to take charge of the work and arrange for task payments &c; and if a subordinate of the D. P. W. could be detailed to work under him and assist in marking out and measuring up, useful employment could be afforded for any number of Coolies. I would observe with reference to Colonel Moberly's para 2 that the Tripassore Ramanjeri road crosses the Kortelliar about midway between the two places; but it is of minor importance whether work is afforded here, or at some little distance up or down the river.

1 From Temporary Deputy Coll: No. 44 dated 6th March 1877
2. To the Superintending Engineer No 193 dated 19th March 1877
3. From the Superintending Engineer No. 65 dated 5th April 1877.

3. As regards the Consulting Engineer's para 2, I would observe that after making over the land for the conversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram line, which was done some time since, I imagined that the Connection of the Revenue Department with the matter ceased, and I simply ordered the Sub Collector to send the Coolies

waiting in the vicinity when the Rail-way authorities were ready to begin. I had no idea that para 4 of G. O. dated 6 December 1876 } No 3299, contemplated pay-ments being made by the Revenue Depart-ment, but I can at once arrange to do so, if ordered, though I should prefer the arrangements being left in the hands of the Railway authorities, as is the case with the other works alluded to by the Consult-ing Engineer.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servt.

W. W. Barlow

Collector

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xx by the Revenue authorities of the Dist. & if any misapprehension on the point exists the Dt. Rr. Branch will be requested to set it right.

6. It is also the wishes of Govt. that the line from Chingleput to Conjeveram ~~[illegible]~~ should be carried out in the same manner ~~[illegible]~~ it is ~~[illegible]~~ exempted from the operation of the G.O. of the 31st Jany/77 R.D. Nos 329 & 330. F.D.

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From

THE COLLECTOR OF THE

CHINGLEPUT DISTR

To

THE ~~CHIEF~~ Addl SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT

Madr

Dated 14th } April 1877.
Received 16th }

G.O. 18 April/77 No. 1472

ENCLOSURES

No. 64.

Forwarding certain corr
pondence and regardi
suggestions as to how
the Coolies may be
employed when the
on the Railway are red
and before Commen
of work on the new line
between Conjeeveram
to Chingleput

The Govt. are unable to sanction the commence-ment of the Cortellier Embankment until plans & estimates have been submitted and results well considered. — 2. The Collector's proposal to employ some of the discharged Arconum Railway labourers on the road from Tinnanore to Periapollium is approved

2. N.P.

3. G.O. of the 6th Decr./76, No. 3299, does not appear to contemplate the conversion of the Arconum-Conjeeveram Line being executed by the Revenue authorities. In the letter from the Consulting Engr. for Railways on which that order was passed the opinion of the Railway authorities is stated to the effect that if the work is carried out as a Famine Relief work it will cost more than if done by contract in the usual manner, & the Consulting Engineer's suggestion as to the mode of adjusting the increased cost is approved. — It is [illegible] the situation [illegible] that the [illegible] be superintended otherwise than by the Railway authorities [illegible] to be supplied with funds & labourers