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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 15th Jan^r 1877.

Read Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue dated
6 January 1877 authorizing
the Collector of Madras to
maintain the required esta-
-blishment for supervising
Relief works & exacting work
from the coolies.

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attention is drawn to G.O.
of the 10 January 1877 No.
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of the 8 Jan^r 77 No. 4/2
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of Madras from the
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in Tinnivelly. The services
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applied for at once and
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Watch 6th January 1877

Read the following.

No. 598.

Letter from

C. W. W. Martin Esquire,
Sg. Subcollector of Madras.

To

W. Mc. Dubee Esquire,
Collector of Madras, dated

Sir, Dindigul, 25th Dec, 1876.

In continuation and modification
of my letter No. 577 of the 16th Instant,
I have the honor to inform you that I find
that every work started as a famine relief
work requires two sets of Officers one
for checking the nominal rolls of coolies
and making payments and the other
for directing the professional part of
the work.

2. We require for works such as
tanks and minor roads.

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A Superintendent of the whole work.

To every 750 coolies a Paying
Officer who can write and
can also be trusted to keep
the nominal roll without in-
curring papermen.

A. D. P. W. Maistry
who can give attention
to two or three works
if they lie near enough
and Head coolies.

3. For roads we want:
While the road is being got ready for
work:— A Sub Overseer and a Maistry
with a gang of working coolies. After the
road or a sufficient part to start with is
ready:—

A Superintendent of the whole road.

A Paying Officer to
every 500 coolies.

A Maistry to every
6 miles Kanganies to
every 150 coolies Head
coolies to every 50 laborers.

4. I have the honor to request that I
may be allowed to entertain this establish-
ment for every work now started or to be
started in future.

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5. I propose on tanks and roads con-
-necting villages to entrust the payments
on the works to the Village Munsiffs as
Superintendents giving them as paying-
Officers trustworthy village Karamas in
number calculated as above in whose
stead I would appoint Acting Karamas
to do the ordinary work of the villages.

6. I would propose to pay all Munsiff
so employed from 5 to 15 Rs per mensem
in proportion to the number of coolies em-
-ployed under them and each Karama
a sum varying from 10 to 15 Rs in pro-
-portion to the value of their maniums.

7. The Acting Karamas should be
paid a sum equal to the value of the
manium for they cannot hope to realize
any thing out of the Manium in a year
like this.

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8. The Superintendent and paying. Officers on roads must be of a different class, for they will be required to move constantly. The former especially should go over the whole road often and visit each Section at work.

9. He should therefore be a man able to ride and endure considerable fatigue; if a European is much the better; his pay ought to depend on the length of the road i.e. be 50 Rs for a road 10 miles long with an additional 5 Rs for every extra mile in length; the Munastah in consideration of having to live away from home in the very dearest part of the country with a considerable amount of sedentary as well as physical work to do ought to have Rs 25 per mensem.

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10. In my former letter above referred to I made proposals for the general inspection of works and setting free of some of the ordinary Agency for famine relief works in general. I would slightly alter those proposals and on the supposition that Relief Works will be required all over both Taluqs (which I think not improbable) all my propositions amount to this:

(1) Myself to be relieved by a full power Magistrate of the part of my Magistral range consisting of the Kotha - Kottah, Pirkah and Peralaham Taluqs.

(2) Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors to be doubled as occasion requires the newly appointed ones being solely engaged on famine work organisation and inspection.

(3) Two Taluq Sheristadars to be given 2nd Class powers and an additional Deputy Tahsildar with 2nd Class powers to be appointed instead of the Tahsildar.

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(4) An extension of the powers of the District Bench of Magistrate under my letter No. 597 dated 25th December.

(5) The entertainment of the Establishment about detailed for the commencement of immediate professional supervision of, and payments on, each separate work.

11. If the above propositions are approved I have the honor to state that my mode of proceeding would be as follows:—

To each work started I would allot a fixed number of coolies calculated so as to make the work last from 4 to 6 months; as numbers increase on existing works I propose to have other works near at hand ready to which to transfer all laborers in excess of the fixed number: Establishments will be chosen and ready beforehand for each new work and the work will be commenced under the immediate

immediate supervision of the Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar or other responsible officers whose supervision will continue until the individuals of the Establishment thoroughly understand their respective duties. By adopting this plan there will be much less chance of epidemic among the people employed and the sort turn of work is likely to be more satisfactory than if we employ large bodies on one spot and transfer them to another as work is finished.

12. I would ask for such instructions as the experience of other Districts has suggested on the question of the amount of work to be expected from coolies. The estimated cost of earth work on the roads in the Pabai Taluk is but 1. 3^a per cubic yard. A cooly working with a Mamoty and attended

attended by two women carriers and turns
out on the average on the works already
started less than 2 cubic yards a day
and I am assured (though I am disposed
to doubt it) that this is as much as
can be expected from persons un-
accustomed to work of this sort; this
makes the rate of earth work more
than $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 being a very large per-
centage in excess of the estimate; more-
over great numbers of children and
infirm people are coming to work and
out of them a much smaller return
can be expected so that I am puzzled
to know how to keep at all near the
Estimates with even the best Supervision.

13. Had intended to keep the
children and weaker laborers on
separate works near their own villages
and as operations are more developed I

I may hope to do so, but as far as amount
of work rendered is concerned I do not ex-
pect that much will be gained by such
a plan; as far as the children are concerned
it occurs to me however to suggest that
Schools should be formed in which
trades of various kind may be taught
and food given to such boys under 15 as
attend and conform to rules. A few
would learn, they would all be kept
from mischief and starvation and we
should have no scruples about refusing
them work on the roads or relief in other
ways. Even if we were to allow the
supply of food in some of the existing
results grants Schools under proper
Supervision the result would be that
a certain number of children would
acquire a small degree of knowledge.

An additional advantage would be that the services of the Educational Department would be employed to a certain extent on State relief work.

14. Since writing the above I have the honor to state that if instead of Additional Revenue Inspectors for Pulvi Taluq the services of Mr. Malley of the Survey Department who happens at present to be on leave in Hindigol were employed on the supervision of the relief works generally in Pulvi Taluq, I believe it would be found advantageous to Government. I notice that Mr. Cook of the Survey has been detailed for relief works in Coimbatore.

15. I have the honor to request early orders on the subjects contained in this letter.

Subcollector's Office
Hindigol
25th December 1876
I have per
(Sd.) C. W. W. Martin
Ag. Subcollector

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No. 512. (True Copy)

Submitted for the orders of the Board of Revenue with the recommendation that the establishments proposed by Mr. Martin for famine relief works be approved. The proposed payments to Village Munsiffs and Karnams will I believe be necessary. It probably be better to employ the permanent Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors on relief works. The proposals regarding Magisterial powers have received attention and I consider it quite necessary that Mr. Martin should be relieved of much of his Magisterial work.

Madura } (Sd.) W. Mc. Culac
28th December 1876 } Collectors

The Collector is authorized to entertain such establishment for supervising the works, and making

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