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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Revenue Dep.t

No. 150

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 15 Jan.y 1877

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

Recorded. The Board's
attention is drawn to G.O.
of the 10 January 1877 No.
85 on Mr. Puckle's letter
of the 8 Jan.y 77 No. 4/2
placing the marginally
noted establishment at
disposal of the Collector

2 Head classifiers.
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Legislature from the
Revenue Settlement Party
in Tunesselly. The services
of these men should be
applied for at once and
utilized—

1 Land Capt to the Boundary Act under 16 Jan BC
18 – The Directors of Accounts
5 The Financial Dept
6 The Accountant Generals
2/ The Surveyd

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Establt. for public
relief Tallies
Mad. Dist.
Abstract

Rev. Dept.

1877 29 Jan 2/150

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
Dated 16th January 1877
Read the following

No 598.

From C. W. W. Martin Esquire
Ag. Subcollector of Madura

To W. Mc Luhan Esquire
Collector of Madura, dated
Dindigul, 25th Dec 1876.

Sir, 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 checking the professional part of
the work

2 We require for works such as
tanks and minor roads

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 interfering paperwork.

A N.C.O. Maistry who can give attention to two or three works if they be 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 Kangany to every 150 coolies Head Coolies to every 50 labors

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

5 I propose as tanks and roads are meeting villages to entrust the payment on the works to the Village Muneeffs as Superintendents giving them as paying Officers trustworthy village Kanganies in number calculated as above instead I would appoint Acting Kanganies to do the ordinary work of the village.

6 I would propose to pay all Muneeffs so employed from 5 to 15 Rs per measure in proportion to the number of coolies employed under them and each Kangany a sum varying from 10 to 15 Rs per month to the value of the measure

7 The Acting Kanganies should be paid a sum equal to the value of the Measure for they cannot hope to realize any thing out of the Measure in a year

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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 rode and endure considerable fatigue. If a European is made the better, but he may aught to depend on the length of the road i.e. he 50 Rs for a road 10 miles long with an additional 5 Rs for every extra mile in length; the Emanatdar 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 supervision 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 Talugs (which I think not improbable) all my propositions amount to this

Myself to be relieved by a full powered Magistrate of the part of my Magisterial charge consisting of the Nella-Kottah Purkah and Perakolam Talug

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

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

+ already given

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(4) An exclusion of the powers of the Nundigab Bench of Magistrate vide my letter No 597 dated 25th December

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

II If the above propositions are approved I have the honor to state that my mode of proceding 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 supervision of the Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar or other responsible officer whose supervision will be confined under 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 out 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 Dubai Taluq is Rs 1-3 per cubic yard. If coolly working with a Mamooty and attended

attended by two women carriers each turn
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 unac-
customed to work of this sort: this
makes the rate of earth work more
than as 1 to 2-3 being a very large per-
centage in excess of the Estimate, more-
over quite 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
Estimate with even the best supervision.

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

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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 concern-
it seems 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

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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 instead of Additional Revenue Inspectors for Public Tales the services of Mr. Maltby of the Survey Department who happens at present to be on leave in Dindigul were employed on the Supervision of the relief works generally in Pulni Taluq. I believe it would be found advantageous to Government. I noticed that Mr Cook of the Survey has been detailed for relief works in Coimbatore.

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

I have &c
(Sd) C W W Martin
Ag. Sub Collector

Sub Collectors Office
Dindigul
25th November 1876

(True Copy)
No 512

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 will 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
28th November 1876

(Sd) W Mc Dakas
Collector

The Collector is authorized to entertain such Establishment for superintending the works and exercising

work to the value of the money spent,
as may for the present, be necessary.

2nd Mr. Puckle, Additional
Member of the Board has been con-
tracted to devise a system of relief
Establishment and further orders will
be issued hereafter.

(True Copy and Extract)
(Sd) H. E. Stokes
Ag. Secretary

To The Collector of Madura

(True Copy)

Stokes
Ag Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Moothra Pongam

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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No. 307
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Dated 6th January 1877

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Authorizing the
Collector of Madura to
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