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Famine Relief

No 582 Read the following Proceedings, of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1877, No 1,515 —
Read the following letter from C T LONGLEY, Esq, Collector of Salem, to H E STOKES, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Karoor 25th March 1877, S N No 956

I HAVE the honor to state that, under G O, dated 19th December 1876, No 2,089, the execution from famine funds of all works of irrigation in this district was entrusted to the Public Works Department Officers. Their procedure, as to applications for funds and the keeping of accounts, was in accordance with G O, dated 18th January 1877, No 156, but on receipt of G O, dated 15th February 1877, No 681 in which it was clearly laid down that "all relief works other than those specified in G O of the 3rd idem, No 390 (the East Coast Canal in Nellore and Commamoor Irrigation Canal in Kistna District), should be considered as being carried out by the Revenue Department," I address a note District Engineer and requested him hereafter to apply to me for funds required for all works now in their charge, and suggested that the cheque system which was in force before the receipt of G O, dated 17th December above quoted, and under which funds were applied by me and drawn by the Public Works Department Officers on cheques, might be again brought into operation. Major Montgomerie writes in reply that the G O, dated 15th February 1877, does not apply to works which have hitherto been in charge of the Department, but relates only to those which may hereafter be taken up by the Revenue Department, and that he will continue to draw funds from the Controller as usual. It seems to me that under the Order of Government, dated 15th February, which is quite explicit, all works in the Presidency, with the exception of the two specially exempted, are to be considered as being under the Revenue Department. I may also mention that the G O, dated 23rd February, also leaves no room for doubt on this point, as Government refused to grant an extra remuneration to a Public Works Department Accountant, whose duty was to keep accounts connected with expenditure of famine funds, &c, quoting G O, dated 15th February, as having relieved the Public Works Department of this work. Further, I feel very strongly that, apart from the orders above quoted, it is most essential that as head of the district I should be kept fully informed of the expenditure, and the progress of, all the different works in the district, and be able at any moment to say what our financial position is. If the Board agree with me, I respectfully request a reference to Government for the issue of the necessary orders to the Public Works Department Officers on the subject.

2 Copies of the correspondence between myself and the District Engineer on the subject are enclosed for the Board's information

Enclosure No 1

From C T LONGLEY Esq Collector of Salem to Major P MONTGOMERIE R.E, District Engineer Salem dated 13th March 1877, No 115810

I HAVE the honor to enclose an extract of paragraphs 2 and 3 of G O No 681 dated 15th February last, and to request that you will be good enough to inform me if you desire the old system of cheques (now abandoned under Controller's circular No 1 of 15th January last) to be

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21st April 1877

brought into operation again. As you will see from the above, it is not that Revenue Officers are to place the Public Works Department in funds for relief works, but that the latter I consider the above is the simplest system and easily worked.

(True Copy)

(Signed) C T LONGLEY
Collector

ENCLOSURE No 2

From Major P MONTGOMERIE P L, District Engineer to C T LONGLEY, Esq Collector of Salem dated 21st March 1877, No 328

With reference to your letter No 113810 dated 13th instant forwarding extract from G O No 681 dated 15th February 1877 I have the honor to inform you that this Government Order would seem to me to relate to the accounting for the expenditure incurred by the Revenue Department on Famine Relief Works carried out by that department with the professional assistance of the Public Works Department and not to the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department on the several works which have been entrusted to the Public Works Department to be carried out in the ordinary manner, and with which I believe you are perfectly satisfied.

2 The system of account in the Public Works Department although somewhat complicated is complete and I would deprecate any change in this system especially at present.

3 As the Department of Public Works is at this present moment carrying out much more than half of the whole famine relief work of the district and as our resources are taxed to the utmost in superintending and paying for the works in hand I trust you will see the advisability of calling on the Revenue Department for assistance in estimating for paying out and assessing the value of any work that may be undertaken by the Revenue Department only when such is absolutely necessary.

4 The Government Order in question has not yet been communicated to me in the Public Works Department and when it is I have no doubt full instructions will be given regarding the placing of funds at my disposal meanwhile I am unable to take any steps in the matter.

(True Copy)

(Signed) C T LONGLEY
Collector

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government

2 The District Engineer, Salem, refused, in default of orders of Government in the Public Works Department, with reference to G O, Revenue Department, dated 15th February 1877, No 681, to make any change in the system whereby he is placed in funds under G O, dated 18th January 1877, No 156, Public Works Department.

3 The Board are of opinion that Mr Longley has correctly interpreted the Order in the Revenue Department quoted above. The controversy appears, so far, to have extended only to the manner in which Public Works Department Officers are to obtain funds, but it seems to the Board that, if the system indicated in the G O of 15th February were fully carried out in regard to the execution of works, the professional services of the department would be made to go much further and would be much more useful than at present. They are now engrossed with the management of a large number of works, and a portion of the work they are occupied with is non professional and could be done as well by the Revenue Department.

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H E SICKS,
Secretary

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No 582, Misc. ORDER - REVENUE, 24th April 1877, No 1,543A

Miscellaneous

RECORDED with reference to G O,
21st April 1877, No 1,512

(True Extract)

(Signed) J H GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue
, the Financial Department

at A Crutcher and A F Goodall

Revenue Department

Revenue Department
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Process of the Board of Revenue
Dated 14th April 1877, No 1475-

Dated 4th April 1877, No 475

Read the following—

S No 956

From

The collector of Saline

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Board of Revenue
Madras

Madras

I have the honor to state
that under J. O. dated 19th Dec-
-ember 1876 No 3089, the execution
from famine funds of all works
of irrigation in this District
was entrusted to the D. P. W.
officers. Their procedure, as to appli-
-cations for funds and the keeping
of

of accounts, was in accordance with
G O dated 18th January 1877 No 159,
but on receipt of G O dated 13th
February 1877 No 681 in which
it was clearly laid down that
"all relief works other than those
specified in G O of the 3rd
October No 390 (the east coast
Canal in Malabar and Camma-
mor Irrigation Canal in
Coastal Districts) should be
considered as being carried
out by the Revenue Department."
I addressed the District Engineer
and requested him hereafter
to apply to me for funds required
for

for all works now in their charge
and suggested that the chequer
system which was in force before
the receipt of G O dated 17th De-
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which funds were supplied by
me and drawn by the D E or
officers on cheques might be
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in reply that the G O dated
15th February 1877 does not apply
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which may hereafter be
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Department.

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the controller as personal. I
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of Govt dated 15th February,
which is quite explicit, all
works in the Presidency with the
exception of the two specially ex-
empted, are to be considered as
being under the Revenue Department
I may also mention that the G.O.
dated 28th February also leaves no
room for doubt on this point,
as Government refused to
grant an extra remuneration
to a D P W Assistant, whose
duty was to keep accounts con-

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connected with expenditure of famine
relief works G.O. dated 15th February
is having signed the D P W of the
works. Further, I feel very strongly
that, apart from the orders above quoted
it is most essential that as head
of the District, I should be kept
fully informed of the expenditure on
and the progress of, all the different
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me, I respectfully request a reference
to Government for the issue of the
necessary orders to the D P W officers
on the subject.

2 Copies of the correspondence
between myself and the District
Engineer on the subject, are enclosed
for

for the Board's information

Sabur Collectors Office }
Camp Baroor Westborough }
Salem }
25th March 77 }
Shane Lee }
Collector }

Enclosure No. 1

No. 113
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From

The Collector of Sabur

To

The District Engineer
of Sabur

As

I have the honor to en-
close an Extract of paras 2
and 3 of G.O. No. 681 of 15th
February last, and to request
that you will be good enough
to inform me if you desire
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now abandoned under Controller's
Circular No. I of 15th January last
to be brought into operation again
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are to place the D.P.W. funds
for Relief works carried out by
the latter. I consider the above
is the simplest system and
easily worked.

Sabur Collectors Office }
Salem 13th March 77 }
Shane Lee }
Collector }

[True copy]

1246 J Longley
Collector

Enclosure No. 2

No. 328

From

The District Engineer
of Sabur

As

With reference to your letter
of 10th Feb.

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8/10 dated 13th instant forwarding
Contract from J. O. to 681 dated the
15th February 1877 I have the honor
to inform you that this Govern-
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to relate to the accounting for the
expenditure incurred by the Revenue
Dept^y in "Famine Relief works"
carried out by that Dept^y with
the professional assistance of the
D. S. W. Dept^y and not to the expend-
-iture incurred by the D. S. W.
on the General Works which have
been entrusted to the D. S. W. & to be
carried out in the ordinary manner
and with which I believe you are
perfectly satisfied

The system of account in the
D. S. W. although somewhat compli-
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As the Dept^y of P. Works
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taxed to the utmost in superintend-
-ing and paying for the works
in hand, I trust you will see
the advisability of calling in our
professional assistance in estimating
for laying out and assessing the
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undertaken by the Revenue
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is absolutely necessary-

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I have no doubt full instructions
will be given regarding the

placing of funds at my disposal,

meanwhile I am unable to

take any steps in the matter.

District Engineer's office

I have seen

Letter 24th March 1877 of R. Montgomery Major R.E.

[True copy]

District Engineer

W. C. Longley
Collector

Submitted for the orders
of Government.

2 The District Engineer, Rahim,
refused

refused in default of orders of Govt
in the P.W.D. with reference to
G.O. No. 15th ^{February} January 1877 to 1881
to make any change in the system
whereby he is placed in funds
under G.O. 18th January 1877 to 1881
P.W.D.

3 The Board are of opinion
that Mr Longley has correctly
interpreted the order in the
Preamble before quoted above. The
controversy appears, so far, to have
extended only to the manner
in which P.W.D. officers are to
obtain funds, but it seems to the
Board that if the system
indicated in the G.O. of 15th
February were fully carried out in

in regard to the execution of
works, the professional services
of the department would be made
to go much further and would
be much more useful than at
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with the entire management
of a large number of works, and
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as well by the Revenue Department.

True copies Enclosed

Yours
Secretary

To

The Additional Secretary to
Government P.O.

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well apply to this
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ask you to let me
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