Secy. I (i)-I—10,006—7-10-70.

(1) Number of pages 18

(2) Date of repair 28-3-73

(3) Initials of the Referencer

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1707	Press
~~B.P. No.~~		Mis.
Dated	12 May	197 (57)

Not to be folded or roughly handled

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th May 1877, No. 1,707.

Famine Relief.

No. 253. Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Nizampatam, 29th April 1877, extra No. 16:—

With reference to your Circular No. 652, dated 13th February 1877, I have the honor to report that the works in progress will, as I expect, suffice to provide employment for the probable number of persons in need of relief during the next four months.

2. We are now being overrun by beggars and wanderers from Nellore and Kurnool, chiefly people who cannot or will not work; but the people of this district who are in want of employment are chiefly of the laboring classes, and as the usual channel clearances of the Public Works Department have commenced, such as want work now find employment there. The District Engineer informs me that he has not as many people on his work as he can easily employ.

3. By June probably the south-west monsoon will have set in and the agricultural operations will become general.

4. The Commamur canal extension, for which special rates are paid and which consequently will not be deserted, will continue till then to provide work to those that resort to it from the taluqs of this district adjacent to it; but the work of the Kistna embankment has been deserted, since the Government famine rate of pay was introduced, in favor of the channel clearances.

5. For this work the Superintending Engineer proposed an allotment from extraordinary funds of Rupees 10,000 to be spent in the current official year, but I am sorry to say no allotment has been made.

6. I enclose the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 7, dated 6th April 1877, to the effect that the work is a good and useful one.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Kistna, to Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Masulipatam, 6th April 1877, No. 7.

With reference to G.O., No. 398, dated 29th March 1877, I have the honor to report that in paragraph 10 of my letter, No. 103, dated 24th November 1876, printed with G.O., No. 3,345, dated 9th December 1876, I pointed out the usefulness of the work then started on the Bank Canal, Eastern Delta, as a relief work.

2. The work has not progressed as rapidly as I anticipated, partly because the harvests in the delta have given employment to many laborers and partly because, owing to outbreaks among the work-people, the coolies, who came down from other districts, were afraid to remain. A good deal, however, has been done, and the work having been till the receipt of late orders, paid for as taskwork, according to the estimated rate, the ultimate charge to famine funds will be very small, being only the cost of some additional supervision, hutting, hospital, &c.

3. Two miles from Royoor to Wulloorpolem have been completed, and the upper eight miles are in different stages of progress, in consequence of work-people having deserted, and it having been necessary on two or three occasions to move the camps when infected by cholera. The allotment for the work this year from extraordinary funds will, I think, enable me now to construct a very substantial embankment, completely from the head to some miles below Wulloorpolem, which I hope to prevent damage to irrigation works by river floods in future.

4. As reported by telegraph, the numbers now employed on the work are [illegible] the coolies refused the famine rates of pay ordered, and there is no other earthwork in progress in the delta which they prefer, but the necessity for a relief work here still exists, as there are numbers of stragglers from other districts constantly arriving at Bezoorah, for whom it is desirable to have work available at hand, and who, if they do come to work, will require immediate attention and daily pay.

No. 11.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of the Kistna District with reference to his letter, No. 750, dated 12th April 1877.

MASULIPATAM,
19*th April* 1877.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. D. LEMAN,
Collector.

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1877, No. 1,707.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that the Superintending Engineer, Kistna, states in his letter of the 6th April to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that an allotment from extraordinary funds has been made this year for the Kistna embankment which will enable him now to construct a very substantial work.

2. There is no necessity, however, to press on this work which can be kept open at famine rates for relief. The East Coast Canal should have every preference.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

Irrigation

No 27 Supt Engrs Office Northern Irrigation Circle 6th April 1877

From,

Major J. O. Hasted R.E.
Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle

To,

Lieut-Col John Mullins R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 398 dated 29th March 1877, I have the honor to report that in para 10 of my letter No 103 dated 24th November 1876, printed with G.O. No 3345 dated 9th December 76, I pointed out the necessity of the work then started on the Bank Canal Eastern Delta as a Relief Work.

2. The work has not progressed as rapidly as I anticipated, partly because the harvests in the Delta have given employment to many labourers

laborers, and partly because owing to outbreaks of cholera among the workpeople, the coolies who came down from other districts were afraid to remain. A good deal however has been done, and the work having been let the receipt of tales orders paid for at Task work, according to the estimated rate, the ultimate charge to Famine Funds will be very small, being only the cost of some additional supervision, hutting, hospitals &c.

3. Two miles from Bogoor to Nallorpolem have been completed, and the upper 4 miles are in different stages of progress in consequence of workpeople having deserted, and it having been necessary on 2 or 3 occasions to move the camps, when infected by Cholera. The allotment for the work this year from Extraordinary funds will, I think, enable me to com-

now to construct a very substantial embankment completely from the head to some miles below Nallorpolem, which I hope will prevent damage to irrigation works by rivers floods, in future.

4. As reported by telegraph, the numbers now employed on the work are very small, as the coolies refused the famine rates of pay ordered, and there is no other earthwork in progress in the Delta, which they prefer, but the necessity for a relief work here still exists, as there are numbers of stragglers from other districts constantly arriving at Bezwarah, for whom it is desirable to have work available at hand, and who, if they do come to work, will require immediate attention and daily pay.

I have the honor &c.
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
Dd'rected Major R.E.
Supt Engineer Godavery

Rec'd Dept. of Public Works

12 Apr 1877

Irrigation 1877.

From

The Superintending Engineer
Kistna

No 1103

To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

Dated 6th April 1877

Received

No 7.

Bank Canal, Eastern
Delta.

Report on the progress
of
Works.

Rec'd & Reg'd in Dept. of Public Works 12 Apr 1877

No 7

Office of the Supt Engineer
Kistna Masulipatam
6th April 1877.

From,

Major J. D. Haskoll R.E.
Superintending Engineer, Kistna.

To

Lieut Col John Hawkins R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 398 dated 29th March 1877. I have the honor to report that in paras 10 of my letter No 103 dated 24th November 1876 printed with G.O. No 3345 dated 7th December 1876. I pointed out the usefulness of the work then started on the Bank Canal Eastern Delta as a relief work.

2. The work has not progressed as rapidly as I anticipated, partly because the harvests in the Delta have given employment to many laborers, and partly because owing to outbreaks among the work people the Coolies who came down from other Districts were afraid to remain. A good deal however has been done, and the work having been till the receipt of late orders paid for as Task work according to the estimated rate, the ultimate charge to Famine funds will be very small, being only the cost of some additional supervision, Rolling, hospitals &c.

3 Two miles from Koyoor to Vallurpalem have been completed, and the upper 8 miles are in different

stages

stages of progress, in consequence of workpeople having deserted, and it having been necessary on 2 or 3 occasions, to move the Camps, taken infected by Cholera. The allotment for the work this year from extraordinary funds will I think enable me now to Construct a very substantial embankment Completely from the head to some miles below Wallooapatam, which I hope to prevent damage to irrigation works, by river floods in future.

4 As reported by telegraph, the numbers now employed on the work are very small, as the Coolies refused the famine rates of pay offered, and there is no other earthwork in progress in the Delta, which they prefer, but the necessity for a relief work here still exists, as there are numbers of Stragglers from other districts, Constantly arriving at Bezwarah, for whom it is desirable to have work available at hand, and who if they do Come to work, will require immediate attention and daily pay.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed[t] Servant &c.
[Signed] J. C. Hasted Major R.E.
Supt Engr Kistna.

No 11. [True Copy]

Communicated to the Collector of Kistna District with reference to his letter &c

No 750 dated 12th April 1877.

[Signed] J. C. Hasted Major R.E.
Supt Engr Kistna.

Supt Engr's Office Kistna
Masulipatam 19th April
1877.

[True Copy]

Collector

Extra No. 16

170/1

Kistna District Collector's
Current Kacheri at Nizam-
-patam in Repalle Taluq.
29th April 1877.
Recd 2nd May 1877.

From,

The Collector of
Kistna District

To

The Additional Secretary to
Government
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular
No. 652 dated 13th February 1877, I have the
honor to report that the work in progress
will, as I expect, suffice to provide em-
-ployment for the probable number of
persons in need of relief during the
next 6 months.

2 Ks

One enquire in a
letter from the Col-
lector of Kistna
District to the
Additional Secretary
to Government
Dated 29th April 1877
Extra No 16
Rec'd 2nd May
1877

Copy of the letter
from the Collector
of Kistna
dtd 29th April
1877.

1. The Commamus canal extension for which special rates are paid and which consequently will not be deserted will continue till then to provide work to those that resort to it from the Talugs of this District adjacent to it. But the work of the Kistna Embankment has been deserted since the Government Famine rate of pay was introduced in favor of the channel clearances.

For this work the Superintending Engineer proposed an allotment from Extraordinary Funds of Rs 10,000 to be spent

2. We are now being overrun by beggars and wanderers from Nellore and Kurnool chiefly people who cannot or will not work: but the people of this District who are in want of employment are chiefly of the laboring classes and as the usual channel clearances of the D.P.W. have commenced such as want work now find employment there. The District Engineer informs me that he has not as many people on his work as he can easily employ.

3. By June probably the South West monsoon will have set in and the agricultural operations will become general.

4 The

spent in the current official year:
but I am sorry to say no allotment
has been made.

6. I enclose the Superintending Engineer's letter No 7 dated 6th April 1877 to the effect that the work is a good and useful one.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servant
J.S. Cowan
Collector

spent in the current official year:
but I am sorry to say no allotment
has been made.

6. I enclose the Superintending
Engineer's letter No 7 dated 6th April
1877 to the effect that the work is
a good and useful one.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servant
J S Cowan
Collector

Para 2. [illegible]

No. 1477 Dept. — File 3310

From The Collector of
Kistna District

To The Additional Secretary
to Government
Madras,

Dated 29th April 1877
Read 7 May 77
Dept. 20 May "
Extra N. 16.
Enclosure 1

Reporting that the work of Embankment now in progress will suffice to provide employment for the probable number of persons in this District in need of relief during the next 2 months.

With order
G.O. 12 May/77 No. 1707