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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th May 1877, No. 1,741-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 340-A. From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 11th May 1877, No. 177-G.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, that there has been, during the last week or ten days, a large influx of coolies seeking work at the Sattankad camp. Two thousand two hundred and fifty persons are at work, and about sixteen hundred are fed daily. Most of these latter could do some work if there were any to give them, and they themselves prefer work to gratuitous relief. As the excavation of the branch canal and the formation of beds for the night-soil and sweepings of the town is drawing to a completion, I am not able to employ more than 2,500 conveniently, and should be glad if some other useful work could be set on foot. I would suggest the desirability of deepening the East-Coast Canal two feet deeper than it has been cut by Mr. Woolley. This work would give employment to a large number of coolies. The canal is said to have been dug to a depth of 4½ feet below the mean sea-level as shown by DeHaviland's mark. There is, however, good reason for doubting the correctness of this level, and it is supposed by Captain Taylor that the mean sea-level is 18 or 20 inches lower. But whether the mark be right or not, the labor of deepening the canal would not be thrown away. The drainage channel proposed by Colonel Moberly would be a useful famine-work, and could very conveniently be done by the Sattankad coolies.

2. Finding work for the coolies seems to be the only effectual way of keeping them out of the town. If they are put on gratuitous relief, they leave the camp after a few days.

No. 340-B. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1877, No. 1,741-A.

Miscellaneous.

MR. BURROWS's suggestion is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting President, Madras Municipal Commission.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Commissioner of Police.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Municipal Commissioners' Office,

Madras, 11th May 1877.

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Financial Department.

No. 2955.

From

The Sy. President Municipal Commr.
Madras.

Dated 11 May 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Col Beadle undertakes the work

(1) At Powder factories

(2) Canal work & Hospital brick

(3) Corrie bank sea fort & bridge

Col Beadle
ask Lt. Forbes
Reporting
Estimate & Works.

FOR ORDERS.

Still further deepening the East Coast Canal

G. No. 177

Municipal Commissioners' Office.

Madras, 11th May 1877.

From

L. R. BURROWS,

Acting President Municipal Commission.

To

The Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael

Offg. Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St George.

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Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

L. R. Hunt

Acting President

Municipal Commission.

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From
His Hy President
Alum Bannu
Quetta

To The Offg Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 11th Nov
Recd 12th "
No 1774 "
G. O. No 1774

Subject
Suggests the desirability
of deepening the East Coast
Canal two feet deeper by
Sattankud Famine Cutting.

No 1741 A.

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17/5/77

Under copy to Rs Dy Secretary

Madras Engineers Public Commissioner
21 Dr Sec P W Dept dated 29 July 77 Dy Secretary 17 Nov 1877
3 Dr Hy Commissioner Salem
35 Rs Board Rec
5 Rs Financial Dept