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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 20 April 1877.

Read the following  
L<sup>r</sup> No 1154.

Dr G. R. W.  
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From

The Collector of  
Salem

To  
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue  
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for  
the favorable consideration of the Board  
and Government, a letter from the  
District Engineer, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo,  
requesting that Government will  
be pleased to make the same exception  
against task work pure and simple  
in the irrigation repairs of Salem,  
carried out on properly sanctioned  
estimate, as they have done to work  
on the East Coast Canal and in the  
Ristna District.

2. I entirely endorse the D<sup>r</sup> Engineer's  
statement

statement that the irrigation works in the District are being carried out "with profit to Government and advantage to the starving population." Major Montgomerie further presses the question in a letter received this morning from which the following is an extract.

"I have just had an opportunity of conferring with Sir Richard Temple on this important subject, and he is most decidedly of opinion that every work undertaken by P. W. Deptt. throughout the Presidency should be carried out on the piece work system as is being so admirably done in Salem."

Salem Collectors Office } I have &c  
Camp Darampury } B. J. C. J. Lingby  
14<sup>th</sup> April 1877 } Collector.

Enclosure.

Enclosure

N<sup>o</sup> 331.

From. The District Engineer of Salem.

To. The Collector of Salem.

Sir, With reference to your letters  
L<sup>ts</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 77 dated 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1877 and  
N<sup>o</sup> 699  
N<sup>o</sup> 129 dated 19<sup>th</sup> March 1877, favouring  
me with copies of the orders of Government  
in the Revenue Department as per  
margin, and which orders have been

communicated to me in the Public  
Works Department on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
Instant respectively, I have the  
honor to inform you that the rates  
promulgated by you on the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.,  
after communication with myself,  
are the rates I would recommend  
for

N<sup>o</sup> 520 A 7

5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1877.

N<sup>o</sup> 836 A 7

27 Feb. 1877

for all task work throughout the District.  
The rates for daily wages where  
such are paid should be in accordance  
with the sliding scale drawn up by  
the Revenue Board in their Proceedings  
No 457, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 1877. also desired  
by your strict instructions will be  
issued to all Range officers that  
all future Relief Works undertaken  
by them must be carried out on  
the task work system laid down  
by the Government in their order  
No 520 A dated 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1877 & elaborated  
by the Board of Revenue in their  
Proceedings No 766 dated 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 77.

2. In doing this, however, I must  
distinctly beg of you to bear in mind  
that

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that this will be tantamount to the  
stoppage of nearly all Famine Relief  
Work by the Public Works Department  
in this District; for instead of being  
able to superintend & carry out 4  
or 500 works scattered all over the D.  
as we are now doing we shall only  
be able with our limited establish-  
ment to attend to 10 or 12 works in  
each range on the task work system.

3. As, however, the Famine  
Relief Works in this District which  
have been entrusted to the Public  
Works Department are of a highly  
remunerative character consisting  
chiefly of the repairs of long neglected  
Irrigation Works which must  
some day be carried out by

Government

Government and for the execution of which in ordinary seasons it is difficult, if not impossible, to procure labour.

I am sanguine enough to hope that on a proper representation of the case, the Government may be induced to make the same exception against the enforcing of task work pure and simple on the Irrigation repairs of this District (carried out on properly sanctioned estimates) as they have done to the East Coast Canal, the Junction Canal, the Cammarum Channel & the Estuarine embankment. Even you yourself must admit that the repairs of these Irrigation works throughout the District are being carried out most

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most satisfactorily by the several Range officers with profit to Govt and with advantage to the starving population that flock to our works.

I have &c  
Jt Engineer's office }  
Camp Mallor }  
23<sup>rd</sup> March/77 }  
Jt Engineer - Salem.

[True copy]  
[Sd/ C. J. Langley  
Collector.

Submitted to Government

The Board recommend the continuance of the present system in Salem.

[True copy & Extract]

Yours  
Sincerely

To The Asst. Secretary to Govt. R.D.

Comd. M.S.

No.

From Rev. Mr.

Dated April 20<sup>th</sup> 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Like the 18<sup>th</sup> Division mediation  
that the present system in Salva  
be allowed to continue to exist.  
May a statement for at out  
that the system is out of which work  
on the cash work system which  
containing the the proposed  
along the Revenue Relief work  
of the Public Works Dep. & report  
that for the stamping Singala  
repairs in that Dep. from the  
effect of the order regarding public  
work & financial work & plan  
them on the same footing as the  
En. Const. Canal. The  
Collection supports the S. Eng.  
representative of the Board in effect  
say the high it is better to have  
rule alone & let the work be done  
as they see fit. The statement  
amounts to cancelling a 5000  
order directing that that 5000  
5200 A be set up to 5000  
in the work of the already given  
on contract.  
order any request 25/4/77

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Submitting to you

Letter from Mr. Collier

of Salva, forwarding

22 Revenue letters

regarding the work

in Salva & the work

25 May 77 1877

1877-5-23  
25-5-77 (1877-5-23)

I have always been  
of opinion that all F.R.  
books under P.W.D.  
depression might  
be to advantage be  
done on piece work  
rather than task  
work system. Kindly  
advise us of the  
change of the feeblest  
members of the family.

I do then for continue  
the system now in force  
in Salem. always  
supposing that the  
P.W.G.D. of later in  
hand at once a

bridge works. I was  
to send 2 tons per  
week from J. R. Works  
to the government.

As shown in the  
 following side the  
 different principle  
 is looked to the  
 present success. I  
 do not introduce the  
 change to the other  
 system of it. (S.H.)

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FOR ORDERS.

to the following  
classes as possible.

2. That the same be disposed of  
at the lowest possible price  
and the proceeds applied to the  
benefit of the laboring  
classes as possible. The  
same to be done by the  
D.P.W. in the same  
manner as possible.

1/17/77 J.H.

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No 1757

G.O. 8/19/77

Major Montgomerie's  
letter was written nearly  
3 weeks before the Chief  
Engineer for Irrigation com-  
municated to all District  
Engineers in his Circular Memo  
of the 1st April. It was  
the desire of Government  
that all Budgeted  
Agricultural works of  
the year should be push-  
ed on as fast as possible  
by the D.P.W. in the  
ordinary manner so as  
to afford as much  
relief to the laboring  
classes as possible.

That

1/17/77  
J.H.

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That Memo disposed  
 of all Budgeted Agricultural  
 works and as regards  
 other Agricultural repairs  
 or minor New Works the  
 Government have no objec-  
 tion to their being carried  
 out on the piece work,  
~~in the place of~~ on the task  
 work system, by the D.P.W.  
 in the Salem District  
 from Pamine funds

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Hand Cop, to the D. P. W. Dept. on 22 May

21. 00. The B. W. Dept. at 1 June

5 The Financial Dept.

5 The Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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Am. ...  
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To be sent to ...

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