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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st May 1877, No. 1,869 C.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 637. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Pulivendla, 8th May 1877, Extra No. 1,007.

I have the honor to request the favor of the orders of Government upon the following case.

2. I am induced to do this, as the orders issued by the Accountant-General, with the sanction of Government, and those promulgated by the Public Works Department, in reference to the making of payments to relief-coolies by Public Works Department subordinates, appear to be at variance.

3. Sergeant Green, of the Bengal Public Works Department, was sent for famine-work to this district. The District Engineer did not place him at my disposal. He was, by agreement between us, put in charge of the construction of the road from Moodanoor to Jammalamadoogoo, which is a famine work. In this party there was a convalescent and enfeebled gang, which Mr. Weekes, B.C.S., in charge of the division, considered should be paid daily. He accordingly asked Sergeant Green to do this, and sent him money for the purpose, through the Tahsildar. Acting, however, upon the orders of Colonel Moberly, the District Engineer, who appears to have previously had some conversation on the subject with Mr. Weekes, Sergeant Green returned this money, and refused to have anything to do with it. Mr. Weekes then reported the matter to me, quoting, in support of his view that Sergeant Green should have complied with his wishes, the instruction conveyed in clause (*b*), paragraph 3 of the Rules, forwarded with the Circular of the Accountant-General, Famine Relief, No. 13,599, dated 15th March last.

I then asked the District Engineer for an explanation, and Colonel Moberly replied that Sergeant Green was not under Mr. Weekes's orders, and that he (Colonel Moberly) acted under the instructions (number and date not given), of which the enclosed is a copy.

4. The question is whether Sergeant Green should have taken the money and paid the coolies or not.

5. According to the authority quoted by Mr. Weekes he might have done so without any objection; under that advanced by Colonel Moberly he should not.

6. Whether Mr. Weekes is, according to the strict letter of the rules, right or not I think, taking into consideration the small staff of Europeans available in the district, that where a particular gang out of several requires, in the opinion of the chief officer in charge of the relief of the division, daily payments, employing a European who is in charge of a relief-work upon which such people are, to do this, should, whether such work is under the supervision of the Public Works Department or not, be at the discretion of such chief officer, provided that such

[illegible] at my disposal. He was

an arrangement does not, as in this case is admitted, interfere with the due attention of the Superintendent to his supervising duties.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from letter, No. 278, dated 30th April 1877, from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

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5. I am not aware of the Memorandum of the Accountant-General referred to by Mr. Weekes, but the following is the Public Works Department order under which I act :—

"Executive Officers should distinctly bear in mind that, excepting only for grain received from the Collector, they account to the Examiner and to the Examiner only ; and they can receive neither cash nor credit orders from Collectors ; and if such cash or credit should be offered, it must be refused, and the Collector should, if necessary, be referred to this Office."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

No. 638. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1877, No. 1,869-C.

Miscellaneous.

SERGEANT GREEN and Mr. Marshall are under the Collector's, not the District Engineer's, orders. The two officers if required to disburse money by the Collector or divisional officer, should do so.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Extra No 1007

Cuddapah Collectors Office
Camp Pulivendla.
8th May 1877

From J. F. Price Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah

To The Secretary Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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I have the honor to be
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Your Most Obdt Servant

Fredrick Rice
Ag Collector

Extract from letter No 278 dated 30th April 1877 from the District Engineer of Kuddapah to the Ag. Collector of Cuddapah -

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(True Extract)

Fredrick Rice
Ag. Collector

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Enclosure No 1
In a letter from the Acting
Collector of Customs Aspal. dated
8th May 1877 Extra No. 1007

In 7356

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Revenue Department.

From The Acting Collector

To The Additional Secretary to Government Fort Saint George

Dated 8th May
Despd. 10th
Received. 14th } 1877

Enclosure one
Extia No. 1007

Refers for the orders of Government the question as to whether a D.P.W. Subordinate incharge of a Tank work should or should not pay the Coolies when required to do so by the officer incharge of the Division

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Legal fees & R.F. Marshalls under Collectors, with D.C. Superintendent's Remarks & Legal opinion & opinion thereon & Collr's reply to questions put by Govt. & Collr's further opinion & communication from the Govt. & Collr's reply & Govt. order

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J.M. Hearing
for Secretary to Board of Revenue