

- (1) Number of pages 16
(2) Date of repair 23.10.74
(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	2114.A	Press
B.P. No.		~~Min~~
Dated	26. 6.	1877
		196

Not to be folded or roughly handled

214K
1

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th June 1877, No. 2,114-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 578-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th May 1877, No. 2,391.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 14th May 1877, No. 344.

ADVERTING to the correspondence as per margin, copies of which I enclose, I have the honor to solicit the orders of the Board as to whether I am at liberty to retain any estimates for irrigation repairs sent to me for countersignature by the Superintending Engineer, in view to the same being carried out by task under the Revenue Department, when I find it necessary to provide employment for the distressed in any locality.

2. Colonel Moberly (*vide* paragraphs 2 and 7 of his No. 407) considers that I should return all estimates for sanction and execution in ordinary course. I note, too, that the Chief Engineer's memorandum quoted by him refers to works provided for in the budget, while for repairs only a lump grant is entered for the district.

3. Adverting to paragraph 1 of the Superintending Engineer's No. 407, I would observe that what I want is clear enough, viz., estimates and co-operation in carrying out G.O., No. 681, of the 15th February 1877; but I see little chance of either being voluntarily afforded.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Colr. of the Chingleput District, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District, dated Sydapet, 25th April 1877, No. 294.

In reply to your No. 187, of the 17th instant, I have the honor to observe that it is not only "sanctioned estimates" that I require. Any estimates, if prepared for the numerous repairs, I have approved of as famine-works on lists forwarded by you will do, as I can sanction up to 2,000 Rupees under recent rules.

2. I presume that prickly-pear cannot have prevented the preparation of *all* and any estimates for such works, though I shall be glad to hear from time to time the names of works, estimates for which are retarded by such over-growth, and I will either have it cleared, or, as I have already informed you, put you in funds to do so by your subordinates (*vide* my No. 190, dated 16th ultimo) if you desire it. I am particularly anxious for estimates for the northern part of Trivellore and Ponneri Taluqs; the more so as work on the Naranaveram river embankment is approaching completion just at this critical time.

3. I enclose extract from a letter of the Commissioner of Police embodied in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,488, dated 19th instant, as bearing on this subject.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 5th May 1877, No. 407.

I REGRET that I cannot understand your No. 294 of 25th ultimo.

2. I am sending on to you, for approval, every estimate which I receive from my Range officers. In my No. 388 of 4th instant, I have brought to your notice that several estimates have been lying some time in your Office.

Revenue Department, 26th June 1877, No. 2,114-A.

3. We are very much delayed in preparing estimates by the prickly-pear, and I have to-day requested the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to procure a relaxation of G.O., No. 1,395, of 5th July 1875, to allow of our clearing away the prickly-pear ourselves from irrigation funds.

4. I may observe that Nagapuram and Uttucotta, in North Trivellore, are two cases of works in which we cannot prepare estimates.

5. The Cortelliar embankment is, I believe, begun by Mr. Scott as a relief-work, but from my own experience and that of my Range officers, it appears that people will not undertake work under us, and apply to the relief camps in preference.

6. I have seen able-bodied men going in troops to the Red Hills, and cannot but conclude that task is lightly levied; in one instance, of a small job done for us earth cost upwards of 12 annas per yard.

7. As under Chief Engineer's Order,* No. 9-C, of 10th April 1877, our irrigation allotments are to be expended in the usual manner as speedily as possible, there is nothing to prevent my working by piece-work, if I can but get my estimates passed.

* Copy of which was communicated with my letter, No. 255, dated 24th April 1877.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

MEMORANDUM, No. 9-C of 1877 (IRRIGATION).

The undersigned has the honor to inform the District Engineers as per margin that Government consider it desirable that the budget allotments for agricultural works should, so far as may be consistent with the attainments of the objects for which those allotments have been made, be utilised in the regular manner during the first-half of 1877-78, so as to afford employment to labor and diminish the amount of labor to be provided for our famine relief works.

2. Labor will probably be everywhere abundant, and, of course, while District Officers will be free to make whatever arrangements may best conduce to the efficient execution of the works, it will be necessary to take care that economy is duly considered, and that rates are not exceeded. Only those able to work in the ordinary manner should be employed on works which cannot be given out at fixed rates, and generally the Public Works Establishments will have the same freedom of action, and be under the same responsibilities as would attach, were there no famine or scarcity in their districts.

3. These instructions apply only to works provided for in the budget, and District Engineers will consider it incumbent upon them to provide in the first place for the effective supervision by the Regular Public Works Establishment of these budget works, while affording any aid that may be in their power to the Revenue officers.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th April 1877.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

THE Board consider that the Collector is authorised in the present emergency in putting in hand any work not actually in progress under the Department of Public Works, for which he may have estimates, and that he is not bound to return all estimates for execution by the Department of Public Works; but as this seems to be a matter in dispute between the Collector and Superintending Engineer, the Board resolve to submit it for the orders of Government, with the remark that this continued misunderstanding between the Collector and the Superintending Engineer is productive of the worst results in the district. It is not for the Board to decide between these two officers, but they may be allowed to state their opinion that the want of co-operation proceeds from the Engineer and not from the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Revenue Department, 26th June 1877, No. 2,114-A.

No. 573-B.

ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1877, No. 2,114-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector's proper course, under the exceptional circumstances named by him, is to return the original estimate without his countersignature to the District Engineer, and to intimate his wishes to that officer that the work be not undertaken by the Department of Public Works. He is, of course, at liberty to make a copy of the estimate for his own information.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Chingleput

Revenue Department

19

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 25th May 1877.

Read the following

N^o 344

Board's G.A.P.
5263

From A. W. Barlow Esqre,
Collector of the Chingleput District.

To J. C. Stokes Esqre,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,
Referring to the correspondence as
per margin, copies of which I enclose, I
have the honor to solicit the orders of the Board,
as to whether I am at liberty to retain any
estimates for Irrigation repairs, sent to me for
counter-signature, by the Superintending Engineer,
in view to the same being carried out by
task under the Revenue Department, when I
find it necessary to provide employment for
the distressed in any locality.

Colonel

5001. of 118773

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

do. do. do.

Dated June, 26th.

Issued in MS. July 2nd.

Printed July 6th.

Filed.

Encl.

G.O. 20th June 1877, No. 2114-A.

JUN E.

No. 578-A—578-B.

PAINTED REVENUE No. 1855-B.

Estimates for Irrigation Repairs for execution by
Revenue Department.—Directing the Collector of
Chingleput as to the course to be pursued should be
required to retain —

retarded by such overgrowth, and I will
either have it cleared, or as I have already
informed you, put you in funds to do so
by your subordinates. Vide my N^o 190 dated
16th Ultimo if you desire it. I am partic-
-ularly anxious for estimates for the
Northern part of Trivelloe and Souvere
Islands. The more so as work on the
Maranaverant river embankment is approach-
-ing completion just at this critical time.

3. I enclose extract from a letter of the
Commissioner of Police embodied in G. O.
O. A. N^o 1488 dated 19th Instant as bearing
on this subject.

I have &c
(Signed) R. W. Barlow
Collector.

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. W. Barlow
Collector.

Chinglaput

38
Chinglaput Supt Engineer's
Office, Saint Thomas Mount
5th May 1877.

N^o 407
From
The Superintending Engineer
Chinglaput

To,
The Collector,
Chinglaput District

Sir,
I regret that I cannot understand
your N^o 294 of 25th Ultimo.

2. I am sending on to you for approval
every estimate which I receive from my Range
Officers. In my N^o 388 of 4th instant, I
have brought to your notice that several
estimates have been lying some time in
your office.

3. We are very much delayed in pre-
paring estimates by the prickly pear, and I
have to-day requested the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation to procure a relocation of G. O. N^o 1488
of

of 5th July 1875 to allow of our clearing
away the prickly pear ourselves from
Irrigation funds.

4. I may observe that Nagalaparam
and Uthucotta in North Trivellore are
two cases of works in which we cannot
prepare estimates.

5. The Cortalliar embankment is, I
believe, begun by Mr Scott as a relief work;
but from my own experience and that of
my Range Officers, it appears that people
will not undertake work under us and apply
to the relief camps in preference.

I have sent able-bodied men going
in troops to the Red Hills and cannot but
conclude that task is lightly levied; in
one instance of a small job done for us,
earth cost upwards of 12 annas per yard.

A.

* Copy of which
was communicated
with my letter
of 12.2.85 dated
24.2.85 of 1877.

7. Under Chief Engineer's order N^o 2
of 10th April 1877 our irrigation allotments
are to be expended in the usual manner,
as speedily as possible, there is nothing to
prevent my working in piece-work, if I
can but get my estimates passed.

I have &c

(Signed) F. J. Molerly Col R.E.

Chief Engineer, Chingleput

(True Copy)

(Signed) R. W. Barlow

Collector -

Memorandum 2^d of 1877

The undersigned has the honor to
inform the District Engineers as per margin
that Government consider it desirable that
the Budget allotments for agricultural works
should, so far as may be consistent with
the attainment of the objects for which those
allotments

Bellary
Chingleput
Chinnai
North Arcot
Palani
Chingleput
Salem
Madurai

allotments have been made, be utilized in the regular manner during the first half of 1877-78, so as to afford employment to labour and diminish the amount of labour to be provided for on Famine Relief Works.

2. Labour will probably be everywhere abundant and of course, while District Officers will be free to make whatever arrangements may best conduce to the efficient execution of the works, it will be necessary to take care that economy is duly considered, and that rates are not exceeded. Only those able to work in the ordinary manner should be employed on works which cannot be given out at fixed rates and generally the Public Works Establishments will have the same freedom of action and be under the same responsibilities as would attach were there no famine or scarcity in their Districts

Districts.

3. These instructions apply only to works provided for in the Budget, and District Engineers will consider it incumbent upon them to provide in the first place for the effective supervision by the Regular Public Works Establishment of these Budget works, while affording any aid that may be in their power to the Revenue Officers.

Fort Saint George,
10th April 1877—

(Signed) John Mullins Lieut. Colonel

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Copy)

(Signed) F. J. Moberly Col: R.E.

Supy Engr, Chingleput

(True Copy)

(Signed) R. W. Barlow

Collector

The Board consider that the Collector is authorized in the present emergency in putting

putting in hand any work not actually
in progress under the D. P. W. for which
he may have estimates and that he is
not bound to return all estimates for
execution by the D. P. W., but as
this seems to be a matter in dispute
between the Collector and Superintending
Engineer, the Board resolve to submit
it for the orders of Government with the
remark that this continued misunder-
standing between the Collector and the
Superintending Engineer is productive
of the worst results in the district.
It is not for the Board to decide
between these two officers but they
may be allowed to state their opinion
that the want of co-operation proceeds
from

68
from the Engineer and not from the
Collector.

(True Copies & Extract)

J.

The Adl. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE