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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd July 1877, No. 2186-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 37-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th June 1877, No. 2849.

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 Saidapet, 8th June 1877, No. 438:—

As ordered in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,402, dated the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of Colonel Moberly's explanation* on the subject.

* No. 790, dated 6th June 1877.

2. The Board will observe that whereas information was asked regarding the Trivettoor to Ponneri and Trivellore to Velliyur roads, the Superintending Engineer only replies as to the former and the Sattianed to Tada road, regarding which latter no information was asked, as accounts as to numbers employed there were sent.

3. As regards Colonel Moberly's statement that grants for famine funds were made because there were "estimates and organization prepared," I have the honor to observe that I supported his applications because distress was greatly felt in the locality, and I hoped that a large number of coolies would be employed, which has not, so far as I can learn, been the case. Even if payments were made in a lump for piece-work, there should be no difficulty in showing weekly the number of coolies, if employed, and paid from famine funds.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput District, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 6th June 1877, No. 790.

In reply to your No. 386 of 30th ultimo, I have the honor to observe that the grants to the road from Trivettoor and Ponneri and from Tada to Sattianed were made on the ground of our having estimates and organization prepared; they were accordingly continued on as piece-work and paid for only when completed and measurements made.

2. The money was received from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts by whom alone members of the Department Public Works can be placed in funds. See G.O., No. 279, dated 23rd January for authority for the work, and G.O., No. 156 of 18th January 1877, repeating a standing rule regarding the provision of funds.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

In their Proceedings, 11th January 1877, No. 123, the Board sanctioned the marginally noted grants to be placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, in pursuance of his request. The Superintending Engineer however refused to receive the money, and the Board's Proceedings reporting the fact to Government were recorded with reference to G.O., Public Works Department, 18th January 1877, No. 156, which ruled that Public Works Officers were to obtain funds for relief-works through the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

	Rs.
Road from Trivettoor to Ponneri ..	10,697
Road from Trivellore to Velliyur ..	4,818
Total ..	15,515

G.O., Revenue Department, 30th January 1877, No. 558.

2. In his letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, 26th May 1877, No. 2,402, the Collector, in reply to the Board's inquiry, what works were provided in the north of the district, mentioned that the first of these works had been sanctioned in view to meeting demand for labor in that quarter; that nothing appeared to have been done upon the road; that in the relief return for the 21st April a sum of Rupees 10,600 was entered as expended in the week ended on that date, but numbers employed were not given; and that a sum of Rupees 2,887 was similarly entered against the second road above-named. The Board directed that the Superintending Engineer should be asked for explanation, and the Collector now submits his reply.

3. Colonel Moberly says nothing about the second road, but as regards the first and a road from Vada to Satianed, he states that money was obtained from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, under G.O., 18th January 1877, No. 156, Public Works Department; and that the works were continued on piece-work, which was paid for when completed and measured up. As observed by the Collector, there is no reason why, even if this were so, the numbers employed should not be reported.

4. The papers will be submitted to Government as showing the manner in which Colonel Moberly evades questions put to him, and ignores the Collector's request for information; and for orders whether the mode of expending relief grants adopted by the Public Works Department in Chingleput in the case of the works in question is to be approved. It is not, the Board believe, the wish of Government that payments for relief works even when executed on piece-work should be deferred until demands have accumulated to the extent shown by the single payments made on these roads in the week ending April 21st. From the relief report for the 9th June just received it appears that no money has since been spent upon either of the roads, or at least that if any has been spent no report has been made of it. The first road ought to have been almost completed for the payment made as above stated.

5. The Board request that the Superintending Engineer may be directed to report what quantity of work was executed for the sums in question, where it was done, and when the payments were in fact made; whether the works have been in progress since 21st April; and, if so, why no payments have been made or reported since then.

6. The Board also beg attention to paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, 26th May, No. 2,102. Certain remarks in the relief report for the 28th April showed that some of Colonel Moberly's subordinates refused to furnish weekly returns of numbers and outlay on relief works under them; and the Board pointed out that the orders on the subject had been misconstrued, and that returns should be made. Colonel Moberly does not refer to the matter in his letter to the Collector now submitted to Government, and the Board have no hope that the returns will be furnished unless specific orders of Government are issued to him on the point.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Revenue Department, 3*rd July* 1877 *No.* 2,186-*A.*

No. 37-B. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1877, No. 2,186-A.

Miscellaneous.

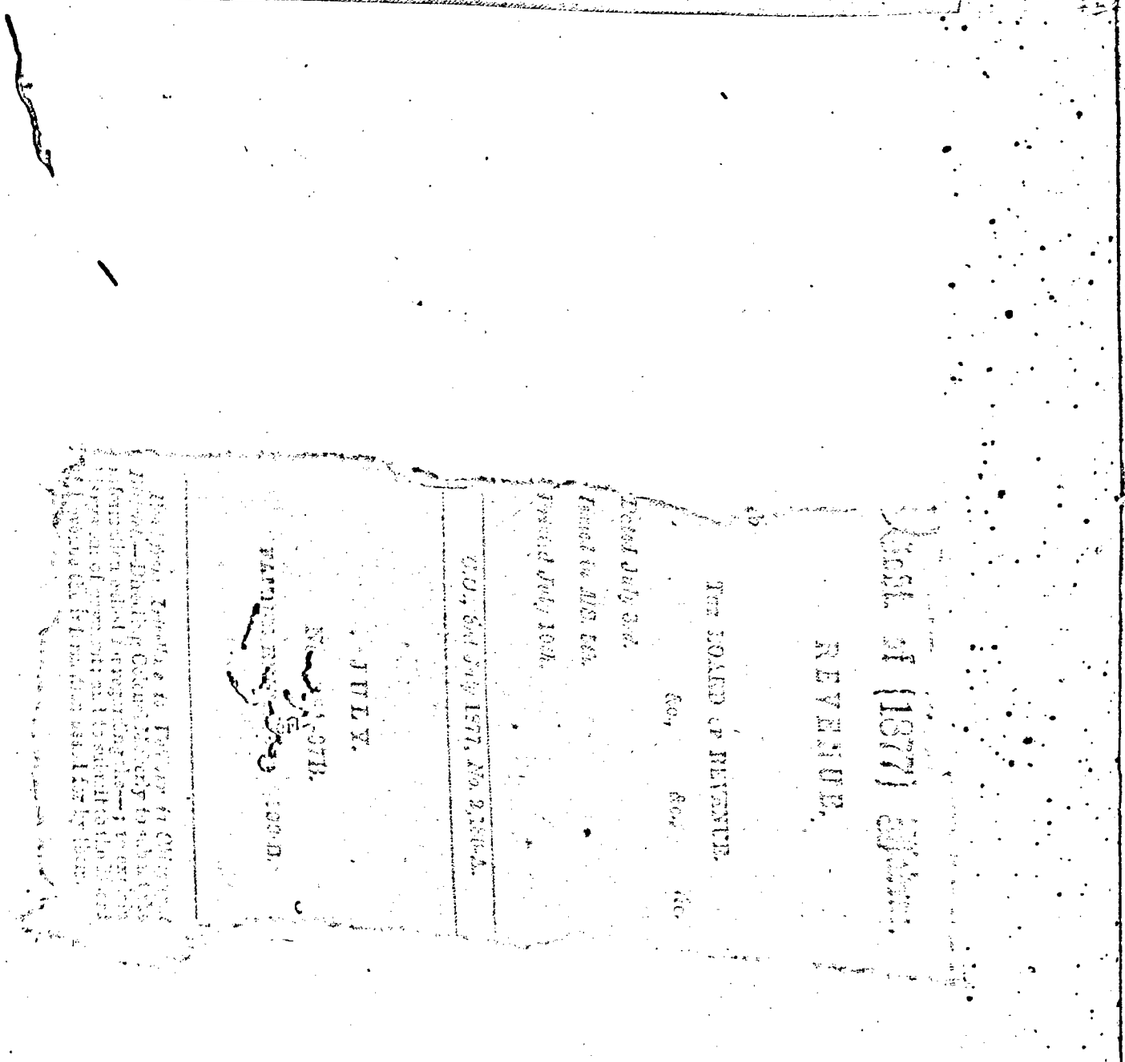
COLONEL MOBERLY will be directed in the Public Works Department to submit the information called for regarding the road from Trivellore to Velliyur; to explain his system of payment, which does not appear at all calculated to afford effective relief to famine coolies, the money earned being apparently only disbursed when the work is completed; and to submit to the Revenue Board the information asked for by them in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.



Revenue Department.

No 2849

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th June 1877

Read the following.

Board's
Cy. No. 2062 } No 433
6430.

From

R. N. Barlow Esquire
Collector of Kistna
Chingleput District.

To

W. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir.

As ordered in Board's Proceedings No. 2402 dated the 26th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of Colonel Mackenzie's explanation on the subject.

Ans. Pro. 6 June 1877

2. The Board will observe that whereas information was asked

regarding the Trincomalee to Pomparipo, and Trincomalee to Velligam roads, the Superintending Engineer only replies as to the former and the Batticaloa to Padda road, regarding which latter no information was asked as accounts as to numbers employed there were sent.

3. As regards Colonel Moberly's statement that grants for famine funds were made because there were "Estimates and organization prepared", I have the honor to observe that I supported his applications because distress was greatly felt in the locality, and hoped that a large number of coolies would be employed which has not, so far as I can learn, been the case. Even if payments were made in a lump for piece work, there should be no difficulty in showing weekly the number of coolies, if employed, and paid from famine funds.

Road from Trincomalee to Pomparipo Rs 10697

Road from Trincomalee to Velligam ..4818
15515

Chinglepet District,
Collector's Office,
Saidapet 8th June 1877.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) R. W. Barlow
Collector.

In their Proceedings 11th January 1877 No 123 the Board sanctioned the marginally noted grants to be placed at

at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer during pleasure in pursuance of his request. The Superintending Engineer however refused to receive the money, and the Board's Proceedings reporting the fact to Government were recorded with reference to G.O. R.D. 18 January 1877 No. 15; which ruled that Public works officers were to draw funds for relief works, through the Examiner P.W. Accounts.

2. On his letter recorded in Board's Proceedings 26th May 1877 No. 2402 the Collector in reply to the Board's enquiry what works were provided in

G.O. R.D. 30 January 1877 No. 658.

in the north of the district mentioned that the first of these works had been sanctioned in view to meeting demand for labour in that quarter that nothing appeared to have been done upon the road; that in the relief return for the 21 April a sum of Rupees 10600 was entered as expended in the week ended on that date, but numbers employed were not given, and that a sum of Rs 2887 was similarly entered against the second road above named. The Board directed that the Superintending Engineer should be asked for explanation, & the collector now submits his reply.

3. Colonel Moberly says nothing about the second road, but as regards the first and a road from Zaidá to Satgaon, he states that money was obtained from the Examiner P. W. Accounts under G.O 18 the January 1877 No. 156 P.W.D; and that the works were continued on piece work, which was paid for when completed and measured up, as observed by the Collector, there is no reason why; even if this were so, the numbers employed should not be reported.

4. The papers will be submitted to Government as showing the manner in which Colonel Moberly evades questions put to him, and ignores the Collector's requests for information; and for whether the mode of expending relief grants adopted by the P.W.D in working put in the case of the works in question is to be approved. It is not the Board believe the wish of Government that payments for relief works even when executed on piece work should be deferred until demands have accumulated to the extent shown by the single payments made on these roads in the

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Colonel Mokerly does not refer to
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specific orders of Government are
issued to him on the point.

(True copy & Extract)

W Hicks
Secretary.

To.
The acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copy of enclosure

Copied

Chittagong Dept. Engr's Office
Saint Thomas Mount, 6th June/77

No 790.

From

The Superintending Engineer
Chittagong Dept.

To

The Collector,
Chittagong District.

Sir.

In reply to your No 3864
30th Ultimo, I have the honor to
observe that the grants to the road
from Trivalur and Pommery and from
Tada to Sattimed were made on the
ground of our having estimated and
organized prepared – they were ac-
-cordingly continued on as piece work
and paid for only when completed
and

Rec'd 10th July Dept.

Forwarding to the
Board of Revenue
Dated 10th June 1877
Rec'd 12th ——
Encl: 1

Reply

Submitting Statement
- ment called for from Collector
Chittagong Dept. forwarding
Chittagong Dept. forwarding
explanation of Supt Engr
regarding payment for roads
from Trivalur to Pommery &
from Tada to Sattimed and
stating Bds opinion on the
subject.

No 2186a

Col: Nobody will be directed in the
P.L. Dept to submit the information called for
regarding the road from Trivalur to Valliguy &
Supt Engr Chittagong for payment, who does not appear
to have calculated & afforded sufficient relief &
Fenwick Colin, ~~Esquire~~ the money should be
appointed only Rs 1 thousand when the work is completed
and to submit to the Bd Rs the information
called for by the 2nd Para of this P.C.

J.H.C.

8/7/77

U.S. Board Rec'd 7/7 July
" — Dept 8th
Trade Dept
P.C. dated
15 July/77.

and measurements made.

2. The money was received from the Examiner P. W. A, by whom above mentions of the D.P.W can be placed in funds. See G.O No 381 dated 23rd January for authority for the work, and G.O No 156 of 18th January | for.

standing rule regarding the provision of funds.

Minute.

(signed) F. J. Moberly Colonel R. E.
Superintending Engr, Chinglepet

(True copy)
(Signed) R. M. Barlow
Collector.

(True copy).

Writer

Secretary!

Board's Proceedings No 28498

June 16th

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F. No 4181

Memo for Orders

In his letter of the 14th December 875 No 3214 Colonel Moberly suggested for the Collector's consideration the completion of the 2 roads originally noted from Famine Relief Funds, there being 1069 Rs out of the estimate for the former and 4818 Rs of that for the latter, still unallotted. The Collector accordingly applied to the Board, and the Board in their Proceedings of January 11th 877 No 12, sanctioned a total grant of 15,575 Rs which was approved by Government in the Financial Department.

Colonel Moberly however, declines

1. Tivellur to Ponneri
2. Tivellur to Villupur

Enclosure in Board's Proceedings to the Govt. of Madras dated 16th June 1877. No 2849.

Rec'd 7th do

Rs 5-39 Rupees Rs 15,575

declined to receive the money from the Revenue authorities. However he appears to have got the money subsequently through the Examiner of V.P.W. Accounts and to have carried out the work on the two roads by piece-work, paying for the whole work done at one once and in a lump; for 10600 Rs. are returned as spent on Road No 1 "in the week" ending apparently April 21st. Similarly a sudden expenditure of 2087 Rs on Road No 2 was shown at the time. On Mr Barlow's reporting the matter to the Board, they directed him to ask Colonel Moberly for certain explanation regarding the 2 works and to state how he got the money to carry them out.

Colonel Moberly in his reply alludes to one of the 2 roads and to a third road from Taddoa to Sathiwada. Probably the allusion to this road was a mistake for the

C. M. Barlow Esquire? Give the information sought for. Explain the method of payment & if in addition to actual cultivators & agents & others & Famine Relief & Famine Circles. Say that only two roads payments for the work done complete

Ref. to D. first & placing the Public Works and P.W. Department charges over Expenditure separately. Put

I return with disapproval & take any required action in this case.

I do not feel that Mr Barlow's orders at present justify my calling upon the Executive Engineer to furnish the information required.

P.W.D. 1/11.

the second road regarding which explanation was demanded. However Colonel Moberly adds that he got the money in the regular way through the Examiner.

The Board consider Colonel Moberly has evaded giving information regarding the record of the 2 roads respecting which it was asked, and requested Government whether the mode of expending grants from Relief Funds in Chinglepet on the work in question is approved; as they do not think it was intended that payments should be allowed to accumulate till they reached such a sum as 10600 Rs, and they ask that Colonel Moberly may be directed to report on certain points stated in Para 5 of their Proceedings.

Lastly, they request attention to Para 2 of their Proceedings of 26th May No 2402 and beg that order

orders may be issued to Colonel Moberly to direct the prompt submission of certain returns by some of his subordinates.

The returns required are specifically ordered to be sent to the Collector weekly by every Range officer in D.P.W. G.O. No 156 - Para 4, and any neglect to do this by Colonel Moberly's subordinates, is a distinct breach of that order

I submit that Colonel may be told,

(1) that whereas he was asked for information regarding the two roads noted in the margin of para 4 of this Memo: he has only given information regarding one of them and that he be called on to submit the information asked for regarding the other.

(2) that the Government entirely disapprove of the method of expending relief funds on

Noted
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Asst Director
Asst Director
Works &
Buildings
Army

on road works which he appears to have adopted, and to mark their disapproval, ~~I would suggest~~ that the Examiner of D. P. W. Accounts be forbidden to supply any more Examine Funds to any of the D.P.W. Officers in this Dept;

(3) that he be directed to send in forthwith the information called for by the Revenue Board in Para 5 of their Proceedings now under disposal

(4) that the failure of the Range officers to send in the weekly reports ordered by D.P.W. G.O. No 156 of January 18th 07. Para 4, to the Collector, was a distinct breach of the order of Government which Colonel Moberly is directed to notice in reporting his action in the matter.

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