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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

10th September 1877, No. 2,691-E.

**Famine Relief.**

Read the following paper:—

No. 162-C. From C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to the Government of Madras, Famine Department, dated Governor-General's Camp, Madras, 2nd September 1877, No. 777.

I AM directed to state, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, how matters stand, and what are the wishes of His Excellency the Viceroy regarding the continuation of the earthwork of the Bellary and Hoobleé Railway.

2. The line consists of three sections, viz.:—

42 miles in the Bellary District.
27 ,, ,, Nizam's Territory.
57 ,, ,, Dharwar District.

The earthwork has been all completed on the Bellary section. But ballast has not yet been collected.

3. On the Nizam's section 12 to 15 miles have been marked out and are ready for immediate commencement. On the remainder of this section a diversion of the alignment is under consideration. But if orders were now sent for pushing on the re-alignment and setting-out, this part of the Nizam's section could also be ready for work within a few weeks' time. The Nizam's Minister has sent instructions to his local officers that the land is to be made over to the Engineers, and that all facilities for the work are to be given. But the Resident reports* that there is no grain to be had in the neighbourhood, and that Government will have to provide grain to feed the laborers on the Railway works.

* See paragraph 3 of letter, No. 88, dated 28th August, copy of which is appended to the present letter.

4. The Bombay section is aligned between Hoobleé and the Deena River, and also between Gudduck and Annagherry; on these two lengths earthwork and ballast collection could be at once begun. On the remainder some re-alignment is necessary; and a few weeks must elapse before the work thereon could be commenced.

5. It is understood that the Madras Government desire to move some of the Bellary relief gangs westwards, and to begin work on the Nizam's section at once. It was also suggested by His Grace the Governor, when the matter was discussed at Bellary, that rails should be laid on the bank from Bellary to Hospett (35 miles) as soon as possible, so that grain for the supply of the western talugs of Bellary and for the Railway laborers might be carried from Bellary terminus by private traders.

6. After conference with His Grace the Governor on the subject, the Viceroy is pleased to sanction the commencement of earthwork on the Nizam's section at once; and having ascertained that the Bombay Government are willing to permit the work to be carried on in the Bombay territory by means of Madras relief labor, he authorizes the transfer of Bellary labor gangs to the Dharwar length as soon as the work on the Nizam's length is completed, or whenever necessary.

The work should be carried on with due regard to task, distance, and other tests, and care should be taken to confine the relief it affords as far as possible to British subjects who may be in indigent circumstances and in need of State aid. In this view all subjects of His Highness the Nizam, if there are any such, should be removed before the gangs are transferred beyond the frontier, and the persons so removed should be made over to His Highness the Nizam's officers, who will doubtless, under His Highness' orders, provide for them such work or other mode of relief as they may be in need of. Instructions will forthwith issue to Major Jopp, the Engineer in charge, to proceed with the re-alignments as rapidly as possible.

7. The Public Works Department will consider how far it is possible to find rails and rolling stock for the Bellary to Hospett length from the materials now in India. But the Viceroy apprehends that no sufficient materials are now available. The Government of India, however, have requested from Her Majesty's Secretary of State prompt compliance with an indent for 300 miles of materials and stock, which indent was sent Home several months ago. It may be expected that this stock will begin to arrive in November. By that time the Government of Madras will know how far the crops now in the ground may have relieved the demand for imported food in the western taluqs of Bellary.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain C. B. ENUN-SMITH, C.S.I., First Assistant Resident, Hyderabad, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Camp Bellary, dated Hyderabad Residency, 28th August 1877, No. 88-P.

IN reply to your telegram of the 24th instant, regarding land required for the Bellary-Hoobleo Railway in His Highness the Nizam's territory, and the arrangements necessary for carrying on the work in that territory, information was conveyed to you by telegram (of which post copy was despatched to you yesterday) to the effect that His Highness' Minister had agreed to all the proposals made, and had issued orders accordingly to the local officers concerned.

2. I am now desired by Sir R. Meade to state, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, that the Minister has since intimated the issue of the necessary orders for the transfer of the required land to the Engineers charged with the work, and for Madras laborers being permitted to be employed thereon. The name of the Nizam's officer entrusted with the duty of transferring the land is Sadashev Rao.

3. Sir Salar Jung has at the same time expressed his hope that the necessary arrangements will be made by the Government of India for supplying food to the laborers, as there is no grain to be had in the locality in which the works will be carried on.

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No. 162-D. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1877, No. 2,691-B.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Collector of Bellary.

2. Steps should be at once taken to collect ballast for the portion of the line between Hospett and Bellary. The crossings necessary for drainage or irrigation channels should also be made good, and the nature of the foundations obtainable in the larger streams between the two places reported on.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Bellary.
,, the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

No. 880 of 1877/78.

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From

The First Assistant Resident,
Hyderabad.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department,
Camp Bellary.

Dated, Hyderabad Residency, 28th August 1877.

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I have, &c.
(Signed) C. B. Eman Smith
1st Assistant Resident

True copy:
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Supdt. of Famine branch

No 777 (Famine)

From
C. E. Bernard, Esqr, C. S. I.,
Addl Secy to the Govt of India,
Deptt of Revenue, Agrie & Commerce.

To
J. H. Garstin, Esqr,
Addl Secy to the Govt of Madras,
Famine Deptt.

Dated, Govr Genl's camp, Madras, the 6th Septr 1877.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant,

Bernard

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Communicated to the Cavalry Dept for
Railways and to the Collector of Bellary.

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From

C. E Bernard Esq C.S.I

Dep^ty of Rev. agric^t

& Comm^ce

No 777

Dated 2nd Sept^r

Rec^d 3rd sept^r. 1877

Subject

stating the wishes of His Excellency the Viceroy regarding the Contractors of the Earth work of the Bellary & Hotdee Railway

With Order