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Sundoor Relief Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 33. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 12th January 1877, No. 22.

The Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor reports the approaching completion of the Cunnavyhully ghat road, and suggests the necessity of opening out other works as relief works.

2. He proposes a line of road through the valley from Bhavyhully to Medarhully on the Hospett road, or should there be any difficulty in the matter, to commence the road on the Yettinhutty side towards Linganhully and Antapur, to meet the one now in process of formation through the Toomtee pass.

3. I referred this proposal for the opinion of the District Engineer, who says that "the two roads should be opened out as Famine Relief Roads; they would be highly beneficial to the Sundoor Rajah's territory as well as to this district."

4. I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to the proposal, which I beg may be communicated to me by telegram.

5. Copies of the correspondence on the subject are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. MACARTNEY, Esq., Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Sundoor, 26th December 1876, No. 70.

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your cheque on the Ramandroog Treasury for Rupees 3,000 on account of the Famine Relief Work in the Cunnavyhully pass. I may hereafter require the Rupees 1,000, making Rupees 15,000 in all for the completion of the work. That amount was the Chief Engineer's rough estimate, and the work will, I anticipate, be done, and well done, within it.

2. With the view of securing further employment in and around this place, I have written a letter to the District Engineer, copy of which I enclose for your information, suggesting other work which might be undertaken.

3. The Government have so generously helped us hitherto that I feel considerable reluctance in soliciting further favors, but the necessities of the people are so urgent and my inability to help them so undeniable, that I am constrained to do so through you. Should no further work be commenced here, large numbers will be compelled to migrate into Her Majesty's territory for a living.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. MACARTNEY, Esq., Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor, to the Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, dated Sundoor, 26th December 1876, No. 69.

As I fully expect that the work at the Cunnavyhully pass will be completed in fifteen days or thereabouts, and with the view of securing further employment for the people in and around this

district, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to allow Mr. Conductor Power to mark out a line of road through the valley from Bhavyhully to Medarhully on the Hospett road. The present communication with Hospett is some miles round via the Ramandroog and Hospett ghats, and the proposed road would greatly facilitate traffic if Government should sanction its being carried out.

2. In the event, however, of Government thinking that such a work is not of sufficient general benefit to justify its being undertaken by them, and that the Rajah himself should at some time or other open it out, I purpose to ask permission to commence the road on the Yettinhully side towards Linganaully and Antapur to meet that now in process of formation through the Toomtee pass. This would furnish labor not only to many of our people, but also to the inhabitants of Jog, Gowripur, Naglapur, and Talloor near their homes.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the District Engineer, Bellary, dated Bellary, 28th December 1876, No. 2063.

The Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor reports the approaching completion of the Cannavyhully ghat road and suggests the necessity of opening out other works as relief works. He proposes a line of road through the valley of Bhavyhully to Medarhully on the Hospett road, or should there be any difficulty in the matter to commence the road on the Yettinhully side towards Linganaully and Antapur to meet the one now in process of formation through the Toomtee pass as proposed by him in his letter, No. 69, dated 26th instant, to your address.

2. I have the honor to request your opinion on the proposals of the Agent.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From W. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to the District Engineer, Bellary, dated Bellary, 30th December 1876, No. 4086.

In reference to your letter, No. 2063, of the 28th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I know the lines referred to by Mr. Macartney, and am of opinion that the two roads he suggests should be opened out as Famine Relief Works; they would be highly beneficial to the Sundoor Rajah's territory as well as to this district in opening out the two countries hitherto found impracticable for want of funds, and suitable employment could thus be given to a very large body of famine-stricken poor in the Sundoor valley and of the neighbouring villages in British territory.

2. I would recommend that the line from Bhavyhully to Medarhully be undertaken first.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

From J. MACARTNEY, Esq., Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Sundoor, 11th January 1877, No. 2.

I have the honor to inform you that the new road through the Cannavyhully pass is now open for traffic, and to request that you would be so good as to publish a notice to that effect in the next issue of the District Gazette.

2. The work is not yet wholly completed. Part of the ghat road still requires levelling, road dams in certain places have to be constructed, and large catch drains dug. It will not be possible, however, to employ many women and children on this work after to-day. I can, however, and will find employment for them in metalling that portion of the road on the Sundoor side that was made in 1873; indeed for several days past some gangs of women coolies, whose services could not be used on the ghat without overcrowding, have been engaged in metalling the said portion.

3. I shall be glad to know by the return messenger, whether I am to undertake any other work out of the Rupees 15,000 which I have in all received, and of the expenditure of which a detailed statement shall shortly be furnished to you. I have now in hand barely sufficient funds to meet to-morrow's expenditure; however I shall be able to manage until I receive your further

instructions. I may observe that notwithstanding the existence of similar relief works under the management of the taluk authorities in the Kudlighi and Hospett Districts a considerable number of coolies still continue to come from both. Yesterday we had an accession of more than a hundred coolies from the Kudlighi Taluk.

4. I am glad to be able to inform you that cholera seems to be on the decline.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1877, No. 29.

The Collector will be authorized by telegraph to continue the Relief Works in Sundoor in the manner proposed. Estimates of the cost of the roadwork will be prepared without delay.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O. Connor.

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