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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

24th July 1877, No. 448.

Sandur State.

Read the following paper:—

No. 33. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1877, No. 2892.*

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Channoor, 9th June 1877, No. 457:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 5492, dated the 16th April last, on G.O., No. 1285-B, dated the 31st March, I have the honor to state that the road in question from Bainhully to Madarhully, in the Sandur territory, was undertaken on the authority of G.O., Political Department, No. 29, dated the 13th January last.

2. I have however seen Mr. Macartney, as directed in the subsequent Order of Government, and discussed the matter with him.

3. Mr. Macartney observes as follows:—

“As regards the proposal that the Raja should be charged with the cost of the Bhainhully-Madarhully road, I do not see any possibility of his ever being able to refund so large a sum, nor can I see any reason for his doing so in this case more than in all others where the Government have stepped in to save his people at this crisis. Had I been aware that the Raja would be held liable for all the expenditure, which the Government have incurred, though I might have felt it to be my duty to bring the destitute state of the Raja's people to the notice of Government, I should not have applied for assistance, inasmuch as I well know that the State could not bear such an addition to its public and private debts. He is unable even to pay the wages of his servants just now. The proceeds of contracts which formerly met or nearly so the current expenditure have fallen off very considerably; very little revenue has been raised this year, and that little has gone to pay pressing creditors. The probability is that much land formerly under cultivation will be relinquished this year from inability on the part of the ryots to cultivate. But, in fact, the whole revenue is already mortgaged to creditors, and even however prosperous future seasons may turn out there will be no surplus to meet any additional claims for many years.”

4. I have the honor, however, to state my opinion that, as the Government have been compelled to step in at this crisis and save the Raja's people from actual starvation at great cost, the Government ought, I think, to pass a very stringent order insisting on the most rigid economy on the part of the Raja in order that he may be able to pay off his debts, and should an emergency such as the present ever again arise that he should either be in the position to preserve the lives of his people, or in such a solvent state as to be able to borrow *pro tem.* sufficient money for the purpose.

5. I may observe that the estimate has been revised by the District Engineer, and now amounts to Rupees 13,869, as per copy of extract enclosed.

Submitted for the information and orders of Government.

2. It seems to the Board that it would be futile to attempt to recover from the Raja of Sandur the sums which have been spent on Relief-works in his territory. The outlay on works in Sandur up to 9th June has been Rupees 53,296.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
for Secretary.

Transferred to the Political Department with reference to G.O. in that Department, No. 29, of 13th January 1877.

(By Order.)

30th June 1877.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Addl. Secy. to Govt.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1877, No. 448.

No further Relief-works will be opened in the Sandúr territory, it being open to the distressed there to resort to the works in the Bellary District. At the same time it is to be noted that, from the first, it has been anticipated that the roads and ghauts opened out in Sandúr will benefit Bellary trade; and it is a fact that the poor of Kudlighi and other places in Bellary have resorted to them for work. The Government have been fortunate in securing for this relief the supervision of Mr. Macartney, the Raja's Agent.

2. Mr. Macartney's statement of the Raja's financial position is alarming; he will be requested to furnish a detailed account of it, as it stood at the end of the fasli year just over. It will be forwarded to Government in this Department with the Political Agent's remarks and suggestions.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

D. F. Carmichael
Acting Under Secretary to Govt.

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To the Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Bellary.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Public Works Department.

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Board of Revenue, submitting, with remarks,
letter from Collector of B. J. J. J., relative to the
recovery from the Lays of Sundry of the money
spent on Relief-works in his territory.

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