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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd July 1877, No. 129 I.

Irrigation.

Read the following paper :—

No. 6. Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 22nd June 1877, No. 67 I.

From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 16th June 1877, No. 10.

With reference to G.O., No. 74 I, of the 11th instant, attached to documents as per margin, I have the honor to report that G.Os., of 12th December 1876, No. 3,385, and 6th January 1877, No. 60, and memorandum by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 9 C, of 10th April last, were communicated at once to the Range Officers. Copies of my orders and of their replies on the subject are enclosed.

- 1 Copy of District Engineer's Circular No. 3,960, dated 8th January 1877.
- 1 Copy of District Engineer's endorsement, No. 4,061, dated 15th January 1877.
- 1 Copy of District Engineer's No. 109, dated 18th April 1877.
- 1 Copy of Madura Range Officer's No. 206, dated 21st April 1877.
- 1 Copy of District Engineer's No. 339, dated 19th May 1877, to the Range Officers.
- 1 Copy of Madura Range Officer's No. 532, dated 22nd May 1877.
- 1 Copy of Dindigul Range Officer's No. 482, dated 24th May 1877.

2. On the 21st December last, three days after my taking over charge of the district from Colonel Fischer, I had a long and earnest conversation with the Collector regarding Famine Relief Works, the result of which was a concise "statement showing the allotment, expenditure, and balance of the Road Fund in the District of Madura up to the end of November 1876;" this was the heading of the statement. In addition the allotment for expenditure on, and balance remaining to be spent on, "Agricultural Repairs" up to the same date were entered. This statement was taken by me to Madras on the 27th idem and shown to Messrs. Sullivan and Stokes at the Revenue Board Office on the following day. Both of these gentlemen expressed their gratification at what had been done by the Collector and myself, and Mr. Stokes took a copy of the statement returning the original to me a day or two thereafter. I arrived at Madura again on the 31st idem, and two or three conversations with the Collector regarding the famine and the measures to be adopted for its relief culminated in a general conference at his house on the 17th of January; this was largely attended, and Mr. Lawford, the then Range Officer of the Dindigul Division, was there at my particular desire, as would have been Mr. Faynter, but he had reported sick the day before. At this meeting it was fully and finally decided that estimates should be prepared by this department for giving employment to the distressed poor to the number

* Vide copy of Circular No. 3,960, of the 8th January last.

Irrigation Estimates sent to the Collector.

	Rs.
Madura Taluk	65,833
Meylur	16,948
Dindigul	18,810
Pulney	11,056
Pereacolum	25,190
Tirumungalam Taluk	61,239
Ramnad Zemindari	9,070

of 30,000 in Madura, 15,000 in Meylur, 15,000 in Pereacolum, and 15,000 in Tirumungalam. This had been previously agreed upon by the Collector and myself, and I issued orders* to the Range Officers accordingly. Estimates to the amounts specified in the margin have been framed and sent to the Collector from time to time. Estimates for the following roads, also, have been sent to this officer for execution as Famine Relief Works:—

	Rs.
1. Estimate for the road from Meylur to Alagerecoil	7,500
2. Do. do. from Shevngunah to Ramnad via Shembalur	76,401
3. Do. do. from Vadamadura to Vadasundoor via Erode	17,900
4. Do. do. from Yettivial to Keelakarai	61,000
5. Do. do. from Dindigul to Trichinopoly	5,000
6. Do. do. from Oppillaputty to Vadasundoor	9,330
7. Do. do. from Shanarputty to Vadamadura	10,600
8. Do. do. from Oppillaputty to Darapuram	21,900
9. Do. do. from Pulney to Komarsingum	11,000

3. Added to this, every requisition made to me by the Collector, Sub-Collector, or any member of the Revenue Department has met with the promptest attention, and the labor thus entailed upon officers and subordinates has been very great indeed. This I assert with no fear of contradiction; and this being so, I cannot at all understand the Collector's statement in paragraph 2 of his letter to the Board of Revenue, that "the District Engineer has been providing labor for scarcely any". The mode of procedure had been arranged between us and agreed to *non-con* at the meeting of the 17th January, and the reason for this department not having employed famine-stricken people lies in the fact that it was thoroughly understood by all concerned that its efforts to relieve distress were to be confined to estimating for, lining out, and, when possible, measuring up work that was to be, or had been, done by famine relief coolies, the work itself being carried out by the Revenue authorities.

4. Labor has been found for the distressed poor on estimates framed by this department, and if these had not been ready as wanted, the Collector would scarcely have been able to utter his proud boast that "the Civil Officers have been providing labor for about 13,000 people daily during the past month" (March).

5. I trust that I am not expected to answer the charges brought by the Collector against this department and myself as its head in the district. When he penned his letter under notice I had been little more than four months in charge, and the difficulties against which I had to contend had been very great. No one knew this better than the Collector, or was and is more sensible of it than myself; but I conscientiously believe that matters are already mending, and that if "the defective administration" of which the Collector is pleased to complain really exists, I may not find it impossible to remedy it.

6. I entirely agree with the Board in their expressed opinion that the relief-works have been very efficiently managed by the Civil Officers of this district, as my own observation enables me to assert that they have been so; but I trust that the Board will now see that the "inaction of the Public Works Department is not to be regretted simply because it has not existed."

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., No. 74 I, of the 11th June 1877,

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1877, No. 129 I.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department with reference to the Order No. 1,352-B dated 29th May 1877, in that department.

2. The District Engineer's explanation is complete.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R.E.

Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Madura.

Edw. T. D. Ryan.

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G.O. 29 May 1877 No 5752-5753
7 July 1877 No 187-188

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Board of 1877 Public Works

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF ILLINOIS

Dist. Eng. No.

1877

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G.O. 29 May 1877 No 187-188

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May 4, 1877 August 1877 No 4533

Letter from the District Engineer regarding
the execution of the commandment to the
Revenue Department

Rev. 1877

To the Board of Public Works
Chicago Illinois
1877

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18 August 1877

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Revenue Department

G.O. dated 3rd July 1877 No 187-188

For Orders

In a report to the Revenue
Board dated April 24th 1877
the collector of Madison reports
that "the Civil Officers have been
providing labor for about 10000
people daily during the past
month, while the District Engineer
has been providing labor for
"scarcely any"

The Government in passing
orders on this report called on
the collector to state whether the
D.P.W. subordinates assisted the
Civil Officers by estimating for
paying out and measuring up
work or not.

The D.P.W. were also called
on to ascertain why certain G.O.
had not been acted on by the
District Engineer

(1) 12th December 1876 No 13385
(2) 6 January 1877 No 60
(3) Memo by Chief Engineer for
Migration No. 1 of April 10th 1877

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The Collector reported and explained that while the Dist. Engineer was willing to do anything he was specially asked to do, he was clearly unable to exercise that supervision over relief works which was originally hoped for.

The Government passed orders on that explanation directing the District Engineer to be called on for a full report on his staff and desired the D.P.W. to issue orders for the execution by him of all his available works.

The Dist. Engineer meanwhile sent in to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation the explanation called for in the first G.O., above alluded to, and gave a list of estimates for a large amount which he had sent to the collector and says that "labor has been found for the distance for on reimburse franked by his Department and if these had not been ready as wanted, the collector would certainly have

"have been able to utter his proud boast that the Civil officers have been providing labor for about 13000 people daily during the past month."

There seems to be some misapprehension between the collector and Dist. Engineer as to what was expected of the latter. The District Engineer seems to have thought that he had done all that was required of him when he furnished the collector with estimates. While the collector seems to have expected the assistance of the D.P.W. in supervising the works and not to have got it.

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation transferred the District Engineer's letter to himself in his capacity of Secretary to Government, and the order passed on the letter is "the Dist. Engineer's explanation is complete." But I respectfully submit that the whole duty of the Dist. Engineer and his subordinates

The Director of S.
probably was from
orders.

I am to indicate the
value of the instructions
in Mr. Harrison's letter
the term of S. this is in
I think good. Mr. Jackson
is not a together for
from a capital. Having
opinion makes the "I
Don't think he means
to be quarrelsome. I am
has apparently been
some time. Under the
to be a very different
but I don't see that Mr.
M. can please of much
of us. I am sure in the
part of the S.D. he
nearly says that they
have not employed
large numbers on
R.D. (clearly any day)

April. / & H.W. explains
that it was a mistake
that his Sept. was
& Don't know. I
know what for words.
being there at the
summing up. I
say. & I think it
a great misimpression
has been done.

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FOR ORDERS.

How new to me -
 I did not pass me
 But I am not indeed
 I disagree with the
 opinion expressed by
 Mr. Bradstreet - Nor
 do I see any necessity
 for further order -
 I am, Sir, your obedient servant

unless to give
Harrington to report what
effect he has upon the
order of affairs to carry out the
instructions with me - or when
the change of affairs has been
made.

Suppose $\mathcal{B}$ $2/7$

Paper as the red, white and
 blue ink. The 1st 2017 97th

I enclose the
original & fac of the
N.B. & f.o. No 129 I am

acquiesces -
It will be seen from it
that he f.o accepting
Hetherington's explanation
as complete & so in
accordance with the
Hon R. H. Thistleton
is also.

W. H. C. Luther, writing on the
27th April, says, that during
the past month, while the Am-
Sap^{ts} has been pouring down
for ^{about} 13000 people daily, the
B. has been pouring
lastly says.

Mr. H. has been explaining that
at a meeting in Paris at
London it was agreed that
the D.P. be also prepared
to take care for the people
of the world.

employment to 98000
people & a large number
of soldiers & no doubt in
training of some sort
upon the administration of
the military in his
letter of the 20th June
1938. He then
says also that every
representation made to
him by any Post Office
has not met the prompt
attention, & explains
that the procedure of
the D.P. is now agreed
to be confined to
initially for, living
at, and, when possible,
removing that has to be,
as has been, done by
the soldier
He then concludes
that while the D.P.
has nothing to do with
anything he has
specifically asked to do
he was "unable to obtain
the necessary information
which
was originally hoped

FOR ORDERS.