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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following:— Letter from

the Superintending Engineer, District, No. 5
dated 21st July 1877.

Minute by His Grace the Governor
dated 17th July 1877 recorded in Proceedings
Revenue Department, No. 2371 dated 24th
July 1877.

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Para 8. It is suggested that the District
Delta Works be appropriated for the most
labor under voluntary contracts, if this
can be carried out, it should withdraw
150000 people from the District.

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Order thereon 31st July 1877. No 1971.

His Grace the Governor in
Council considers that the time has
arrived for preparing for the early
employment

employment of large gangs of labor in the Krishna Delta and its neighbourhood, with a view of providing useful employment for the distressed population of Kurnool and of the western parts of the Krishna, for which there is now no suitable work available in the neighbourhood of the ordinary residences of the population affected by the famine.

2. The Superintending Engineer Krishna will accordingly be informed that all work provided for in the Delta completion estimates, so far as these have been reviewed and approved by this Govt. which is of a kind suited to the employment of the labor which may come for work may be taken up for execution, and carried out under the arrangements which may be found best adapted to the circumstances.

3. The first step therefore will be to establish forthwith the labor camps in situations convenient for the work to be done and likely to prove suitable to the preservation

preservation of the health of the coolies, due regard also being had to facility of medical supervision. The camps will be arranged to provide for the shelter and accommodation of the coolies including efficient latrines, drains &c. for hospital sheds for the reception and treatment of the ordinary sick and for the separate treatment of epidemic or infectious diseases. The first labor camps to be established will be those for the work to be first taken up, the selection of which is left to the discretion of the Superintending Engineer.

4. To aid Major Skelton in the preparation of the Camps, the management of the coolies, and their supervision on the works, a company of Sappers will be transferred at once to the Delta from the Buckingham Canal, and its distribution will be settled by the Supt. Engineer in consultation with the officer in command.

5. The Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department will be requested to make the necessary arrangements for the

the medical supervision of the Delta labor camps.

6. The Superintending Engineer will take measures for the employment of able bodied labor under petty contractors at fixed rates for piece work; the rates being adjusted with reference to the price of food in the manner laid down in the orders as per margin.

Portions of each work will be set out for employment of the comparatively inefficient labor which contractors may refuse to employ and which should be put on task work and paid subsistence wages at a money rate based on the value of 1 lb of grain plus one anna. The inefficient labor or that unfit for work should be transferred to and taken charge of by the Civil officers to be cared for in such manner as they deem best.

7. Such additions to the Engineer and upper subordinate Establishments as may from time to time be found necessary with

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with reference to the number of coolies employed will be so far as practicable made by Government by transfer or otherwise, and the Supg. Engineer will be authorized to employ whatever lower subordinate establishments of all kinds he may find necessary, reporting the names, designations and rates of pay to Government for confirmation.

8. All expenditures incurred under this order will be debited in the first instance to famine relief funds and the determination of value of work done at Normal rates for debit to the several marginized works of the Delta system should be made regularly and systematically as each part or section of any work is so far completed as to admit of final measurement of such part.

9. In the statement appended to the Supg. Engineers letter the following words occur which have not been approved by Government, and they should not be taken

taken up until orders have been passed upon them.

Eastern side of River

River embankment from Rezwada to Shraampatan

Western Delta

Soongabudra Drain.

Pepalli Drain.

Reverembankment from Sektanagram to Vellabhapooram.

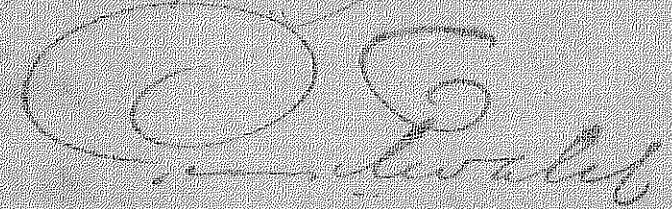
The remainder of the works will it is observed afford employment for 48,000 coolies. The Rampaia Drain has not yet been finally approved, but it may be gone on with to the extent of one third of the proposed ultimate width of cutting in anticipation of the dimensions being settled.

10. The works referred to are not to be commenced until the camps have been arranged, the work regularly laid out, and the land duly transferred. A large part of the work, and the camps connected therewith should be reserved

reserved for the Kurnool labor, and the Collector of Kurnool should be informed what camps and for what number of coolies have been so reserved.

11. These proceedings will also be communicated to the Sdgo. Engineer, Godavery with a view to his preparing the details of the arrangements to be made there, should it be necessary hereafter to employ labor in carrying out the completion estimates of the Central Delta.

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Resuming instructions to the
District Engineer of Madras
relative to the appropriation
of the Madras Delta Works
with a view to providing useful
employment for the distressed
population of the district and
the Western part of the Madras

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