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Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 59. From W. A. GOODCHAP, Esq., District Engineer, Kurnool, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 31st August 1877, No. 40/1,767.

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 24th July 1877, No. 2,171, and order thereon, No. 550 W, of the 6th August 1877, I have the honor to offer the following remarks.

The work hitherto undertaken in this district for the employment of famine relief coolies has been principally confined to the construction of new roads and the collection of broken stone, metal, and gravel for old or existing roads. A few irrigation works have been executed, such as the improvement and repair of tanks and channels, but comparatively the extent of such has been small.

I regret that I cannot recommend the construction of any more new roads for the simple reason that they can never be maintained and will only go to ruin and run into jungle.

The district is also poor in projects of any extent to be useful for the employment of large gangs of people. The only work on which extensive unskilled labor might be usefully employed is the construction of an embankment to carry rails for a tramway. The best and easiest line available is the one from a place called Ramapuram, a railway station on the southern bank of the Toongabhadra river, direct along the bank of the same river eastward into Kurnool *via* Nagaldinny and Pelikul about 55 miles in length. This route offers little obstruction, is open and slightly undulating. A few minor streams have to be crossed, but they are insignificant. I believe the native merchants and others here will be glad to have this embankment thrown up, and will form a company to provide all rolling-stock, to work tram wagons by manual labor. I cannot, of course, say whether the project will be remunerative, but it may be thoroughly investigated on all points if the work is decided upon as a relief-work.

The routes from Gooty and Aspari into Kurnool offer a great many obstacles both in respect to rivers and country traversed, the latter being hilly and rocky in many parts.

I fear that no other large work is available in this district, but the one alluded to. However there is no immediate necessity for other works, as the completion of those now in hand will occupy at least three months, by which time, if the north-east monsoon is favorable, the pressure will begin to decrease. If, however, matters become worse and the famine is likely to continue for a longer period, the only alternative will be to fall back on new roads, or the project above alluded to.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 707 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.
(True Extract.)

J. A. Smith Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
Famine Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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