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6th February 1877, No. 421.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 108. From F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting District Magistrate, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 15th January 1877, No. 25.

I have the honor to address Government on the subject of sanitation in connection with the large numbers of coolies to be employed on the East Coast Canal. It is obvious that it is not sufficient merely to have medical attendance and sanitary arrangements along the narrow line of the canal itself, but that to aid in securing the health of the coolies and of their neighbours there should be a sanitary cordon of some miles in breadth on either side of the canal, and with reference to this object I make the following proposals:—

(a.) That all the executive officers in charge of the three ranges of the canal be vested with 3rd-class Magisterial powers for the purpose of disposing of nuisance cases within such limits as I may fix from time to time.

(b.) That Government extend the provisions of Section 48 of the Police Act, under Section I of Act I of 1872, to all large encampments for coolies, and to all villages within two miles of such camps. I can submit a list of such places from time to time.

(c.) That for all villages within two miles of the camps a scavenger establishment be maintained at the average rate of two sweepers (on pay of Rupees 5) for each 200 houses, together with a handcart and equipment of tools for each pair of sweepers, and cinerator for each village. This establishment should be under the immediate orders of the Village Munsif, and under the general authority of the Magistrate of the Range, except in particular cases where it might be put under the control of Canal officers for the time being.

(d.) That the Medical authorities connected with the Canal works be instructed to visit all the above villages as often as their duties at the canal allow, and to send me or the Divisional officers a report on their sanitary condition on the occasion of each visit, or weekly if they inspect more frequently than once a week, and that honoraria at my discretion, not exceeding Rupees 25 for each, be given to those Munsifs who at the end of six months bear a good character for attention to the sanitation of their villages.

(e.) That a sum of Rupees 1,000 for the present be placed at my disposal for the execution of such necessary sanitary-works as cannot be performed under the provisions of Clause C.

It is obvious that I cannot submit an estimate of the sum requisite under Clause C, as the necessity of providing scavengers, &c., will be progressive, and the number of villages to be supplied cannot be intimated at present.

I may add that Colonel Prendergast, R.E., V.C., Commanding the Sappers and Miners, who recently made a tour of inspection along the line of canal, has also called my attention to this subject.

It may be asked why the Local Fund Board should not meet the above expenses. In the first place, they have not the funds available; in the second place, I submit that, even if they had, the above charges should properly be met from Imperial sources, as they are caused by the general scarcity and by the special measures instituted by Government to cope with that scarcity by the carrying on of the East Coast Canal as a large relief work for the benefit in great part of the Ceded Districts.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1877, No. 421.

The Governor in Council authorises the Acting Collector to incur expenditure to the amount of the advances named for the object in view, and to take the necessary action for trying the system; but conceives that the law will not cover proposal (b) unless the locality be one which can reasonably be brought within the definition of a "town," and that to the extent of their ability Local Funds should share the expense.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Nellore.

- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunkar.

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To
THE ACTING COLLECTOR
OF NELLORE,
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