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Famine Relief.

No. 817. Read the following letter from W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent, South Indian Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 5th February 1877, No. 2,795 :—

I WISH to call your attention to the following remarks of the Acting Chief Engineer :—

"I think the attention of Government should be drawn to the fact that very considerable delay is being caused to our works in the South Arcot and Tanjore Districts owing to the scarcity of labor. From each and all of the engineers I receive complaints of the difficulty experienced in keeping the works going; the same difficulty has always been experienced at this season in past years, and it has been accepted as an evil for which there could be no cure. In this year of famine, the case is different. Government is finding relief-work for large bodies of laborers in the adjacent districts of Chingleput and North Arcot, and I think it is right they should know that we can employ a considerable number of able-bodied, unskilled workmen, between Villapuram and Mayaveram, and will gladly pay for their services at the local market rate of labor."

No. 106.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government in continuation of the Agent's letters, Nos. 2,696 and 2,703, printed with the Proceedings of Government, under date the 3rd February 1877, No. 370.

MADRAS, *16th February* 1877. (Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E., *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

No. 427.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, *20th February* 1877. (Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E., *Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

No. 818. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1877, No. 838.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED, through the Revenue Board, to the Collectors of South Arcot and Chingleput, who will notify throughout their districts that laborers are required for the South Indian Railway, and will modify or stop relief-works in the vicinity of railway works and, in communication with the Railway Engineers, transfer able-bodied men from the State relief-works to the railway.

2. Mr. Betts will be requested to make known to the above Collectors the number of coolies he requires, where he wants them, and the rates of wages he is prepared to pay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.
Exd. F. F. Bantleman.

Govt. of India.
REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c, &c, &c.

Dated February 27th.
Recd.
Entd.

G.O., 27th *February* 1877, No. 833.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 817-818.
FAMINE RELIEF, No. 901.

Laborers for the South Indian Railway.
Communicating, through the Board, to the Collectors of South Arcot and Coimbatore, letter from the Controlling — directing them to notify that laborers are required for the railway to make temporary roads in the vicinity of Railway works in the said districts, and to invite the attention of the Collectors concerned the number of coolies required where no waste land, and the wages he is prepared to pay.

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Rec:
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London.
—
Do not see how the S. I. R. can be compelled to get coolies.
The people in S. Arcot are not too well off & work just now that probably the Railway rates are not sufficiently attractive.
Do not see any thing to send [illegible] orders from here to work along the S. I. R.

The Collector of Chingleput should know best how to make the want of labour in the S. I. R. widely known throughout his district. This is all we can do. WRR

I do not see how we can interfere beyond advising Collectors of D.Rs
27/2 WD

The Collectors should be told at once - & the

without any right
to go inside the hutting
there & soon after the
W. I. & the troops land.
Provided if absolutely
necessary & cannot
be done without exposure
of Battle & W. I.
an assistant to
the Railway.
Sec. in spite of
the right & left
hand to work

J. H. S.
12/9/77.

Provided or stop any
letters in progress &
Railway works & shall
be communicated
with H. M. Engineer
discharge of the duties
of his office
Provided that
duties be commenced
in 2 months & that more
than 6 months
shall not elapse
between the
completion of
Bl 2-5-7

No. 2795 GREAT ~~SOUTHERN~~ OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 5th February 1877.

From

THE AGENT,
South Indian
Great Southern of India Railway,

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Madras.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Williams & Hill
Agents

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No. 106

SUBMITTED FOR THE consideration OF GOVERNMENT,

in continuation of the Agents letters.
Nos 2696 and 2703, pmted with the
Proceedings of Government under date
the 5th February 1877 No 370

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 16 Febry 187

R. E.,
Consg. Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Memo. Referring to
Examg
No 1693
Lieut Wood
Asst Commg Royl Engrs
Executive Engineer
Cuddapah
Dated 17th Feby 1877.
Received 19th Feby 1877.

Enclosure return

Re - applications of some Native
Inhabitants Petitioning Relinquishment
of Zamindaree &c &c

No 1609

No 427.

Transferred to the Revenue Department

Lt. Col. R.E. Jt. Secy. to Govt

Fort St George 26 July 1873

L.C. 370 dt 31st July 77

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

187 7 No 808 P.W.D.

From

The Consulting Engineer for Railways,

No. 1609.

To

The Secretary to Government, P. W. Department, Fort St. George.

Dated 16 } February 187 .

Received 22 }

No. 185.

Enclosures 1

GO 27 Febry 77 No 838 for the consideration of Govt a letter from the Agent S.M.R. on the subject of famine relief works.

Transferred

A.F.P. C 23-2-77 R 26-2-77

No 838 dt 27 February 1877

S. O

Comm. Bought to Rec. & the Coll. of Statistics & Chief Engr. Comm. notice Govt Lr thereon & Dr. Lt Col. Ross on appointment to the S.I. Railway & with Stat. relating to the existing & projected Railways in the Presidency & to the Railway Companies & Public Bodies concerned & from the State Railways & from the Railway Companies & Boards with the Collectors & Engineers & Collectors & Engineers & Collectors & Engineers &