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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1877 :—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1877, No. 103.

I UNDERSTAND from Mr. Puckle that it is the intention of the Board and Government that the irrigation and other works, for which there are duly sanctioned Public Works estimates, some of which are now being executed as relief-works, should be carried out by the Public Works Department from Famine Funds, but in the usual way; that is, not at the low rate of wages laid down in the recent G.O., Financial Department, 31st January 1877, No. 329, but at the rates entered in the estimates.

2. I have the honor, if this is so, to request that the Board will issue explicit instructions on the point, as I have as yet no distinct authority either from the Board or from Government to this effect.

3. I shall be glad to know also whether I am to advance from the allotments at my disposal for famine relief-works to the District Engineer, or whether he will obtain separate credits in his own department. I believe the latter has been laid down, but the District Engineer appears to be under the impression that he is to be kept in funds through me. I shall be obliged [illegible]

4. Referring to Board's Proceedings, No. 270, of 23rd January, as regards the payment of coolies on relief-works by the Public Works Department, I beg to forward a copy of a letter from the District Engineer, from which the Board will see that he is unable to undertake this task, unless the orders now applied for are issued and enable him to carry out the works upon the estimates and not at the famine rates of wages.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. GRANT, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Tinnevelly, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 7th February 1877, No. 44.

IN reply to your letter of 29th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that in the present weak state of the district staff, I am not prepared to undertake the payment of famine relief-works, or to carry out the works "in the usual way."

2. The usual practice is to let out the work on contract, but this system is inapplicable to the present case.

3. I am prepared to supervise and measure all works of irrigation that may be required for relief purposes, and were it not that the preparation of the accounts would be overwhelming, I could undertake the payments also.

4. I would, therefore, suggest that you continue to make the payments, leaving me to do the work, provide maistries, &c., it being necessary only for you to provide a paymaster on each work. The Overseer or Maistry in charge should send the coolies to the paymaster for payment and the accounts of the work can be kept by him (*i.e.*, the paymaster) and submitted to you as you desire.

P.S.—If the work can be done on piece-work, I could undertake the payments.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1877

THE Collector is referred to G.O., 15th February 1877, No. 681, R.D., communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 21st February 1877.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1877, No. 913.

Irrigation, No. .

RECORDED with reference to the G.O. quoted by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1877] 23rd Febry.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated March, 2nd.

Read.

Ans.

G.O, 2nd March 1877, No. 613.

MADRAS.

Nos. 109-110.

PRINTED HERE, No. 258.

Relief-works, Waterway Floods—Regarding with reference to G.O. 150, February, 1877, No. 631, Board's Proceedings on Collector's letter requesting instructions as to the rate of wages to be paid on the irrigation and other works necessitated as relief-works by the Public Works Department from Famine Funds and for which there are duly sanctioned Public Works estimates, &c.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 23rd February 1877.

Read the following:

1588. No. 103

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A. J. Stuart Esquire

Ag. Collector

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the Board of

Revenue

Madras

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I have &c

Limerick. 12th Feb: 1877. /Signed/ A. J. Stuart
Ag. Collector

Enclosure

No. 44.

From

The Offg. District Engineer

Limerick

To

The Collector of Limerick.

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I have &c.

Tinnevelly District Engineer's Office Palamcottah 7. Feb: 77

/sd/ J. D. Grant
Offg. District Engineer

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/sd/ J. D. G.

(True copy)

/signed/ A. J. Stuart
Ag. Collector

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(True copies and Extract)

/Signed/ H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To
The Collector of Tinnevelly

(True Copy)

H Rushes
Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 23rd February 1877

No. 24

Passing orders on a letter
from the Collector of Tinne-
velly, requesting instructions
as to how the irrigation & other
works for which there are
duly sanctioned P.W. Estimates
are to be carried out whether at
the famine or usual rates
of wages.

With order

No. 913