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Famine Relief.

No. 181-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 454:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1877, No. 82.

I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of Government, two estimates, amounting to Rupees 88,530 and Rupees 22,000, respectively, for repairing the main road from Kurnool through the Nandikotkur Taluq to Bairlooty at the foot of the Mantralamma Pass and for diverting and newly constructing a portion of the above road between Jutur and Atmakur.

2. From the enclosed correspondence it will appear that the road is much needed, and it is most desirable to put it in hand at once. The Range Officer, in his letter enclosed, gives full particulars as to the nature of the work proposed.

3. As Mr. Gibson has represented that it is most necessary to begin the work at once I have allowed him to do so in anticipation of sanction, which I request may be communicated to me by wire.

4. The Range Officer and Mr. Gibson have made the best arrangement possible for the work being executed by task labor.

5. We are terribly short of Overseers, and I therefore beg that the twelve steady Europeans applied* for by me may be sent with the least possible delay, as it is hardly possible to introduce a thorough system of task labor so much needed without efficient supervision.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. M. BOND, Esq., Divisional Officer, Kurnool, to E. GIBSON, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, Relief Operations, No. 2 Section, dated Musalimadaga, 22nd January 1877, No. 7.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your approval, an estimate of the approximate cost of thoroughly repairing the main road from Kurnool to Bairlooty via Nandikotkur and Atmakur. The estimate shows the numbers that will be maintained on each mile for each description of work to be executed. The work is calculated to extend over 162 working days, and will give employment for 3,876 people per day* during that period. As quarries for gravel and sites where stones for metal are to be got are situated at distances varying from half mile to two miles, it is proposed to cart such material to the road side at a fixed rate per cubic yard, as this is considered to be the cheapest mode of carriage.

*Men	...	...	...	...	1,452
Women	...	...	...	...	1,408
Boys	...	...	...	...	1,016

2. As you are already aware I have omitted to include the ten miles lying between Jutur and Atmakur, as it is proposed to deviate the line of road between these points. This deviation will be conducted on a separate estimate, which I also submit for your consideration. The number of coolies I shall require for distribution on this work will be as follows, and the work will extend over a period of eighty-one days:—800 men and 700 women and boys.

3. Minor masonry works will be executed by separate trained labor. All cartage of materials lying beyond two furlongs from the road side will be paid for on fixed rates.

4. For the efficient supervision of the above works extending to fifty miles I shall at least require—1 Overseer of the 2nd grade and 2 Sub-Overseers or competent Maistries on Rupees 30 per mensem.

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Five Maistries on Rupees 15 to 20 a-month. Headmen might be selected for each mile from the gangs at work.

I have put down the supervision at a minimum, knowing the difficulty to get more. My present staff in Nandikotkur consists of —

1 Sub-Overseer, 1st grade, in charge of Taluq.

1 Do. 3rd do. of Atmakur Division Relief Works.

5. You will therefore see the urgent necessity of getting the supervision I require so as to effectually and satisfactorily work the gangs entrusted to me. I can, if you approve, get the Maistries on Rupees 30 and 15 myself, but the Overseer should be got through the Collector. I would gladly place my Sub-Overseer, 1st grade, in charge of the work, but this will entirely deprive the taluq works which are nigh completion of any supervision whatsoever and just at the closing of the official year.

6. The following tools will be required for the works:—

	Picks.	Mamooties.	Hand Hammers.	Crowbars.
Repair of road	600	300	1,000	50
Deviation of line	500	250	...	50

7. As the number of coolies selected to work has been fixed on certain data, it will be absolutely necessary that they should be provided with the proper and full complement of tools.

8. My instructions to the Overseer and Maistries in charge of these works, indicating their several duties and responsibilities, will be forwarded to you when the work is to be commenced.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From E. GIBSON, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated Pagadial, 23rd January 1877, No. 36.

With reference to your letter, dated 7th January 1877, No. 32, I have the honor to forward, together with a covering letter, two estimates framed by the Range Officer, Mr. Bond, in communication with me for repairing the main road from Kurnool through the Nandikotkur Taluq to Bairlooty, and also for forming a new piece of road diverting from the old line at Jatur and rejoining it at Atmakur.

2. The first estimate amounts to Rupees 88,530, and it is not necessary to say more about it than that the expenditure is greatly needed. Regarding the estimate for the diversion which amounts to Rupees 22,000, I should mention that this is a work which has already been approved by the Local Fund Board, but has not been put in hand owing to want of funds. I have ridden over the line with Mr. Bond, and was met on the way by some of the inhabitants of each village through which the road will pass; they all expressed their earnest desire that the proposed road should be made, and declared that the present line is all but impassable in wet weather. A glance at the map will show you that the existing road runs across a large number of water-courses and through no considerable villages, whereas the proposed line passes along high land, avoiding draining and running, by several important villages. I mention this because I am told that Mr. Foster objected to the new line being taken in hand.

3. The Overseer required by Mr. Bond should be brought from Madras. I shall be able to furnish tools as soon as a fresh supply is received.

4. The very early sanction of Government is solicited by telegraph, as, if not received, I shall have great difficulty in providing employment for the people for whom this work is intended.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Service Message.

Telegram from Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government Revenue, Department, dated Kurnool, 22nd January 1877.

Your telegram 20th. Twelve steady English Overseers required. Send copy suggestions.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

THE estimates will be submitted for the sanction of Government with request that early orders may be passed and the Collector informed by telegraph.

2. The road is a most useful one connecting the Markapur Taluq with Kurnool.

3. The Collector's request for additional Overseers is doubtless engaging the attention of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 181-B.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1877, No. 949-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE estimates are sanctioned. The Collector will be informed by telegram.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Erd. A. F. Goodall.

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In order.

The enclosed papers
are warrants for
order.

The Collector has
been telegraphed to
(in order in Council)
to keep the coolies
employed till
the estimates are
disposed of J.H.
8/2/77

Not sanction the work
the distance appears to
be 50 miles; cost 88,000
The line has already
been considered & rejected
by the L.F.B. and I lead
of the Imperial Commission
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G.O., 6th March 1877, No. 840 A.
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the estimates for repairing the main road from
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portion of the road; and directing that the Collector
be kept advised of it by telegram.

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