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No. 492. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Ootacamund, 14th October 1876, No. 225 W:—

From W. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Hurpunchully, 6th October 1876, No. 2,572.

In forwarding for your perusal copies of the correspondence as per margin on the subject of opening out Irrigation Repair Works in this district as Famine Relief Works, I have the honor to request your orders on the matter.

Copy of Collector's letter, dated 9th September 1876, No. 1,258, with an enclosure.

Copy of District Engineer's letter, dated 23rd September 1876, No. 2,359.

Copy of Collector's letter, dated 3rd October 1876, No. 1,419, with an enclosure.

1 Statement of additional allotment required for Repairs Agricultural.

2. Most of the tanks in the district require extensive repairs—raising and strengthening of banks and provision to

be made for disposing of surplus water—the preparation of estimates for such work is necessarily a matter of time, and I have no estimates ready for the works enumerated by the Collector, but, even if estimates could be prepared at so short a notice, I have no funds available to sanction them.

3. Another matter for consideration is that, with a famine stricken rural population, it is not possible to work on estimates, and thus the works would cost 50 per cent. at least more than if they were to be undertaken in the ordinary way—a burden that I do not think our limited means should be called upon to bear.

4. If I may offer an opinion, I think that such works as the Collector proposes should be undertaken from special grants or Famine Works, and then there can be no objection to their being opened out as Relief Works irrespective of estimates, provided the Collector and District Engineer are agreed as to their necessity.

5. I beg to enclose a statement which will show you the state of the funds at my disposal up to end of last month.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

The only way in which it appears to be practicable to provide funds for the carrying out of particular Irrigation Repair Works, which the Collector wishes to be undertaken for the relief of the laboring classes in parts of the Bellary District which are suffering, is for the District Engineer to cancel appropriations already made to such extent as may be practicable, and to re-appropriate to the other works.

2. The District Engineer refers to probably greatly enhanced cost of repairs executed as Famine Relief Works, and may be considered desirable that only the ordinary cost of such work should be charged to the Irrigation Repair Grant of the district.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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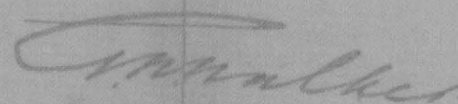
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HIS GRACE the Governor in Council considers that, having regard to the present circumstances of the Bellary District, such Irrigation repairs as the Collector and District Engineer may consider it desirable to carry out to afford employment to the poor, should be treated as Famine Works, and that expenditure which would not otherwise have been incurred should be separately charged to Relief Works.

2. The appropriations to other works should not on this account be disturbed.

(True Extract.)



Major-General, R.F.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.
" Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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