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Famine Relief.

No. 913. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1877, No. 1,306 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1877, No. 168 :—

In paragraph 2 of the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 3,362, dated 7th instant, I am instructed not to put in hand until further orders the Palar embankment at Vellore if it has not been already commenced.

2. Prior to the receipt of the said Proceedings, I had issued instructions for the immediate commencement of the work in view to provide labor for a large number of the poor who were in want of sufficient employment in and around Vellore. The execution of repairs to the Sooriagunta tank in the town does undoubtedly keep a considerable number of the destitute employed, but a number of persons are still in want of means of support, and it is absolutely necessary to provide labor for them. If more than a certain number are employed at the Sooriagunta, they hinder one another and little work is effected. The Palar embankment work is close to the town, and the work thereat is exactly what we want for the people whom I am anxious to employ. I therefore wrote at once to put it in hand, and I would strongly deprecate its suspension.

3. As regards the utility of the project, I beg to state that Captain Pennycuick, the late District Engineer, was of opinion that the embankment was an absolute necessity to prevent the freshes in the Palar breaking its banks and flooding the surrounding country. The present District Engineer, Colonel Prendergast, and I, fully concur in his opinion, and it is thereupon that proposals to start the work were submitted.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 22nd February 1877, No. 785-A.

2. It will be seen that the work is in progress and that two successive District Engineers have approved of it.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 914. Order thereon, 30th March 1877, No. 1273.

Irrigation No. 8.

As the Palar embankment seems to have been commenced before the Board's Proceedings of the 7th instant, directing the suspension if the work if not begun, were received, the Government sanction the estimate submitted to the Board by the Collector with his letter,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th March 1877.

No. 71, of February 2nd, 1877, amounting to Rupees 2,341, subject to such modifications as may be suggested by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 22nd March 1877 No. 1306

Ref. G. R. R. No. 2797 Read the following No. 168

From W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of North Arcot.

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

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