

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 245

DATED 10th April 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Carriage of Materials.

Referring to the Board of Revenue for report in consultation with collectors the question of the carriage of road materials by human agency on relief works.

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Revenue (189) Department.

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CURRENT No. 1509

The Hon. Mr. G. R. C. D.



From The P. W. Dept.

Order made

The order of the Collr. is in accordance with G.O. No. 11 of 27 Jan. '97, a copy of which will be furnished to the P. W. Dept.

No. 1001C

Dated 18th Feb 1897

Received 19-2-97

Registered 19-2-97

Enclosures

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To

The P. W. Dept with copy of G.O. quoted.

SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from the Supt. Gen. III Circle forwarding extract from fortnightly report on relief work in Jammulmadaga & Salukis with certain suggestions.

BACK PAPERS.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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No. 1001C

Government of Madras,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement
MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 18 February 1897.

Extract from Fortnightly reports
on the Relief works in Jammalamadugu,
Pulivendla and Proddutur Taluqs, Cuddalore
District for the fortnight ending 31 January/97

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12.

Suitability of work men are available when
the work on the road is

S.E.'s remarks

Coolies should
not carry more
than 1½ miles
Cannot you
arrange to break
metal where
found at greater
distances than
that and leave
it there?

commenced. The transportation of materials
½ to 3 miles to the road by the coolies is not
at all suitable, being cruel to those who
have to walk from 3 to 5 miles to and from
their houses and being very costly, costing
more than 5 times transportation by carts.

Carting has recently been stopped
by the Collector and transportation by the
workers ordered.

Expenditure (1) Up to date Rs 4,031

(2) In the fortnight Rs 525

Sgt A. H. Morin
Asst. Engr.

Endorsement

Endorsement thereon by the Superintendent
ing Engineer III Circle, No 3913 Wd/15. Feb/97.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer
with a request that he will be good enough
to refer the matter to Government. I quite
agree with the Assistant Engineer that
it is most cruel to make coolies carry metal
such long distances, not to mention its exces-
sive cost.

Transferred to the Revenue Dept.
with reference to the order issued by the
Collector.

C. P. Bhatia. Colonel &c.
Under Secretary to Government

PM

To

The Revenue Department.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1509 9.6.96 245 d/10-4-97.

From

The Hon. Secy to Govt
The Hon. Secy to Govt
O. H. the Governor

Dated

189 .

FOR ORDERS.

I find cart-dragging
is a suitable way of em-
ploying famine labour.
It is a kind of work for
which suitable tasks can
be easily prescribed. Of
course they should not be
such as to make the
work "cruel". I have
seen carts dragged by men
in all parts of the country.
In Malabar this form of
labour is well known &
very common. If proper
material can be
carried to the place
where it is wanted it will
often be washed.

1.4.97

~~Order to the effect that~~
~~the cart-dragging should~~
~~be stopped~~
~~as it is a cruel~~
~~and unnecessary~~
~~mode of employing~~
~~labour~~ - It may be the
case that funds are not avail-
able to cart road materials in

the ordinary way from the spot

The Collector's order stopping
cartage is in accordance with the
instructions in G. O. 11/7-1-97. Car-
riage by human agency is
of course more ~~costly~~ expensive
as is stated in this G. O., but
why it is not clear why it
should be considered to be cruel
or unsuitable for famine relief
if the tasks be prescribed
with due regard to the capacity
of the people selected for carrying
materials or dragging the carts.
The famine code prescribes
no standard tasks for carrying
or dragging, and the protest
of the Engineer officers may be
due to the fact that the tasks
demanded are excessive.

The Hon. members with or without

that some time ago a draft
 & drawing attention to the
 provisions of the Code relating
 to the carrying out of relief
 works was circulated for
 orders. The Hon. Mr. P. S. S. remarked on that draft that
 he ~~was~~ entirely disagreed
 with the portion relating to
 the ~~carrying out~~ by human agency
 and it was thought that this
 paper ~~had~~ might lie over
 pending the decision of the
 question. The ~~draft~~ draft
 has now been sent to Mr.
 Le Gann for remarks, and
 as the other members have not
 expressed any opinion on the
 above question this paper is
 not circulated for orders with
 the note of the 20th of February
 written when it was received

FOR ORDERS.

The draft is sent up in
 the file stuffed

When they have been collected to
 the spot where they are wanted
 for use, and that if they are not
 moved from the one place to the other
 some work may occur before they
 can be moved. But ~~as I have pointed out before~~, it is
 as I have pointed out before, it is
 as far as possible almost always during
 the hot weather perfectly useless to attempt
 to use road materials for want of water
 to stamp them when spread - for this, unless
 in rare instances, rain must be awaited.
 But when rain comes, the relief workers
 will quickly disperse and the need of
 finding work for them will disappear.
~~As to the cost of the operation, the Board~~
~~might be asked what it is - my calculation~~
 being out the cost at about 5 to 6 per
 cubic yd per mile on the assumption
 that a c. yd weighs 2700, that a man's
 load is 50 lbs and his wages 1 1/2 annas
 a day & that 15 miles burden is
 a reasonable distance to expect him
 (as a relief worker) to carry 50 lbs.
 If I am right, the cost of carrying will
 not be much more than 1 anna for
 on the assumption that 1/3 of a c. yd is
 a cartload, carting will cost some
 4 1/2 annas a mile. I am surprised
 to find that this is so.

BS

1/4/97

I cannot myself see that there is any difficulty in
 employing these people to carry or drag loads of
 materials, - provided the load is not too great.
 Perhaps the opinion of the Board and the Collector

is +

The Hon. Mr. P. S. S. for information

Has the been
 sent to the Press

No Sir.

BS 10-4-97.

Please send it
 before returning
 to me

C. No 1509.

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Order (Press) No 2454/10-4-97

The Govt is of opinion that
 carrying head-loads and drag-
 ging laden carts are suitable
 forms of labour for relief workers
 and fails to see why ^{they} should
 be considered cruel if the
 work be prescribed with due
 regard to the capabilities of
 the persons employed; nor is
 made out that carriage
 by human agency is much
 more expensive than cartage
 by bullocks. The matter
 will, however, be referred to
 the Board of Revenue for
 its opinion in consultation with
 the Board of Agriculture
 and the Board of Public
 Works. The orders are passed
 questions collectors may
 cartage by bullocks in
 cases in which they consider

the employment of relief workers
 on such work either ^{expedient} ~~and~~ or
 disproportionately expensive

Board (Self)

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Let in Dept

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C. No 23-4-97

C. 8/4/97

BS
 31-3-97

BS/1/97

the question. In the meantime, perhaps the
 Collector might be authorized to sanction cartage by
 bullocks, in cases in which he considered cartage
 by carting was ~~more~~ ^{less} or disproportionately
 expensive.

BSH
 5-4-97

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G. B. drawing attention to the
provisions of the Code relating
to the carrying out of relief
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Le Gann for remarks,
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expressed any opinion
above question this paper
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the date of the 20th Feb
written when it was in

RS
31-3-97

In the meantime, perhaps the
Collector might be authorized to sanction cartage by
bullocks, in cases in which he considered cartage
by bullocks was not or disproportionately
expensive.

RS
5-4-97

FOR ORDERS.

The draft G. B. is put up in
the file slipped

where they have been collected &
the ~~of~~ where they are wanted
press, and that if they must
move from the " " then
they

NOTE FOR THE ~~UNDER~~ SECRETARY.

In the draft P. W. Q. B. returned
(has been sent on 20.2.97)
from Circulation the Hon.
Mr. P. W. Q. B. strongly objects
to the portion directing that
human agency should be
employed.

RS
19-2-97

I am afraid
the above
17/2/97

Opinion that this is so.

RS
1/4/97

I cannot myself see that there is necessity in
employing these people to carry or drag loads of
material, - provided the work is not too great.

Perhaps the opinion of the Board and the Collector
is +

issued
back to me today
RS
10-4-97

The Hon. Mr. P. W. Q. B.
for information

For Mr. P. W. Q. B.
No. 10
1/9/97
RS
9-4-97

Perhaps the Chf Engr.
might be asked for calcu-
lations of comparative cost.
My calculations may be
sent to you.

RS
8/4/97

17/4/97

C. No 1509.

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Order (Press) No 245 of 10-4-97

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carrying head loads and drag-
ging laden carts are suitable
forms of labour for relief workers
and fails to see why ^{they} should
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report in consultation with
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~~the orders~~ orders are passed
on the question collectors may
allow cartage by bullocks in
cases in which they consider
the employment of relief workers
on such work either ^{is not} ~~is not~~ or
disproportionately expensive

Board (Self)
P. W. Q.
Lt. Col. Dept

17/4/97
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C. 8/4/97

Note for the Head Clerk.

When marking G.O.
 $\frac{245}{10-4-97}$ for despatch on the 10th I directed that it should be sent back to me that very day. The paper was sent back on that day (I now remember at about 20 hrs.) but as I suspected that copy had not been sent to the Press and as I did not wish to delay the printing of the G.O., I enquired whether it had also been sent to the Press; and on learning that it had not been, I directed that it should also be sent to the Press before being returned to me.

The Madras despatcher Vora darajulu Chetti appears to have sent the original to the Press instead of a copy and the paper was never returned to me.

The purpose for which I wanted back the paper was for writing an office note to the P.W.D. as directed by the Secretary. This note has not been written yet & the matter would have been altogether lost sight of had I not called for the original of the G.O.

Dr. W.

Office note. No. $\frac{35}{1-5-97}$
To the Secretary to Govt P.W.D.
From the Secretary to Govt R.D.

Advising by G.O. $\frac{245}{10-4-97}$
The undersigned is directed to request that ~~an estimate~~ a statement may be prepared for the information of the members showing the comparative cost of carriage of materials by human agency and of carriage by bullocks.

11/5/97

G.O. accidentally in another connection.

Please take an explanation from Varadarajulu Chetty and enquire why the paper was not returned to me even after it came from the Press.

If you wish to send this note down to Madras, please keep a copy as it should be put up with the office note for the Secretary's information as to how the delay in the submission of the office note has arisen.

(Initialed) R.S.
30-4-97.

Dr. M.

Office note. No. ³⁵
1-5-97
To the Secretary to Govt P.W.D.
From the Secretary to Govt R.D.

Advising by G.O. ²⁴⁵
10-4-97
The undersigned is directed to request that ~~an order be~~
a statement may be prepared for the information of Honble member showing the comparative cost of carriage of materials by human agency and of cartage by bullocks.

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Government {1897} of Madras.
REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 245, 10th April 1897.

APRIL.

Cartage of Materials.

Referring to the Board of Revenue for report in consultation with Collectors the question of the carriage of road materials by human agency on relief works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th February 1897, No. 10011-C.

Extract from fortnightly reports on the relief works in Jammalamadugu, Pulivendla and Proddatur taluks, Chidambaram district, for the fortnight ending 31st January 1897.

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12. *Suitability of work.*—Fairly suitable if more men are available when the work on the road is commenced. The transportation of materials $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles to the road by the coolies is not at all suitable, being cruel to those who have to walk from 3 to 5 miles to and from their houses and being very costly, costing more than five times transportation by carts.

Superintendent's Engineer's Remarks.
Coolies should not carry more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Cannot you arrange to break metal where found at greater distances than that and leave it there?

Carting has recently been stopped by the Collector and transportation by the workers ordered.

Expenditure (1) Up to date Rs. 4,031.
(2) In the fortnight Rs. 525.

(Signed) A. H. MORIN,
Assistant Engineer.

Endorsement thereon by the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, No. 3913-W., dated 15th February 1897.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will be good enough to refer the matter to Government. I quite agree with the Assistant Engineer that it is most cruel to make coolies carry metal such long distances, not to mention its excessive cost.

Transferred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the order issued by the Collector.

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 245, Revenue, dated 10th April 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Government is of opinion that carrying head-loads and dragging laden carts are suitable forms of labour for relief workers and fails to see why they should be considered cruel if the tasks be prescribed with due regard to the capabilities of the persons employed; nor is it made out that carriage by human agency is much more expensive than cartage by bullocks.

The matter will, however, be referred to the Board of Revenue for report in consultation with Collectors; and, till final orders are passed on the question, Collectors may allow cartage by bullocks in cases in which they consider the employment of relief-workers on such work either objectionable or disproportionately expensive.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),
the Public Works Department,
the Local and Municipal Department.

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