

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1368

DATED 16th March

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that on a careful perusal of the correspondence the pr^o is of opinion that the task imp^d on the Vakilem Embankment and the Boyalkumla tank works was not excessive for the works and that ~~the~~ inference that the Govt. draws is that there was no real distress at the time in these parts.

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CURRENT No. 1683

From the Board of Rev. R.S. &c.

Order

No. 1410 Mis.

Dated 23 — 2 — 97

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SUBJECT.

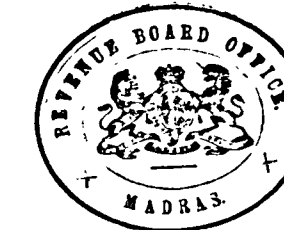
Submitting with remarks for the information of Govt. Kurnool Collr's letter reporting on the suitability of the tank imposed for certain embankment work in the Sirvel taluk.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 25 January 1897.

No. 530 Miscellaneous.

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, Kurnool Division, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 29 December 1896 No. 4767:-

With reference to your Tour Dis no. 242 of 1896 dated 20 December 1896, I have the honor to inform you that the overseer offered to impose only C class tasks, if the coolies should continue to work. At first B class tasks were demanded from the personal appearance of the coolies. In order, however, to give them a choice, the overseer offered after the first 3 or 4 days, C class tasks and wages. Even this did not satisfy the people and they went away.

The Overseer's offer was very reasonable. The coolies refused, because there was not sufficient stress to oblige them to work for famine wages. They first came with the impression created in them by men who had come to

Some unreliable experience of previous famines; that if they worked for a few days for small wages, the wages would be subsequently increased. When they found that they had work to do proportionate to the wages expected, whatever class they were put into, they went away at once. At Vandyal, paddy under the Canal was being cut and the proximity of the place appears to have contributed to this result.

Read also the following endorsement of the Collector dated 15th January 1897 Dis No. 143 ^{Eng} -

Copy Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Land Records and Agriculture, Madras for information, with reference to the penultimate clause of para 6 of this District Fortnightly Narrative for 15th December 1896 read in Board's Proceedings No. 462 dated 26th December 1896

2 The work has been closed from the 11th December 1896, as no coolies attended.

Resolution

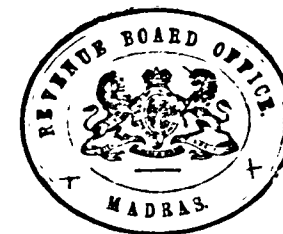
Recorded. The Collector requested to report what the C class tasks require was.

(True Copy and attach)

(sd) A. Srinivasan
Secretary

To The Collector of Kurnool.

(True Copy) R. Srinivasan



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 18th February 1897.

No. 1256 Miscellaneous.

Read again Board's Proceedings No. 462 Pass and Mis No. 530
26-12-96 25-1-97

Read also the following letter from the Executive Engineer, dated 6th February 1897 No. 720, to the Collector of Kurnool:-

With reference to your R.C. No. 287 ^{Eng} of 97 dated 29th January 1897, I have the honor to report that the C class task demanded was the Code task of 7.9 c ft. per chid unit for embankment in Sandy loam, lead 20 yards and lift less than 1 yard.

Read also the following endorsement of the Collector of Kurnool dated 11th February 1897 Ref on C no. 287 ^{Eng} of 1897.

Copy Submitted to the Secretary

to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture, Madras,
with reference to Board's Proceedings No.
530 M.S. dated 25th January 1897.

Resolution

Recorded with the remark that it
appears from the papers read above that the
Executive Engineer, Tumkool, made no attempt ^{of his own accord}
to satisfy himself, as is shown in G.O. ^{long after the matter}
No. 43 dated 26th January 1897 to be necessary, ^{was closed.} ~~that~~ ^{that}
that the Standard tasks given in Form F
appendix III to the Famine Code were
suitable to the locality, the constitution
of the gangs and the work in hand
at Boyalakunta. The presumption,
as shown in the collector's fortnightly
Narrative read in the Proceedings first
quoted above, would be that the tasks set
were excessive, whilst the course adopted
by the Overseer in reducing the class of

reducing
the task by
33 to C.

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one
W. H. J.
G. H. J.
(in the office)

two

W. H. J.
G. H. J.
(in the office)

that just now
available (via
telephone)

B. P. 432
26-12-96

disproportionate

the gangs from B to C, was tantamount
to imposing a general fine of nearly 16 per cent
on all the workers before he had satisfied
himself that the task demanded was suited
to the circumstances. It is, moreover, nowhere
stated that adequate provision of suitable
tools had been made.

2. The collector should lose no more time in
seeing that the instructions given in para 3 of
Board's Proceedings No. 33 dated 14th January 1897
are given effect to, and as a means of checking
the proposals of the Executive Engineer of his
district, he should obtain from the collector
of Bellary a copy of the task table drawn
up by Mr. Somers Eve for Bellary, which is
dealt with in Board's Proceedings No. 273
dated 14th January 1897, of which a copy will
be furnished to him.

(True Copy and Extract)

(Sd) R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

To

The Collector of Tumkool with copy of
B. P. No. 273 of '97

(True Copy)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

Encl
25/1/97

J. Dis 20 ⁴⁵/_{Rev} of 97.

Head Assistant Collector

Dated 1-2-97.

Camp Koilkumbha

From,

The Head Assistant Collector of
Kandiyal

To

The Collector of
Kurnool.

With reference to the 2nd para of your
R.C. 20 ¹⁴⁵/_{Eng} dated 19th January 1897, I have the
honor to report that at the time when the
embankment ^{works} ~~was~~ at Chagalmarri and
Boilakumbha were put in hand, there was
real distress in those parts and the fact that
the coolies did not desert the works for some
days in spite of ridiculously low wages paid
to them fully proved the existence of distress.
Their condition would have become very serious
had it not been for the November rains, which
gave them some labour in agricultural
operations. There was no necessity for relief
works after the rains, as the labouring classes
got higher wages in agricultural operations
than on relief works.

1st 20

I have the honor to

per Mr. Ghose
as Head Assistant Collector

(True copy)

(Sd) E.A. Elwin.

By Collector.

(True copy)

R.V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 23rd February 1897.

No. 1410 Misc.

Read... the following letter from the Collector of
Kurnool, dated 18th February 1897 J. Dis 2^o 384
of 1897:—

I have the honor to reply to Board's
Proceedings No. 242 Misc dated 11th January 1897.

2 The Embankment work, which is
reported to have been in Sandy loam

i.e. that the work appears to have been fairly suitable. The
was suitable for
famine relief.
or, that it means
understood
by the Board that
the work was
suitable
task was calculated as follows:— B class
11.85 c ft per unit, and C class 7.9 c ft per
unit, with a lead of 20 yards and a lift
of less than one yard throughout.

3 With regard to the question as to how
the Board says it
wishes to know
how far it acted
as a distress test,
not as a test of relief.
far the work acted as a test, I beg to enclose
a

a Copy of the Head Assistant Collector's
letter Lom Dis No. 45 of 1897 dated 1st February
1897.

Resolution

Submitted for the information of
Government, with reference to G.O. No. 7 Mis
Revenue dated 4th January 1897.

2. In his fortnightly narrative, read in
Boards Proceedings No. 462 dated 26th December
1896, the Collector stated that "owing to
continuous rain and long distance, a continuous
defection for the Vaklied work took place,
and in communicating the G.O. above
quoted to the Collector for report, the
Board called upon him to state how far
the work acted as a distance test. On this
point, no information is now given. That
the lift was one yard throughout is misleading.
The lead itself was also a lift and for this
fact, no allowance seems to have been made.

The people had not enough tools or baskets

and

and the work was very severe in the
black cotton soil owing to slight rain
which had fallen.

3 On the Royalakunta work in the
Same Taluk, which was dealt with also
in Board's Proceedings, No. 6834 dated 25th
December 1896, read in the G.O. above quoted,
it has been shown, Board's Proceedings
No. 1256 dated 18th February 1897, that the
Executive Engineer failed to modify the
tasks as circumstances demanded, and
it is therefore questionable whether the
Collector's assurance that the task
demanded was fairly suitable is based
upon a full conception of the necessities
of the case.

(True Copy and Extract)

P. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department with Copies

of B.O. 530 + 1256

25-1-97 + 18-2-97

Copy to the Collector of Kurnool

26/2/97

C. No. 1683.

From

The Hon. Mr. Secy C. S. S.
Hon. Mr. Secy.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

The Board submits for the information of Govt with reference to G. O. $\frac{7}{4-1-97}$, certain correspondence regarding the suitability of the works imposed at the Vakiler embankment and the Boyelkumla work in Hurud. These works were opened, the former in November last and the latter in December, but closed soon after on account of the defection of the coolies; a brief description of what work place at the works will be found at the marked portions at pages 4 and 5 of of B P $\frac{462}{26-12-96}$, and the backs attached are given in return to in G. O. $\frac{7}{4-1-97}$. The Vakiler work was opened on the 19th Nov and closed on the 4th December and the return gives particulars

flagged A,

His
the
1/4/97.

flagged C

flagged A,

C. 5/2/97.
R. 10/2/97.

Boyilkumbla Cookies being
unaccustomed to the kind of
work. The Board fears that
the tasks were excessive
of the Board's statement
that the tasks were excessive
and that the Executive Engineer
had failed to modify them
to suit circumstances, is
confirmed by the Collector's
remarks in c. No 1697

in which he says that the
Cute lacks for earthworks, es-
pecially in hard gravelly soil,
are excessive for the people
of his district & that he
has called upon the Executive
Engineer to reduce them.

9/1/97
RS
28-2-97

Dept.
11/7/97
G.O. No. 1368 d/10th March 1897
On a careful perusal of the
correspondence submitted by the
Board the Govt is of opinion that
the tasks imposed on the Vakilam
embankment and the Boyilkunth
bank works were not excessive
for the people. The unfavorable
conditions under which the gangs
worked could never justify an
out-turn of half to one. tenth
of the allotted tasks, and the
inference that the Govt draws
from the papers is that—

This is within the Govt's
discretion.

Yes
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5/3/97
I think the papers show
that the task was quite over
& yielded right results & in
showing that relief works were
not needed here & there.

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6/3/97
244
5.3.97

there was no real distress
at the time in these parts
compelling the coolies to accept
famine wages

11/7/97
To Mr. P. D. (Sett) dtd. 13-3-97
List from orders
RS
10-3-97

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