Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1384

DATED 12th March

[Despatch Abstract.]

Transmitting with remark to the Govt. of India Board's Proc: bringing to notice the inattitude of the Executive Engineer in charge of certain works required for the management of famine relief...

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1697

From the Bd. of Rev. (Mrs. Hartley)

Order

No. 1412 Misc.

Dated 23-2-97.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. letter from the Coll. of Kurnool reporting on the health of the workers on Maddikera & Koonu works and bringing to the notice of Govt. the unaptitude of the Ex-Engineer in charge of the works for the management of famine relief

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Public Works (1897) Department.

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SECY. GOVT. MADRAS 15 JUN 97 REV. DEPT.

To

Order Govt

No 524 dd 12th June 1897

The original letter and enclosures in question were returned to the Revenue Dept. with G.O. No 1533 W dated 5th June 1897.

C. W. D. Bradley
Under Secy to Govt

From The Revenue Dept.

No.

Dated 5th June 1897

Received —do—

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SUBJECT.

Requests that the original notes &c forwarded with G.O. No 382 Revenue dy 25th May 1897 may be returned.

To the Revenue dept.

Mr. P. dictt

[P. W. 29. 2,000—16-11-96.] 6d. 4 0 11/6/97

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Office note. No 40
20-5-97

To the Secretary to Govt PWD
From the Secretary to Govt RD

The undersigned has the honor to request ~~that~~ with reference to the D.O from the Hon: Mr Bliss ask attached that ~~any~~ papers relating to late Mr S. A. Subramania Aiyar ~~Head~~ C- while Engineer Kurnool Division and showing what action was actually taken with reference to the complaints of delay made by the Board of Rev against him may be forwarded to this dept for submission to the Hon: member. Information is also wanted as to when Mr S.A.S was relieved by Mr Johnston.

RS
20-5-97

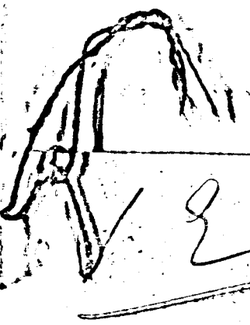
Note A recent D.O from Col. Campbell gives all the other information wanted in para 4 of the H. M's D.O.

The last note of the H.M in which he called for enclosures as to why the G.O was not sent

Sent with D.O. 20/5/97

to him are sent in circulation having been put up with the papers about the Godda question

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For C. No. 4732/97

MEMORANDUM.

Requested for reference the undermentioned papers:—

the return

The original notes & enclosures forwarded with P. W. D. with f.o. No. 382 Rev of 25th May 1897

Return 5.6.97.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
5- 6 — 1897.

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By: Asst Secy.

To

The Undersecretary to Govt. P. W. D.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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No. 282 dy 20 May 1897
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Secretary to Government.

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From Revenue Department.

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Dated 19th May 1897

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SUBJECT.

Executive Engineer, Kurnool

Requests to forward the original notes connected with his No. 138 Rev. dy 12th March 1897 regarding the

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MEMORANDUM.

For C. No.
For the Hon. Mr. Price C.I.E.

REQUESTED for reference the under-mentioned papers:—

Re original notes forwarded with Cos. No. 1384 Rev dy 12-3-97 Re: the Executive Engineer, Karnool

Ag: Secy.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
19-5-1897

To
The Undersecretary to Govt. P.W. Dept.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

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The Hon. Mr. Price C.I.E. Member

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From
The Board of Revenue
(Rev. Sett., L. R. & Agri.).

Orders
this is the report referred to in G.O. 848 12-2-97 but deals only with the points raised in paras 2 and 3 of the B/P read therein.
2. the only point requiring in the current notice is the Board's recommendation that the Executive Engineer should be replaced by another
the collector states that the cadre
Rs 2K for earthwork, & especially in cutting side drains in rocky and Stony ground is too high for the coolies of the district & has called upon the Executive Engineer to revise it. the Board say that the Engineer should have done this long before in the light

C. 6/3/97.
R. 11/3/97

No. 1412 Misc

Dated 23rd February 1897
Received 25-2-97
Registered 25-2-97
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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government letter from the Collector of Karnool reporting on the health of the workers on Gaddi Kera and Hosur works and bringing to the notice of Government the inexpediency of the Executive Engineer in charge of the works for the management of famine relief.

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af inadequate advice issued by it from time to time and that his failure to do so shows that he does not ~~really~~ appreciate the responsibilities in connection with the relief works

RS
26-2-97

The main contention of the learned Dr. King is that the people in the condition of existence but the Code that they come within which is fairly good conditions. The Code fixes the tasks not exercising but the Lt. Famine demands the transfer of the Ex Engr. because the Code tasks which he has to supervise are by exercise. Lt. Le Fanu argues when it suits his purpose that the Code tasks can not be departed from but ~~have~~ in the papers put in which it is to be noted have been communicated to Govt. through the Secretariat up with this he finds that instead would work the suspension of special task tasks for each district. It is the intention that this unfortunate Engr. at once only Hope inasmuch Lt. Le Fanu's observance - I submit that at least before Govt. condemns this Engr. it should hear what he has to say. Entirely however the best course with L. Govt. simply ~~refuse~~ decline to accept this recommendation

6/3/97

The Executive Engineer referred to in

13/3/97.

Dr. 13/3/97.

is to believe, about to be enforced by Mr. Johnstone. I agree with the Hon. Mr. Grose that the Ex. Engineer in question should be called upon for an explanation. It is laid down already that the D.C. can in all famine matters under the general control of the Collectors. (See para. 24 of the Code)

I concur with the Hon. Mr. Grose that, in ordering the suspension of special task works for each district, Mr. Lefanu was acting rightly.

R.S.H. 10.3.97

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture) dated 5th December 1896, No. 398, and 15th December 1896, No. 436.

RESOLUTION—dated 11th January 1897, No. 23.

The attention of all Collectors is drawn to the remarks made in the Proceedings quoted above regarding the difficulties that often prevent relief workers from completing their assigned tasks owing to the want of sufficient or proper tools.

2. Collectors will be requested to impress upon all officers in charge of relief works that it is essential that suitable tools, including rings for holding stones, in sufficient numbers must be provided before any question of a gang turning out the prescribed task can be considered and when, and only when, this provision has been made should the exaction of tasks be enforced. Moreover, when fines are inflicted, they should not be imposed until the Engineer officer has satisfied himself by personal inspection that the task prescribed is not beyond the competency of the gang fined.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GOVINDA MENON,
Second Assistant.

To all Collectors.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Printed January 18th.

Proceedings, 11th January 1897, No. 23.

Tools and Tasking.—Impressing upon officers in charge of relief works the necessity for providing sufficient and suitable tools before tasking is strictly enforced on—.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following G.O., No. 10, Revenue, dated 7th January 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from DENZIL IBBETSON, Esq., C.S.I., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of India (Department of Revenue and Agriculture—Famine), dated Calcutta, the 24th December 1896, Circular No. 3F—77-1:—

I am directed to address you with respect to the importance of exacting a full task at all stages of relief operations. It has been found by experience in several provinces that officers in charge of test or relief-works when they are first opened in a district are often inclined to be too lax in the matter. In this early stage firmness in this respect is perhaps even more important than later on; otherwise the works fail to answer the purpose for which they are intended, of gauging the existence and character of suspected distress. It is probable that some thousands of labourers would, at any time when work is slack, be attracted by a Government work on which remunerative employment is offered; and it is found that when once labour has been attracted to a work, more especially if whole families have settled down upon it, it tends to stay there even after the actual necessity which brought it there has ceased. The District Officer must remember that at this stage his object is not to relieve famine, but to test the presence of it; not to appease hunger, but to find out whether people are hungry. A man who is out of employment and pinched will accept work for a pittance, and it is by offering work at a pittance that the District Officer may certainly tell whether a pinch exists. The Famine Codes give discretion to fix wages at test works which do not exceed famine wages, and in fixing his scale the District Officer will be guided by his knowledge of the general condition of the people of the tract. But if the wage is to be a test of scarcity, it must be a low wage. As soon as it is certain that there is scarcity, the usual famine wages will be given.

2. It is true, and must always be borne in mind, that persons who are not accustomed to the kind of labour required cannot at first perform what will, after a few weeks' practice, be a reasonable task for them. The task to be exacted from them must therefore be adjusted to their capacity. But it must *at all times* be a task which no person would willingly perform in exchange for the famine wage unless impelled thereto by want.

3. This principle lies at the root of all famine relief operations, and the Governor-General in Council feels assured that it is fully accepted and understood by all Local Governments. But the magnitude of the relief which Government will shortly be called upon to supply is such, that His Excellency in Council feels constrained to ask that Local Governments will remind their officers of the importance of a principle which it is clear that in some cases they have failed to realise sufficiently.

Order—No. 10, Revenue, dated 7th January 1897.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

RESOLUTION—dated 14th January 1897, No. 33.

Communicated to all Collectors for information and guidance.

2. The general principles set forth in paragraph 1 of the Government of India letter are embodied in section 17 of the Famine Code, which was introduced under the instructions conveyed in paragraph 7 of its Memorandum read in B.P., No. 287 of 1896, but apparently, under the concluding sentences of the paragraph now quoted, it is open to the Collector to fix a scale of wages for test works lower than that prescribed in the Code.

3. The particular attention of Collectors is drawn to paragraph 2 of the above letter, as upon the proper adjustment of the task to the capacity of the workers the justice of the test must depend. They should take immediate steps for working out for their districts, in consultation with the Public Works Department and Local Fund Engineer, a scale of tasks suitable to the locality, for it has been found in Bellary that the standard tasks quoted in the Code are excessive in that district.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

Second Assistant.

To all Collectors.

Hxd. A. F. Eccleston.

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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Printed January 18th.

Proceedings, 14*th Jan.* 1897, *No.* 33.

Tasks.—Communicating resolution of the Government of India regarding the exaction of full — on famine relief works.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—the following letter from K. C. MANAVEDAN RAJA, Esq., Acting Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 25th January 1897, Ref. on C. No. 269:—

With reference to the concluding sentence of B.P., No. 23, dated the 11th current, I have the honour to request the favour of Board's instructions as to how the rule therein laid down is intended to be worked. Infliction of fines for short work is a matter almost of daily occurrence, and where one Engineer is in charge of a number of relief works in the district, it is hardly possible for him to satisfy himself, before payments are made, by personal inspection, that the task is not beyond the competency of the gang, especially as the task may vary from time to time with the varying conditions of lead and lift, unless great delay in the payments were permissible. The Board has already recognised this difficulty, even if the works are taken charge of by the Public Works Department, in paragraph 11 of its Proceedings, No. 436, dated 15th December 1896. I presume, therefore, that it is the Board's intention that fines are to be inflicted in the usual course, but when the Engineer's inspection shows they were not deserved, they should be refunded. I request to be informed if I am right.

Resolution—dated 1st February 1897, No. 84.

The Collector will be informed that the sentence referred to lays down that it is essential that the Engineer officer should have prepared a task table suitable to the locality and conditions met with, before fining in strict proportion to the work turned out can be resorted to. His attention will be drawn in this connection to the instructions given in paragraph 3 of B.P., dated 14th January 1897, No. 33.

2. If these instructions be followed, there can be but rarely any cases of unjustifiable fining.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GOVINDA MENON,
Second Assistant.

To the Collector of Anantapur.
Copy to other Collectors.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

labours, while
others cut side drains and break
and stack Metal. I have examined Enclosed
within the last few days the
gangs working in the vicinity
of both villages. The apothecary
attached to my office and the
local hospital assistant
accompanied me and the
opinion formed by me as to the
health of the workers was that
they were on the whole in fairly
good condition. The tasks demand
-ed of them did not appear to
me to be excessive, except in the
case of cutting side drains in
rocky and stony gravel on the
work near Hosur. I spoke
very strongly on the subject
to the officer in charge and
have since asked the Executive
Engineer to revise the standard
task prescribed by the code
with

Work Rep. No. 33
dated January 2 1933

with the least possible ... that
the code standard for earth work
is too high for the coolies of this
district seems evident from the
fact that on whatever relief
work this labour has been given
them they have almost invariably
failed to do even the C. class
task. The hospital assistants
were directed to closely watch
the state of the workers in
view to prevent weak persons
who ought to be constituted a
D class gang being assigned
tasks above their capacity.

3. I regret to say that a mistake
was made in my office in showing
the deductions in Col: 11 of
Statement No I. As a matter
of fact, 7 out of the 8 metal
gangs on the work were drawing
were paid full B. class wages,
while it was only in the case of
one

one yard unit a deduction of one tenth of the wage was made for short work. It is requested that the necessary Corrections may be made in the Statement.

Resolution.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to Government Order No 848 Fins. dated 12th February 1897.

2. The remark made by the Collector that he has himself found it necessary to call upon the Executive Engineer, Kirmoli, to revise the task in cutting side drains, shows that notwithstanding the instructions issued in Board's Proceedings No 23/11-1-97, 33/14-1-97 and 849/1-2-97 and the Collector's own remarks read in Board's Proceedings No 462/26-12-96, to which his attention has been drawn, the Engineer in Question has shown himself unable to appreciate his responsibilities in connection with famine relief, whilst his unsuitability for the management of relief works was pointed out as long ago as the beginning of December last - Board's Proceedings No 398 dated 5th December 1896.

In this connection, the Board begs to invite the attention of Government to the remarks made in para 115 of the report of the Indian Famine Commission regarding the selection of officers of the Public Works Department who are placed in charge of relief works, where it is pointed

pointed out that they should be selected not only for their capa-city as Engineers, but also on a consideration of their knowledge of and sympathy with the people, and their powers of organisation under peculiar and trying circumstances."

The Commissioner hopes that the Executive Engineer referred to may be replaced at an early date by some officer who will ~~be much~~ work in sympathy with the people.

3. The Collector should lose no more time in seeing that a suitable task table for his district is prepared.-

vide Board's Proceedings No 1256 dated 18-2-97. (True copy and Extract)

L.V. Sambasiva Sastry
Secretary

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
The Collector of Kurnool.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 27d February 1897, No. 1412 Mis.

Order thereon, No. 1384 Mis, d/12th March 1897.

Transferred to the Public Works Department in view to the Executive Engineer in question being called upon for an explanation of his failure to revise the tasks.

(True Extract)

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Asst.
~~Under~~ Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department with the note and papers in original to be returned.

o Copy To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c)

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C. No. 1697.

G.O. mis No. 1384 d/12th Mar 1897.

Transferred to the P.W.D. in view to the Executive Engineer in question being called upon for an explanation of his failure to revise the tasks.

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To the P.W.Ds. (and to the various subordinate officers in connection to the matter noted)

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