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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govern-  
ment; Revenue Department,  
with remarks, letter from the  
Collector of Vizagapatam and  
requesting that early orders  
may be issued for placing  
all of famine relief works in  
the Vizagapatam District under  
the control of the Public Works  
Department.

Order (Pays) 40.244  
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The Board's proposal to place all famine relief works in Vijayapatnam under the P.W.D. is sanctioned. Orders will issue in the P.W.D. for taking over the two works already opened and for starting such new work as may be proposed by the collector.

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## Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1897.

No. 2352 Miscellaneous

READ

the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 1897 Re. C No. 840

I have the honor to report that the two Test works opened at Gazunaka and Dakamarri in Vizagapatam and Bindipatam taluqs respectively have pitted in a remarkable manner, and that they establish beyond doubt the existence of <sup>districts sufficient to</sup> ~~another~~ <sup>call for an extension of works.</sup> I shall report on Monday in detail on these tests with figures of numbers working &c, but my present information is that there are about 1100 Coolies at Dakamarri and 500 at Gazunaka and the numbers will without doubt increase. I spent Monday and Tuesday at Dakamarri and Thursday morning and Friday afternoon at Gazunaka. My object in addressing the Board now, before I submit my detailed report, is to represent that if such extension of works as I believe to be necessary is to take place in proper time no time should be <sup>lost</sup> ~~wasted~~ in addressing the Government to put the works in this District under the Public Works Act, or

Department.

2. The agency at my disposal is only that of the District Board. Local Fund Engineers, in a backward District like this, are not equal to managing a work of any size in a satisfactory manner far less to starting it.

They require the presence of a <sup>Superior</sup> ~~Superior~~ officer without whom it is hopeless to expect from them the necessary discrimination as to lacking organisation and if necessary fining for shoddy work and in whose absence order and discipline are difficult to maintain. Fining I have up to date forbidden without sanction of Superior authority, nor have I found it necessary, as the workers really work very well and the oldest and fullest show a most praiseworthy preference for work over gratuitous relief. I will report details of tasks done. The Local Fund Engineer is <sup>Superintendent</sup> ~~Supervisor~~ Gazwaka and the <sup>Supervisor</sup> ~~Engineer~~ Dakamarri. Both officers are working in a praiseworthy manner. The Deputy Tahsildars are doing paymaster's work and endeavouring to train paymasters and Kitchen Superintendents.

Head Coolies at annas 4 a day are hardly to be got. They find the work too much and disappear. Under these circumstances I do not feel able to send the Engineer and the Supervisor to open other works. I had requested Mr Scott to depute the Supervisor as soon as possible to open another work in his Division, but with over 1000 workers on the work already started he cannot really be spared.

I am going to open another work at Pendur to some villages out of reach at Gazwaka, on Wednesday and have entrusted the work

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the work to Mr Keaney, Assistant Collector, who I am confident will do his best, though he will only have the assistance of an overseer, but Mr Arbuthnot will be able to visit this work and Superintend it as well as Gazwaka to a certain extent. I think further work will be needed, and really things develop so rapidly that it is necessary not to waste time.

3. Under present arrangements I must point out that the Local Fund Engineer and his Supervisor are unable to attend to their ordinary work at all and the Inspection necessary before the end of the year is at a standstill, while the accounts for the year have to be sent in by the 15th April.

The Public Works Department Subordinate Staff is far superior to that of the Local Funds and a Public Works Department Officer deputed for this work would have nothing else to attend to.

4. I do not mean to be alarmist or to convey the idea that immediate Extension of work is urgently called for to save life, but I am bound to conclude from the facts under my observation that it is called for if the people are not to be allowed to fall into noticeable distress before work is provided for them. I fully expect the Pendur work to fill, and I think that by the end of next week there will be 3000 people on Test works. They seem to have lost, on trial this year of them, the fear of them.

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5. I will submit my report on the Tests as promised but I beg that the Board will move the Government to take up the steps I have indicated and to depute the necessary staff. I have ample work available, my trouble is to find the agency to work them.

### Resolution

Submitted to Government with the request that early orders may be issued for placing all famine relief work in the Vizagapatam District under the control of the Public Works Department.

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(True Copy & Extract)

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L. B. Simonsian  
Secretary

The Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department.

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APRIL.

Relief Works.

Sanctioning the proposal to place all famine — in Vizagapatam under the Public Works Department and stating that orders will issue in that department for taking over the two works already opened and for starting such new works as may be proposed by the Collector.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 244, Revenue, dated 9th April 1897.

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(True Extract.)

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

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

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