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Forwarding extracts from correspondence on the subject of a complaint preferred by the East Indian Railway authorities.

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Letter at page 1 of 18 from A. [illegible] No.918 P.C., dated Darjeeling, the 7th April 1897, from J.A. Bourdillon, Esq., Officiating Commissioner of the Rajsh. Division to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Revenue Department.

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18. Mr Wilson reports, the East Indian Railway Authorities complain, that they cannot get labour for the construction of the Jamui Simri-Gaya line, & I have received a separate communication from the Agent to the same effect. It is urged that the rates given on our works are so liberal that labour will not go to the East Indian Railway works, but the argument is hardly a fair one The above table shows that our rate comes to Rs.2-10-11 per 1,000 cubic feet, while the Railway offers Rs.3 per 1,000 cubic feet for cutting, carrying & embanking. Our figures however, include many payments for labour which is not duly remunerative, and if only the result rates are taken into consideration, who would be the chief competitors of the piece-work & task in the Railway contractors, and who turn out 8 times as much on our works for 150 cubic feet; it is clear that they would earn more on the Railway than on our works. I cannot admit that to the outbreak the Railway Authorities, & the disinclination of the people to go to the Railway work must be due to some other cause. However, subject to the approval of Government, I have arranged with the Collector, who has been with me this morning, that he should close the Lakhisarai road and take up the Railway alignment from the Kharakpur to Lakhisarai as a relief work, opening out stations within three four miles on each side of the Railway line. The Railway Authorities offer to provide the professional staff for supervision, & to refund to Government whatever may be decided to be a fair share of the expenditure. If this expedient does not succeed, I should be prepared to try modified piece-work on this section of the line.

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Forwarded for Government Orders Letter No.1181/7-14 R., dated Simla, the 4th May 1897, from C.W.Bolderston, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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C. With reference to the complaint of the East Indian Railway Company that they cannot obtain labour for the construction of the Nohal Katti-Gaya line on account of the labouring classes preferring the relief works, and to the action taken by the Commissioner and the Collector thereupon, I am to say that similar complaints have been preferred elsewhere in other provinces, and the Government of India consider that every such complaint should be made the subject of searching investigation. If inquiry shows that a relief work is attracting numbers of persons who in other years would resort to the railway to support themselves, steps should obviously be taken to prevent such undesirable competition. If the inquiry, on the other hand, shows that the complaint is not well founded, it is desirable for the sake of the future policy of the Government that it should be clearly and openly rebutted. In connection with the subject of the alleged unremunerative character of relief-works I am to ask what decision has been arrived at regarding the introduction of piece work in certain cases and in certain localities, which was stated in paragraph 8 of your letter No.770, of the 16th March to be under consideration.

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(true extracts)

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Registrar,

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
14 MAY 97
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FROM

T. W. HOLDERNESS, ESQ., C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine),

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the *189* .

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.
(*Famine.*)

SIR,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Governor in Council the accompanying extracts from the correspondence cited in the margin relative to a complaint made by the East Indian Railway authorities that they cannot obtain labour for the construction of the Moghul Sarai-Gaya line on account of the labouring classes preferring the relief works.

Para.18 of letter No.912 F.G., dated 7th April 1897, from the Offg.Commr. Patna Division, to the Govt of Bengal.

Para 6 of letter No.1191/7-14F, dated 4th May 1897, to the Govt of Bengal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

J Holderness

Deputy Secretary.

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