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Classification of nursing mothers.—Issuing instructions to the Collector of Bellary with regard to the —, and the position of Superintending Engineer with regard to relief-works.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 24th March 1897, Mis. No. 2209:—

Read—the following papers:—

From W. B. DeWINTON, Esq., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 8th February 1897, No. 3766 W.

I have the honour to report that from careful inspection of famine relief workers at work, I have come to the conclusion that it is quite impossible for a nursing mother to do the same task as an ordinary woman and that to make her do so severely handicaps the remainder of the gang.

I have, therefore, given instructions to my Division Officers that nursing mothers should be classed as $1\frac{1}{2}$ units instead of 2 unitil further orders and request that this action may be approved.

Endorsement by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 854, dated 10th February 1897.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

Order—thereon Mis. No. 937, Revenue, dated 16th February 1897.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for very early remarks. It should be ascertained whether the difficulty is experienced anywhere else and whether it is necessary to make the concession.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Rev. Sett., &c.).

Resolution—dated 25th February 1897, Mis. No. 1496.

Communicated to the Collectors of the affected districts for very early report on the points indicated by Government.

2. The Board would suggest that on all points, not of a professional nature, that are connected with the administration of relief works, Superintending Engineers should be requested to address it direct.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
" " of Bellary.
" " of Anantapur.
" " of Cuddapah.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Ganjám.
" " Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—thereon Mis. No. 1408, Revenue, dated 13th March 1897.

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2. Government think it will be more in accordance with the principles of the Code if communications come to the Board from the Collector and not from the Superintending Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.)
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Resolution—dated 24th March 1897, Mis. No. 2209.

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2. It is presumed that the procedure pointed out by Government is that the Superintending Engineer should, in cases like the one under reference, communicate his views to the Collector and leave him to address the Board if necessary. It would appear that in the present case the Superintending Engineer issued orders without reference to the Collectors.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 1st April 1897, No. 265

Abstract.—Submitting to Government, with Board's remarks, correspondence regarding the reduction of task of nursing mothers on relief works.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 5th April 1897, Mis. No. 2529:—

Read—the following G.O., Mis. No. 1708, Revenue, dated 30th March 1897:—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Rev. (R.S. L.R. and Agri.), dated 24th March 1897, Mis. No. 2209.

Order—thereon Mis. No. 1708, Revenue, dated 30th March 1897.

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2. The Board's presumption is correct.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.).
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Resolution—dated 5th April 1897, Mis. No. 2529.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Collectors of affected districts.

Read—also the following extract from G.O., No. 216, Revenue, dated 30th March 1897 :—

* * * * *

9. *Public Works Department.*—It must be distinctly understood that the Public Works Department staff engaged in connection with relief works is under the control of Collectors in all but technical matters, and that the details of the Public Works establishment should be seen and passed by the Collectors before they are sent up to the Board or Government for sanction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.).
" Public Works Department.
" Financial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Accountant-General.

Read—also the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1897, Dis. No. 2329 :—

With reference to paragraph 5 of the B.P. (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 1st April 1897, No. 265, I have the honour to offer the following remarks in explanation of the position taken up by me in respect to Mr. DeWinton's circular.

2. The Board says that "Mr. DeWinton's proposal * * * was intended to supply a rule, * * * * for re-adjustment of tasks *where it might be found that the gang could not work up to the task-table.*" The italics are mine, for I wish to bring out very clearly that Mr. DeWinton's order was of general application and was not confined to cases "where it might be found that the gang could not work up to the task-table." I contend that a general order of this kind was not justified by the provisions of the Famine Code, and that it did in effect modify the task-table, seeing that that table was prepared not for individual workers but for gangs of workers consisting of men, women, nursing mothers and children.

3. As regards the merits of the case, I do not think such a general order either was or is necessary. The task-table of the Code was based upon the experience obtained in 1892, when the gangs, I presume, contained nursing mothers. The task-table of this district was based upon the experience of the work done by gangs containing nursing-mothers. I note that Mr. Elwin alone says that gangs are unable to do their task owing to the presence of nursing mothers. Mr. Tate's opinion is not clear and Messrs. Taylor and Manavedan Raja merely say that a nursing mother cannot do as much work as an ordinary woman, a statement which is incontrovertible and which was expressly admitted in my letter to Mr. DeWinton. Moreover, the Government has now ordered that boys between 12 and 16 should be counted only as two or three units, a concession which will reduce the gang-task and render this general reduction of nursing mothers still less necessary though, of course, some reduction in particular cases may be required. A minor objection is that fractions of units will greatly increase the work of calculation which is already sufficiently heavy.

4. But apart from the merits of this particular question, I venture to enter a very earnest protest against any interference in such matters by a Superintending Engineer. The only mention of the Superintending Engineer in the Famine Code is in section 110 where his functions are limited to the ordinary exercise of general supervision over the Executive Engineer in purely technical matters. His interference in other than technical matters will, I submit, be both inconvenient and mischievous, not, be it understood, from intention, for no officer could be pleasanter in his official relations than the Superintending Engineer of this Circle, but from the nature of the case. The Collector is responsible to the Board and Government for the administration of the famine operations in his district, but if he is liable to the sudden interference of the Superintending Engineer, both his authority and his responsibility must necessarily be weakened. By all means let the Superintending Engineer make suggestions to the Collector or to the Board, just as the Sanitary Commissioner makes reports and suggestions, but do not add yet another wheel to the already somewhat cumbersome coach.

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2. The Collector will carry out in all cases the directions issued in B.P. No. 265 of 1897 with regard to nursing mothers.

3. For an answer to his request for definite instructions as to the position of the Superintending Engineer with regard to relief works, he is referred to the communications printed at the head of these Proceedings, from which he will see that, in all matters, not of a strictly technical nature, with regard to which the Superintending Engineer considers that the system of administration of famine relief requires modification, it is for that officer to communicate his views to the Collector, and leave him to address the Board, if necessary.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Bellary.
" Copy to the Collectors of other affected districts.

Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

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