

Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 3500

DATED 9th July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording P.W.D. comm^r's letter from
the Sup^r Engineer III encl^d on the subject of
the alleged severity of the P.W. officers to
relief workers at Guntakal.

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The Hon. Sir Anand Sahai
The Governor

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Attention is invited to para
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SUBJECT.

Relief Workers. Commem-
morating letter from the
Suptg. Engineer at Amritsar
on the Subject of the alleged
Severity of the P. W. officers
to — at Guntakal.

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Public Works

READ the following.

With reference to G.O.No.350 D dated the 27th and the remarks made by the Board of Revenue upon manning of this Department in Anantapur and the harshness to relief workers at Guntakal I have the state that I have already reported about the --- my No.1370 W dated 1st June 1897.

3. With reference to the Board's remark that officers of the Public Works Department have been inclined to be somewhat too severe with the coolies and to demand a task --- beyond their powers, I beg to state that it is not in accordance with facts. The history of the present relief --- operations is somewhat instructive. When this Department

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first took over charge of relief works, we soon discovered that the tasks prescribed by the Code were too severe, and we recommended fairer tasks and some leniency. But the Board of Revenue and Collectors, for the most part, insisted on tasks, fines &c. being rigorously enforced. Then came His Excellency the Governor's tour of inspection, and reports from the Sanitary Commissioner and the Famine Commissioner and letters in the Madras Mail from irresponsible correspondents, who have often being guilty of great exaggeration; and while the Department has maintained exactly the same attitude from the first, viz, that a fair days task should be exacted for a fair days wage, the tasks have been so reduced by successive orders of Government and the Board of Revenue, and fining has been so entirely abolished, that the exaction of a fair task by this Department has become a practical impossibility, relief workers have learnt that they may do as little as they please without suffering for it and in fact on some works they do nothing more than walk too and from their villages, while the authority over them of our subordinates has been reduced to vanishing point.

4. I respectfully venture to say ^{that} if tasks and all connected with them had been left entirely to this Department, the result would have been far more satisfactory than it is at present, and the health of the workers would not have suffered in the smallest degree.

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Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to para 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture) No. 335 dated 3rd May 1897 recorded in G.O. No. 355 Revenue dated 19th May 1897.

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for Secretary to Government.

The Revenue Department.

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