Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the narrative report of Mr. H.E. Clark, Executive Engineer, Bellary dt. from 2nd to 15th June 1897 does not show whether the Ex. Engineer brought the fact that the bunds were too light to the notice of the Collr. & that he will be called upon in the P.W.D. to report whether he did so in the present instance.

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The Hon: Mr [illegible] C.S.I.
The Hon: Sir H. Bliss K.C.S.I.
&c &c &c The Governor

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Hon. No doubt these remarks have been laid before the Collr.

JG 5/7/97

The statement that tanks are too light seems pretty general. I think we might order them to be lightened – but it is the fault of the people on the spot, not I think of the Admn. of Govt, if the tanks are too light

HS 5/7/97

Agree with the Hon. Sir H. Bliss. This officer complains of the lightness of the tanks in his Distt (the D.P.W.D), but there is nothing to show that he put the matter before the Collector, as he C3/7/97 should have done.

S.H. 8.7.97

SUBJECT.

Forwarding report by Mr. H. E. Clerk, on famine works in the Bellary District

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HILL CIRCLE, BALLARAT, P.O.

Narrative Report of N. E.
Clerk Cape Excentric Engineer
Ballarat 2nd to 15th June 97

4th June. Ondegamut Road
Relief work. Numbers on 2nd
Inst 515 Increase this week 169
Women 237 Children 249 Total
1868. 19 Gangs on Metal Collectio
3 Specially Constituted gangs
on Road work. The people
are doing Task work which is
self-acting Evidently and there
has been no fining. There are
three wells from which water
is being got. The water Supply
is sufficient. Road making
has got on very slowly since
my last inspection 6 weeks
ago. Only 2½ furlongs made
and a good deal of this cleaned
up directly Carts were let over
it owing to the inferiority

of the Grand road, this will
be remedied and I ordered
more gangs to be employed,
as directed by S.E. So that
at least one f. long a week
will be made. The work for
Rose Heath over about 3
miles and the workers are
now getting further away from
the principal Centre of distress.
Proposals to alter the position
of the work somewhat have
been made to the Collector.
The shelter provided for
workers is at present in-
sufficient but if my pro-
posals are adopted only 1/3
of the numbers will sleep
on the work and the shelter
provided will be adequate.

That is in the case
of the people in the
East I mean they cannot
be induced to come

The Civil Engineer says that the
workers are scattered over 2 miles
not that they are distant 3 miles
from the labourers' villages

RB
2-7-97

The people look well.

5th June. Dorji - Sukrie Road
relief work. Numbers on the
work. Men 215 Nursing Mothers
112 Women 93, Children 320,
Total 1550. The gangs are col-
lecting metal in 21st mile
& 12 gangs are working at
road making in 19th. There
has been no fever. The basko
do not appear to be fraudulently
set and the permanent register
is not kept up to date. The road
making is fair. Considering
that no diversion was possible
and is progressing fairly well.
The water supply though not
very good in quality is ade-
quate. No people here seem to
want to sleep on the work. The
Condition of the workers
seems very fair. There are
a large precentage of old

women here who make a
foot shave, in other respects the
people look well.

6th Bellary Road Stick work.

This is practically stopped
by water in the moat. The
Gangs are employed in
scooping the spoil and will
in a few days be removed
to Road work. There are
now 1700 people.
Most of these do not need
relief at all and numbers
will probably fall off when
the work is moved a few
miles outside Bellary. The
arrangements made are as
good, as could be Expected.
The work has been a very
trouble some one.

8th Bellary Siva Gangs

Road N. Section. This work
has assumed last

dimensions. There are 1039 men
312 Nursing mothers 1594 women
624 Children Total 3569.
16 Gangs working at road
making in 2nd mile. 20 at metal
Collection in 3rd mile. The road
which has been made has
cut up under traffic and is
here now not good. But I
believe that when well rained
with the metal it will form
a fair road. The delay in
payment on this road
has been and is terrible.
On my inspection I found that
11 Gangs had not received pay-
ment for 14 days; that is they
were 11 days in arrears & a
large number of others Gangs
were 5 days in arrears. The
Overseer had not submitted
his Estracts for payment

as punctually as he should
seeing in our case 9/18 hours
late sent this is no Excuse
for the great delay. As far
as I could ascertain the
was owing to the Tahsildar
not keeping the paymasters
in funds and to their not
arranging for another, when
the numbers on this work
increased. Every step possible
has been taken to get the
Coup. paid. I wonder how
they managed to exist so long
without payment. Complaints
were made by an officer of
the Revenue dept that no
Shelter was provided for
those who wish to sleep
on the work. Some Careful
Enquiries made it has been
ascertained by the S. D. A

This is the sole duty
in connection with a
Ship work, except the
Kitchen, which need
be a most 4 days
by the Rev. dept.
Section not dis-
The whole Mestry
Ache[illegible] work is to
get the numbers correct
punctually into the
hands of the writer so
that they may
pool - & unpunctuality
in payment may mean
real starvation

Instant y/pay

that none wish to sleep on
their work. Water supply suffi-
cient.

Bellary Municipal road
Southern Section. Total
number 850 in 10 gangs 4 Cangs
are employed on road making.
That made up to date is not
very successful but this will
be rectified. The water supply
in this Section is sufficient.
And payments are up to date.
The people look well. In the
Northern Section as is na-
tural they are beginning
to look haggard.

13. Adoni Municipal Work.
Total number on 10th men 1321
Women workers 318 Women
2454 Children 1126 Total
5219. The Maximum number
was 5526 on 5th June. The
decrease is mainly due to

Mahastan. Silt is being
cleaned from the tank bed.
The Estimate provides for a
depth of 9" being cleared
and this is being done in
3" layers according to the
Verbal instructions given
to the S.D.O. by the Sanitary
Engineer. The object of the
work is not quite clear.
The tasks on this work
have been set without
much intelligence the lead
varies up to 570' and the left
is 30'. The task table has
been wrongly applied
in some cases gangs were
given a task of 1/per unit
with the result that some
gangs were doing about 40
times their task. It appears
that this did not strike

Hon'ble Minister

the S.D.O as worthy of
attention. I have made out a
table for an average gang
for the Sinhalese to work by
for this work.
The work which has been
done is neat, & in other respects
the work is in good order
though there has been a
great deal of idling and no
fining. The sooner these gangs
get back to road work the better.
14th Korakalan Hospital Road
Numbers 705 men 286 nursing
mothers 934 women 492
Children 2 total 2417. This does
not represent the full numbers
of the work as many had gone
for the Mohurrum, and some
for Cultivation. The full
numbers are about 3500.
Metal on this road is fully
Collected for about 2½ miles

Collection and road Matting
is going on. The road Matting
is not as systematic as it
should be. There caused
instructions about Alice.
There was some delay in
payments on his work mainly
owing to the absence of
Gangs at payment time. There
is only one paymaster & if
he does not pay his full
Numbers of gangs every day
he gets into Arrears. On his
work no fines have been inflicted
of late whether the task
is done or not. This is a
great mistake the non-
fulfilment of the very light
task after all deductions
have been made should be
regarded as a proof of idleness.
but all power of control

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in such matters has been
taken out of my hands. Water
Supply Sufficient but not enough
Care taken in removing the
sick & keeping the
huts & clothes of individuals.
Orders as to this have been
issued. The people here are
in Excellent health. Many of the
men have gone for cultivation
I spoke to several. I met al-
so working ploughing & sowing some
had been on our works & some
had found other employment
One young man who had been
on our works was the picture
of health. He was perhaps
from the trainers point of
view a little too fat but
otherwise in perfect Condition.
15th. Adamie Singapalah road
Numbers. Men 1760 Nursing Mothers
622. Women 2591 Children 1203
Total 6176.

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There are 58 Gangs at Work
Employed on Road Making - 10
Gangs on the Nasik main
Feeder road 2 Gangs where
Employed in deepening & clearing
the Morinam Village Tank
but it has not been filled with
water. A good deal of road
about 2 miles has been
Completed but it has cut up
very badly in places. Those
Stones being rammed will
probably stand. Where the
Travel is good the road has
stood traffic well. Metal breaking
Several Gangs die. Excess work
& get A Class wages and yet
have finished by 11 Oclock.
There is an Example Gang
Station from Gajjalhalli 5 miles
distance. They have a deduction
of 1/2 + 17 mete for heavy adhto

The Tasks is - 3 lead 2½ miles.
Here is their task & outturn -

	Task	Outturn
10"	28	41
12"	25	32
13"	28	41
14"	32	41
	50	

They carry it in their
Cumblies, as holding
more than the baskets

We are not responsible
for this 'redneto' ad
absurdum' - The whole
matter has been taken
out of our hands -

These people are on the
work with heavy loads of stone
I felt one load in two baskets
it was certainly nearly a
cubic foot. They bring with them
nearly enough stone for their
task which they have finished
before 12 O'clock. The Overseer
will not let them go at once
as it demoralizes the other Gangs
and ~~before~~ respects the Paymasters
arrangements. He also finds
that he has no time to
inspect them! The deductions
have made for distance

are far too great. The health
Gen of the people is very good.
Camp There is a Hospital & Dispensary
Camp the has 14 out patients with
fee tripling Campolamia & one
Camp inpatient suffering from
the Guinea worm. About 100
ben people are on the work.
wa There are 38 sheds at the
ab ones & two Camps enough
Ca for 226 people.
Ve General. The principal
Ne point to be noticed is the
Ex Extreme excessive leniency
Ge which has resulted from the
Ci Circulars regarding pro-
L fining &c. Fines are hardly
ever inflicted even when
the light task is not car-
ried out. It seems to be
the prevailing idea that
it is the intention of

Government that workers
should get their full wage
whether they work or not
and this from powerless to
prevent. The result will
be that although we may
get a good many on the
roll shall never get rid of people
from the works until we
absolutely close them.

I send this month's Returns are very
up - Camps are very
much & dirty. Conservancy
rules work better in
ordinary times -

No 1757W

Forwarded to the
Chief Engineer for information

23rd January 1897

J. Hutton
18/1/97
Executive Engineer

L Bechinton
19.1.97
Supdg. Engineer, III Circle.

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OFFICE NOTE. No 6292

From

The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. dept.

To

The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

The accompanying report by Lt. H. Clerk on famine works in the Bellary Division is forwarded for information with reference to the remarks made therein regarding the absurdity of the tasks now enforced and the extreme leniency with which the famine coolies are treated.

J. H. Campbell
Lt. Col.
Secretary to Government

R/S.

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~~The narrative~~

~~here is nothing to show~~

the narrative does not show whether the Insp. Engineer brought, as he should have done, the fact that the dock ~~to the~~ were also lighted to the notice of the Collector. He will be called upon to report whether he did so in the present instance.

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