

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 364

DATED 20th May 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Relief Workers.

Letter from the Sanitary Commission recommending that no work be demanded on account of heat, from — in the Deccan districts between the hours 12 to 3 in the day till the second week in June, recorded with reference to paragraph 8 of G. O., No. 308, dated 8th May 1897, and with remarks.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4030

The Hon. Mr. C. R. C. R.
H. R. The Governor

Telegram
From

The Sanitary Commission

For Orders

The Sanitary Commission telegraphs
to Govt advising it to issue early
in the interest both of relief workers and Govt officials
orders directing the cessation of
work on relief works between 12 noon
in Decatur district

No.

Dated 13th May 1897

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to go till the second week
in June. He also ~~also~~ ^{appears also} ~~also~~ ^{to go}
that the hours thus lost in the
evening should be made good in
the morning but that all others
should have discretion in the
matter as laborers coming from
a distance cannot be expected
to come early enough for the
purpose

SUBJECT.

Stating that persons
engaged in relief works
should cease labour from
noon to three p.m. on
account of heat.

2. In para 3 of the 1308
of 5-97 the 7th A
Govt ~~and~~ gives a discretion to
the officers in charge of works
to allow workers to leave the works

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when main work was finished, this would enable the workers to begin ~~do~~ work before day break and in the afternoon here.

There is no precedence either in famine times or in ordinary times for this proposal. It is another addition to the work and before it can be given effect to any scheme for it will be wanting.

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I do not think this should be allowed. The temperature is high now in the Deccan but not in the Circars. I am from the meteorological report that on the 15th the maximum temperature was -

Hyderabad 113.3 (8.3 more than the average)
 Bellary 111.2 (8.1)
 Cuddalore 113.3 (7.7)

But, as the Sec. says, there is no precedent for the stopping of work, either in ordinary country labour or in famine labour, & it would be a bad precedent to create. The temperature in the Deccan falls when the rain comes, as it generally does, early in June, & the relaxation could not be carried out generally till then. I don't think we could allow the stoppage without getting permission from India. Moreover the cessation the Sec. Commr recommends is only for one hour. He wants work to cease from 12 till 3. The regular midday rest is for 12 till 2.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

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From

*The Sanitary Commissions
for Madras.*

No. 1061
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Dated *14 May 1897.*

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SUBJECT

Advising that in the circumstances stated Government will be pleased to direct that from date of receipt of its order by Collectors till the second week in June no work ~~should~~ be demanded from the relief workers from noon to 3 P.M. in the Deccan Districts.

msd 29/5 6pm

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Camp Ender
Fort St. George, 14 May 1897.
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From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary's Government
Revenue Department

Enclosure.

SIR,

I have the honor to invite at-
tention to the fact that the hours
fixed for relief workers' labour, viz,
from 7-30^{a.m.} to sunset, is not suitable
during the present hot season in
the Deccan Districts. The class of
persons - chiefly agricultural la-
bourers or petty ryots now
seeking relief are not accustomed
to work during the heat of the
day in these Districts, and any
attempt to exact work during
the hours, say, of 12 to 3 P.M. would,
I think, prove an undesirable
tax upon their health. Much of
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2. Under the circumstances, I respectfully advise that Government be pleased to direct that from date of receipt of its orders by Collectors till the second week in June, no work should be demanded from the relief workers from noon to 3 P.M., leaving it to their discretion of Collectors, having regard to the proximity of the villages to the works, and other circumstances, whether they will demand that the extra hours work be scummed at all, or be enforced by requiring an additional hours work in the mornings.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obediently

W. A. Young

Supr. St. Col.
Sanitary Commission

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RS
20-5-97

Read c. 4030 and

G. O. (Press) No. 304 of 20th May 1897

Recorded with reference to para 3 of G. O. ³⁰⁸ 8-5-97. The Govt is of opinion that the discretion allowed in this order to officers in charge of works is sufficient to meet the requirements of the case and that no further relaxation of the rules is called for. ^{Besides,} as the temperature in the Deccan falls with the advent of the rains early in June all justification for the concession ~~proposed~~ will have ceased before the Sanitary Comm's proposals can be generally carried out.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following telegram from the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 13th May 1897:—

I advise on account of heat Government issue orders urgently in interest of relief workers and executive staff requiring cease labour from noon to 3 P.M. works in Deccan districts till second week June leaving discretion Collectors exact lost hour in morning having regard proximity of villages.

Read—also letter from Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel, W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ennur, 14th May 1897, No. 1061-S. :—

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ORDER—No. 364, Revenue, dated 20th May 1897.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

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Land Records and Agriculture).

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Local and Municipal Department.

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