Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3807

DATED 22nd July

[Despatch Abstract.]

P.P. endn.s letter from the Coll.r of Bellary reporting the ways in which the offices of the P.W.D. are occupying out the excess of 12 D. reconciled with reference P.G. 593/19-7-97.

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CURRENT No.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
25 MAY 97

H. E. The Governor
Hon. Mr. Bliss C.S.I.
Hon. Mr. Lyon C.S.I.

From The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture Madras.

No. 3649 Miscellaneous

Dated 22nd May 1897

Received

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

Order s

in continuation of previous Communications from the Board of Revenue on the same subject.

2. There seems to be little doubt that there is considerable friction between the Collector & the P.W.D. officers in Bellary

1/May/97

RB
26-5-97

See remarks on the C.S.'s note to in the file above. If general orders are issued, nothing more is wanted. Calling for explanations would only increase "friction"

29/5/97

I don't know what "the file above" is

29/5/97

SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government with remarks letter from the Collector of Bellary reporting the way in which the officers of the Public Works Department are carrying out the orders of the Revenue Department and requesting to obtain early orders defining the duties of each department

means. There is no such file in the envelope in which I received this. As to issuing general orders, I thought they had been issued. From a letter of Mr. Robertson's in another cover (Rev. Current No. 4313) it would seem that Mr. Stuart has been somewhat reckless in the orders he has issued. He might be told to moderate his ardour & to show more tact & consideration.

BA
31/5/97

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 22nd May 1897.

No. 3649 Miscellaneous

READ the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 18th May 1897, Rev. and Ag. B 868/18/5/97 of 97:—

In continuation of my letters, noted on the margin, regarding the relative positions of Collector, superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers in respect to relief works, I have the honour to lay the following facts before the Board.

2. On the 26th April, copies of my circular (copy enclosed) embodying the orders contained in Board's Proceedings No. 228 of

Refer'd to B 87/8-2-97
Refer'd to B 456/4-3-97
Refer'd to B 868/29-4-97
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of 3rd April 1897 were sent to the Executive Engineer for distribution to officers in charge of works. He has since informed me that it was circulated on the 30th April, but I found that there was some delay in its transit, as in several cases which came under my personal notice it had not reached its destination by the 3rd and 4th May, and I recently heard that in one instance it had not been received up to the 15th Instant. This delay is bad enough but a worse feature in the case is that effect is not being given to the provisions of the circular even now.

3. When I inspected this (Kowtalam-kuppam) work yesterday, I called for this circular and I found that the Clerk had issued it with the following endorsement:—

"No. 3260/B
30-4-97

No. 3260 B / 30-4-97, In circulating the above order, the Executive Engineer would impress on Sub divisional officers and officers in charge of work that it is to their departmental superiors they must look for orders; any orders given by the Divisional officers for reduction of tasks should be reported for the information and confirmation of the undersigned. If they consider that the tasks require reduction, they should report to the Executive Engineer or Sub divisional officer."

He was right under Article 1100 of the Manual.

This order of the Executive Engineer is in direct conflict with the whole tenor of my circular and in particular with para 5 thereof, and it was promptly quoted by an officer in charge of a relief work to the Adoni Divisional Officer, when he recently ordered a reduction of task, as the reason for

for not complying with his request.
Mr. Clerk did not communicate
a copy of this order to me, but left
me to learn of it indirectly, and
I consider his action was insubordinate
and subversive of discipline. I have
called upon him for an explanation,
but he is so dilatory in replying
to my references that I cannot wait
for it, for I hold that this incident
shows clearly the necessity for an
authoritative ruling on the subject
of my previous letters. If the Board
and Government want further
illustrations of the difficulty of the
present position, I can give many.
4. I have yet another case with
which to trouble the Board. This
concerns the Superintending Engineer,
whose attitude may be gathered from
the fact that he recently informed
one that it was naturally repugnant

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to officers of the Public Works De-
partment to work in partial
subordination to Collectors. In the
circular already referred to, it was
laid down that a deduction for the
distance which the workers have
to walk to and from the work
must be made at the rate of 2½
miles per hour. It appears that
the Superintending Engineer pre-
pared a circular on this distance
question on the 25th March last
fixing the rate as 2 miles per hour,
but deducting 1 mile each way
before calculating the reduction of
units. In this circular also a
new form of permanent register
was prescribed. For reasons with
which I am unacquainted, the
circular was not issued by the
Executive

[Ref. 4]
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Executive Engineer until the
3rd may - three days after he
circulated my circular of the
21st April. No copy of the circular
has yet been communicated
to me and I am unable, therefore,
to forward a copy to the Board.

6. Now this is an excellent illustration
of my contention that the
Superintending Engineer and
the Collector cannot both control
relief works and I beg that the
Board will either hand them
over entirely to the Public Works
Department or issue such in-
structions as will prevent a
conflict of authority of the nature
described above, a conflict
in which the Collector cannot
prevail, for I need hardly add
that I found that the officer
in charge of the work was

following the Superintending Engineers
order, not mine. I contend that
here too Mr. Clerk was greatly to
blame for issuing on the 3rd may
an order in conflict with that
issued by me on the 21st April,
for he knew that the latter was
based on the orders of the Board
and the Government. Moreover
he certainly ought to have sent me
a copy of the order, and in my view,
such an order should not
be issued without the previous
approval of the Collector.

Resolution.

Submitted for the orders of Govern-
ment, in continuation of Boards
Proceedings 327 dated 1st May 1897.

2. It is requested that the Executive
Engineer may be called upon to
explain his action in directing
his subordinates not to obey the
Collector's circular communicating
the

the orders of Government.

3. Early orders are solicited, for if officers of the Public Works Department are permitted to defy the Collector, the ~~Collector~~ latter cannot be held responsible for the conduct of the relief works.

The Board regrets to have to state that there have been other cases of serious friction, regarding which it has not thought it desirable to trouble Government.

(True copy and Extract)

R. B. Ramsden
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
" Collector of Bellary.

Ext'd
2/5/97

Rec'd C. No 14311

G. O. Mis No 3807 of 22nd July 97.

Recorded with reference

to G. O. 575 of 1897

The words "insubordinate" and the phrase "called upon for explanation" are wholly inapplicable to the relation in which the Executive Engineer stands to the Collector of the district

3/7/97

The Famine Commr. has seen 2/7/97

Some P. W. D (illegible)

Recirculated with reference to A. E's note.

2/7/97

Perhaps it would do any harm if this current is recorded, provided always that the P.W.D. is informed that at the same time Government help thinking that some such warning as Mr. Stuart suggested would be

Letter in the order from which I dissented, how does it come to have issued without being sent to me?

RH
2/7/97

2.

Add: Re using the Engineer Officers in charge of works who are subordinate to the Collr. & the Collector is to have no power to dismiss them except through the Engineer.

DJ
11/7/97

I am afraid it is as it is drafted, it would be thought that Asst. supports Mr. Clerk against Mr. Stuart. Mr. Clerk may not have been insubordinate to Mr. Stuart in the sense that in which a subordinate officer of a Dept. may be insubordinate to the Head. But Mr. Clerk was insubordinate to Govt, and I fear he intended to be obstructive.

I suggest that the Order "Recorded with reference to ..." is the one most likely to be the safest.

RS
3-7-97

Circulated with reference to A. E's note.

2/7/97

I might have written the D.O. to Mr. Stuart on suspected ...

DJ 2.7.97

[Ref. 4]

Good thing. He is a young man of strained little experience in the management of men and is wanting in tact & knowledge of native character besides being a public hacker of no small note.

RD
21/7/97

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READ AGAIN G.O., No 189, DATED

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