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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

RESOLUTION—dated 4th January 1897, No. 4.

The inspection of the famine works in Bellary and Alúr taluks was very satisfactory. Except that the Commissioner would gladly have seen the kitchens more resorted to, no remark was specially called for. The Collector and his Local Fund Engineer, Mr. Cooper, are to be congratulated on the discipline and order maintained on their works.

2. The works at Chinna Tambalum in Adóni taluk call for some remarks :—Not a single officer of any department had a copy of the Famine Code with him at the time of the Commissioner's first inspection. The Commissioner was sorry to see many people in low condition. One gang was nearly wholly composed of such persons. One gang on the road had been fined, but the fine was not deserved, as the short-coming in work was due to the task having been badly laid out. The gravel pit in which excavation was going on was too small to accommodate the number of workers who were crowded together in the pit and round the approaches to the same. The Engineer promised to rectify this and make good the fines. In a metal gang near the hill, some unjustifiable fining had been inflicted, which the Engineer had not had time to detect.

3. The works extend over six miles, and even the two kitchens were insufficient. Without going to the expense of a third kitchen with its establishment, it was possible to bring the food to a third place for distribution, and this was ordered to be done. The Commissioner was surprised and dissatisfied to find that there was no one on the kitchen, various unsatisfactory reasons being alleged for non-attendance. The real cause was the indifference of the Tahsildar. He must clearly understand that he is responsible for explaining to the coolies the advantages of the kitchens, and persuading them to send their children there. The proper place for destitute pregnant women is in the kitchens, not on the works. A large number of recruits came to the work on the day of inspection; a special relief officer is wanted for the taluks of Alúr and Adóni and has been sanctioned in G.O., No. 756, Revenue, dated 28th December 1896.

4. A serious injustice is doing to the coolies by unduly pressing the meaning of the words "nearest market" in sending returns of prices for computation of wages. These were paid on the rates prevailing in Kosgi, a place 7 miles off, where rates were cheaper than in the villages from which the coolies came. The Tahsildar was directed to ascertain the rates charged in the bazaars in villages from which the coolies came, and to strike an average of the same. He should also establish grain shops on the work, as in Alúr and Bellary.

5. The tool supply was unsatisfactory. Some coolies had no hammers and others no guard-rings.

6. There was one old woman on the tank work who had to walk daily 14 miles to and from Kosgi. The proper relief for her would be in a kitchen, or a dole in her own village. For the latter, sanction of Government should be obtained. There was one gang of 10 or 12 old women, quite unfit for any labour. Among the girls and young unmarried women, a large proportion was insufficiently nourished. The Engineer should see that they are not overtasked. Payments on the tank work were unsatisfactory. Some women had been under-paid by from two to six pies each. The Engineer promised to see to this.

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7. The District Surgeon should be asked to arrange for regular inspection of these works by some of his subordinates. Sore-eyes were very prevalent amongst the children. This was not so noticeable in the other works inspected previously.

(True Extract.)

A. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

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The Commissioner omitted, in commenting on the works at and near Chinna-tambalam, to observe that arrangements should be made to supply medical assistance to the coolies. There were a great many cases of sore eyes amongst the children at Harivanam and in the Adóni kitchen.

2. The relief work near Adóni was the only work in which persons had been admitted regularly where there was room for doubt as to whether they were really distressed or not. Many of the children there were in remarkably good condition. This is, no doubt, as it should be; but, from inquiries made, the fathers and husbands of some of the workers were not on the works and, were not reduced to want. This points to the necessity for exacting adequate tasks from them, so far as possible, putting the feebler coolies into separate gangs. There were, on the other hand, many cases of wives, with young children, deserted by their husbands, and old women absolutely destitute, whose pride prevented them from seeking admission to the kitchens.

3. The kitchen arrangements at Adóni were excellent. The local medical officer ought to visit the kitchen from time to time to see that cases which escape him at hospital are looked to.

4. The weavers' relief seems to be getting on well, and the results of the experiments actually carried out under close supervision will be valuable in fixing the tasks and wages. The Commissioner regretted to observe among the persons weaving their trial cloths a weaver from Kurnool, who had come to Adóni in very bad condition and who is only picking up slowly. This man was not fit to do a full day's work at weaving.

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Secretary.

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