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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Govt approving the adoption of the form of Head Maistry's permanent Register as amended by the Collr of Bellary & requesting the Collrs to issue instructions for the entry of the names of Coolies village by village

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SUBJECT.

Approving the adoption of the form of Head Maistrys permanent register as amended by the Collector of Bellary and requesting the Collector to issue instructions for the entry of the names of coolies by village by village.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture)
Miscellaneous No 6503 dated 16 August 1897.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 450 dated 18th June 1897.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah Ref on Our No 428/F of 1897 dated 2d July 1897

With reference to para 1 of Board's Proceedings No 450 Press dated the 18th June 1897, I have the honor to state that the main object of the rule directing the submission of the copy of the register prescribed in rule 21 Appendix VI of the Famine Code, seems to be to enable the Divisional officer to exercise control in respect to tasking and fining, to which great importance is attached by Government Vide para 7, Board's Proceedings No 9 dated 5th January 1897. The responsibility of the Divisional officer in these matters is very clearly laid down in Board's Proceedings No 98 dated 4th February 1897. He is responsible that the relief afforded to all in his division is not rendered nugatory by incorrect classification and inappropriate tasks, which would lead to fining when no fining should be allowed. The form of register prescribed in the Code is utterly useless for these purposes. In the absence of sufficient information, the Divisional officer can exercise the control expected of him only by actual personal inspection and enquiry on the works but if his inspections are proper and thorough and not hurried he will not be able to inspect any particular work except at somewhat prolonged intervals and consequently it is to the register copy that he must look

look for information about several works.

2. Present orders prescribe allowances to be made for distance, weakness &c and I think it is of great importance that the Code form should be slightly amplified in the manner I have suggested so as to get the information, that these orders have been attended to. The Board seems to think that this is unnecessary and that personal inspection is all that is required but it seems to me that the question is not one of personal inspection versus perusal of registers, but whether a useless register should be simplified as can easily be done without trouble to any one, and made useful.

3. The revised form proposed will prevent much correspondence between the P.W.D officers and the Divisional officer which is an unnecessary nuisance but which must necessarily take place in the absence of information on the return itself, showing whether the necessary allowances have been made or not. The Chief advantage of the revised form is that the Divisional officer will be in a position to find out whether there is any material change in the tasks fixed (to be done) from day to day owing to any changes in the constitution of the gangs or in the physical condition of the workers, and whether people from long distances attend the works.

4. I request therefore that the Board will be pleased to reconsider its order and sanction the introduction of the revised form proposed by me. I press this matter not because I under value personal inspection and think that periodical returns can take its place, but for directly opposite reasons. Viz to obviate correspondence that would otherwise take place and to substitute a useful return for a useless one - thus giving officers more time for inspection work.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Bellary Report No 75-89 dated 19th July 1897.

With reference to Board's proceedings dated 18 June 1897 No 450, I have the honor to state that the form of daily register forwarded by Mr Yate has been introduced into this District by the order of the Superintending Engineer. No reference was made to me on the subject and I first came to know of the change that had been made by seeing the new form in use on the works, but as I have always been anxious to avoid friction with the Public Works department officers and as the new form seemed unobjectionable I did not interfere, and I bring the matter to notice now only because the form has been rejected by the Board in the Proceedings quoted above.

2. I have noted certain amendments of the headings of the form on the copy enclosed and with these improvements I recommend the adoption of the form as being more suited to present circumstances than that given in the Code. I also recommend that on the muster-rolls the people of each village be grouped together, the names of the villages being entered in the column for names of workers and underlined. The Head-Maistri or overseer should enter the distance of the village from the work spot, and an inspecting officer would then be able to check quickly the accuracy

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of the allowance made for distance. In very many cases all the members of a gang come from the same village and there will be but one entry. The entry of the villages from which the workers come will also afford information that will be very useful to the Collector and his subordinates but which is not readily available to them.

Resolution

It appears that the form referred to has already been introduced by the Superintending Engineer. The Collector of Bellary, who proposes some small amendments concurs with the collector of Cuddapah in thinking that the return is likely to be of practical use. The adoption of the form, as amended by Mr Stuart, is therefore approved.

2. Collectors will issue instructions for the entry of the names of coolies village by village in the muster-rolls, as suggested by the Collector of Bellary in para 2 of his letter read above

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