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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Recording SD approving the
adoption of the form of Head Master'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.

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the form of Head Maistris
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by the Collector of Bellary and
requesting the Collectors to
issue instructions for the entry
of the names of Coolies 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 18 June 1897.

Read also the following letter from the
Collector of Cuddalore Ref or Cur No
428 of 1897 dated 20 July 1897

With reference to para 1 of Board's
Proceedings No 450 Press dated the 18 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
Jamine 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 5 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 offered to all in his Division is
not rendered nugatory by incorrect classifi-
cation and in appropriate 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 afford 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 amplified as can easily be done without trouble to any one, and made useful.

3. The revised form proposed will prevent much correspondence between the S.P. officers and the Divisional officer which is an unmitigated 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 undervalue personal inspection and think that periodical returns can take its place, but for directly opposite reasons. Viz to

to obviate correspondence that will 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 Ref on Gt R No 15-89 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. Dale 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 will then be able to check quickly the accuracy of

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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