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[Despatch Abstract.]

Colonel Campbell and Mr. Winterbottom,

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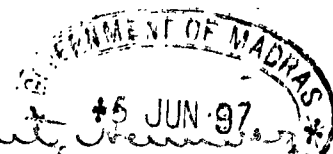
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on The Hon. Col. D.M. Campbell R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.
and

H.M. Winterbotham Esq.,
Third Member, Board of Revenue

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

dated June 4th
Recd. 5th
Regd.

Subject.

Requesting certain instructions with
reference to the scope of their duties
under G.O. Rev no. 382 dated 25 May

Camp. Coimbatore, to
June 4 1897.

From

The Hon. Col. D. M. Campbell R.E. ^{Colonel}
Secretary to Government (P.W.D.),

and

H. M. Winterbotham Esq., ^{Chief}
3rd Member, Board of Revenue ^{the}

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department ^{the}

Sir,

With reference to Government
Order No. 382, dated 25th May ^{the}
1897, we have the honor to report
that we met at Coimbatore
on June 2nd, and in consultation
with the Collector and Superintending
Engineers (the Executive Engineer
being unable to attend through ^{is}
ill) I have discussed the ^{subject}

situation and requirements of this district in view to the contingency of a failure of the South-west monsoon.

2. Before stating the results of our inquiries, we wish to make the following representation to Government concerning the duration of our tour and the scope of our duties.

3. If we visit only the Head Quarters of the eight districts and spend, say, two days at each, we shall not reach the last District till near the end of June. If our deputation is to serve the desired purpose, our inspection

completed, and the results of it be submitted for the information of Government by the first week in July.

We solicit orders as to whether we are right in considering that we should devote ourselves to accomplishing as much as can be done by a stay of about two days at the Head Quarters of each of the eight districts?

4. If our visit be thus limited:
(a) It will be possible for us to visit only such of the District Officers (besides the Collector and the Executive Engineer) as happen to be at Head Quarters which
order

1. In this District, for instance,
the Divisional officers are
engaged in Jamabandi and
so they and the Tahsildars are
fully occupied within their
respective charges.

We presume that it is not
the intention of Government
that the work of each District
should be temporarily brought
to a stand-still by bringing
in the whole District Staff
to meet us at Head Quarters.

(2) Where our local knowledge
enables us to do so we pro-
pose to offer such remarks
as occur to us on the works
going on in the Famine Provinces.

We note however man-
-ment does not require us to
offer any opinion as to the
suitability and probable usefulness
of the proposed works; and,
without a lengthened tour, which
would occupy at least a month
in each District, it will, in
general, be quite impossible
for us to form an opinion
as to whether the said works
have been selected with due
judgment and description.
We understand that our Eng-
is to be limited to ascertaining
what estimates are in fact re-
sulting from our own
without concerning ourselves
to the desirability of the works
or the order in which they

creation.

(c) Similarly we shall not be able to inspect famine tools in store elsewhere than in the Head Quarters depot.

We can however take care that such information as we render to Government regarding tools in store is based on trustworthy information.

We hope to be able to submit our report on the ombudat District tomorrow. Meanwhile we solicit the order of Government as to whether we shall satisfy the requirements of Government and carry out its instructions.

On

on the above lines.

6. We request that a reply may be sent to us by telegraph to Chittoor if it be despatched before Wednesday June 9th, or to it move on or after that date.

We have the honor to remain

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. B. Campbell
Secretary to Govt.

A. de Linterboom
Third Member, Board of

No. 4732.

From

Hon. Mr. Cress C.R.
Hon. Mr. Blair C.R.
H. E. Governor

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

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got round him V

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May 2

The Chief Enquirer and the Govt
of R.D. Settlement request involve
~~an action for~~ with reference
to the scope of their duties under
Act 382
25-5-97.

2.

The order directs them to
make inspections in eight districts
and ~~their report~~ if their depu-
tation is to serve the purpose
intended the inspections should
be completed by the first week
in July. ~~if to the~~ they cannot
therefore devote more than
days to each district. Is this
if to (a) they can confer
only with such of the District
officers as are at H. Quarter
at the time of their visit (b) I
cannot offer any opinion as to
the suitability or otherwise of
programme works of which
have no personal knowledge

They should easily be
able to get the officers
in for a day within this
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but can only ascertain what estimates are in fact ready (C) They cannot inspect the famine works stored at places other than the Head Q^r Stations of districts, ^{about the} ~~but~~ will take care that such information as may render so Govt under this head is trustworthy.

4. They wish to know whether the above will satisfy the requirements of Govt

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5-6-97

Dr. 20.
18/6/97

FOR ORDERS.

Wm
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Yes, this will be enough
See above 23
HJ 5/6/97
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I think two days' visit to each district will suffice. Govt. trusts them to do as much as they can in the time. Take it that their purpose is not only to inspect and report, but also to help and to work and to improve the existing organization. They should therefore see as many of the senior officers as circumstances may permit. They should bring their knowledge and experience to bear on the checking of the mistakes and desirability of the works included in the Dist. programmes. One of the weak points of the present famine relief has been the uselessness of a good deal of the work done. If we had a few good heads of immigration work to show, for the money spent, - there would be better ground for satisfaction.

See: Mr. Talis C.D. 2.??
Wm
18/6/97

scrubbing
They should also ~~bring their knowledge and experience to bear on the desirability~~ ^{bring their knowledge and experience to bear on the desirability} of the district programmes with a view to check the desirability and desirability of the works included therein

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The enquiry in para 5 of the letter read above will be answered in the affirmative. A visit of two days to each district will suffice but the Govt trust that Col Campbell and Mr. Wankarham will do as much as they can in the time. The object of their deputation is not only to inspect and report, but also to improve the existing organization, and see that District officers have a correct apprehension of the nature of relief to be adopted in the event of distress; they should therefore see as many of the senior officers as the circumstances will permit. One of the weak points in the present system is the uselessness of most of the work undertaken for the relief of distress, and it is therefore necessary that the Dist. district programme should include a sufficient amount of lasting relief.

as hints or other marks of
irrigation

W. H. H.

To Col. Campbell and Mr. Winterbotham
Copy to General Commr.

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ordered Telegram to Col. Campbell and Mr. Winterbotham

your letter four instant.
Inquiry in para 5 answered
in the affirmative. Order
follows.

W. H. H.

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de for me from clerk.

Despatch Telegram to Chittoor (if dist. abated this evening
or to Nellore (if tomorrow)

in m.s.
Despatch letter to Nellore

Government (1897) of Madras.
REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 447, 9th June 1897.

JUNE.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from the Honourable Colonel D. Mc NEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, and H. M. Winterbotham, Esq., Third Member, Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Coimbatore, 4th June 1897:—

With reference to G.O., No. 382, dated 25th May 1897, we have the honour to report that we met at Coimbatore on 2nd June, and in consultation with the Collector and Superintending Engineer (the Executive Engineer being unable to attend through illness), have discussed the situation and requirements of this district in view to the contingency of a failure of the South-west monsoon.

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We presume that it is not the intention of Government that the work of each district should be temporarily brought to a stand-still by bringing in the whole district staff to meet us at head-quarters.

(b) Where our local knowledge enable us to do so we propose to offer such remarks as occur to us on the works shown in the famine programmes. We note, however, that Government does not require us to offer any opinion as to the suitability and probable usefulness of the proposed works; and, without a lengthened tour, which would occupy at least a month in each district, it will, in general, be quite impossible for us to form an opinion as to whether the said works have been selected with due judgment and discretion. We understand that our enquiry is to be limited to ascertaining what estimates are in fact ready, without concerning ourselves as to the desirability of the works or the order in which they should be undertaken.

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5. We hope to be able to submit our report on the Coimbatore district to-morrow. Meanwhile, we solicit the early orders of Government as to whether we shall satisfy the requirements of Government if we carry out its instructions on the above lines.

6. We request that a reply may be sent to us by telegraph to Chittoor if it be despatched before Wednesday, 9th June, or to Nellore on or after that date.

ORDER—No. 447, Revenue, dated 9th June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To Colonel Campbell and Mr. Winterbotham.
Copy to the Famine Commissioner.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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