

Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Public Works Subordinates.

Coming, with remarks, to the Finance Committee letter from the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, regarding the impossibility of providing — for supervision of chains of famine-relief works which are being opened by the collector of Ganjam.

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Revenue Public Works (1897) Department.

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Order ~~Enc~~ No. 5160 of 12th June 1897

Referred to
The Revenue Department for consideration.
From J.C. Lammie Esq.,
Suptg. Engineer, P.W.D.
To The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Ct. R. Barlow
Under Secy to Govt.
No. 231 G.N.



Dated 5.6.97.

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SUBJECT.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date. ,

The-Superintending Engineer
1st Circle, Waltair.

— In Continuation of my telegrams, I have the honour to inform you that the number of Famine Relief works is increasing in an extraordinary way.

I am called upon to start at once
a number of works which will absorb all the
12 Subordinates I now ask for; and which
I cannot start until they arrive.

I had a personal Consultation with the Collector yesterday and he agrees with me that 12 additional hands is the least I can manage with and that eventually more than 12 will be required. I may add that I have already 2 Local Fund Overseers placed at my disposal, I have therefore the honour to request that you will address the Chief Engineer and request him to post men as soon as he can, sending them up in batches.

Considering

Considering the lines on which Relief operations are conducted here, it is impossible to say how many Subordinates may not be required.

I have etc.

(Sd) W D Morgan

Esq Engineer Gauguin District

No. 231 GN dated 5 June 1897

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Copy Submitted to the Chief Engineer P. W. Department. There are now including seven Subordinates just posted (but not yet joined) twenty one Subordinates employed in Gauguin ^{on Relief works}. It would appear that some radical change in the lines alluded to by the Esq Engineer is essential. The Collector's idea is to start Chains of works. This system may be correct in theory, but it is impracticable and it will be impossible to meet the demands for Subordinates. Copy of my letter to the Collector on the subject is herewith forwarded for your information.

J C
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

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5/6/97

No. 2306 N

From

J. C. Larminie Esq. M. I. C. E.

Superintending Engineer,
First Circle.

Enclosures.

To

The

Collector of
Gauguin District

Waltair,

Camp

5 June 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to request your Consideration of the principle on which relief works are now being opened in Gauguin.

I understand from the Esq Eng. that your idea is to open chains of works, but judging by the demands for Subordinate Supervision lately received, I must point out that this system cannot be followed out to any great extent, simply from the impossibility of providing means of supervision. Twenty one Subordinates are now employed as relief works in Gauguin, of these 13 are ^{lower} Subordinates, men who have had more or less of some Engineering training. But the supply of even this class is now exhausted and I have written to the Chief Engineer to know if important works and irrigation interests which stand, in my opinion, as paramount, are to give way to the demands for Famine Relief works. In all the other P. W. Divisions the ordinary strength has been so much reduced, that the Chief Engineer has represented the impossibility of any longer meeting the demands for Subordinates.

And

and in this case any further demand (and that to no very great extent) can only be met at a sacrifice of other important interests.

I would therefore suggest that your relief works should be more concentrated. If distress is so very acute, it will not be too much to expect labourers to go, say thirty miles from their villages in search of employment. (for greater distances are traversed in search of work in ordinary times). Of course with this alternative, it will be necessary to provide hutting materials, but this will not be a very heavy item of expenditure.

The Eng. Engrs report that "Considering the lines on which relief operations are now being conducted, it is impossible to say how many Subordinates may not be required." But as I have endeavoured to make clear, the limit of supply has nearly been reached.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt St
Ed J. C. Lammie
Suptg Engrs
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(True Copy)
J. C. Lammie
Suptg Engr II Aile

The Hon: Mr. George C. R.
The Hon: Mr. Blair C. R.
H. R. MacGowan

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Famine Comm
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and the high concentration of
efforts will be the best
to form any new works.

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Read C. 4910

Comm. Press 11. 485 of 23 June 1897

Communicated to the Famine
Comm who has already been
instructed by wire to place
at the disposal of the P.W.D.
the services of men selected
out of the lists called for in
C. 314
11-5-97

2. The Govt has already passed
orders in regard to the diffi-
culty of providing the sub-
ordinate establishment necessary
for the supervision of scattered
relief works and has decided
that wherever possible arrange-
ments should be made for
massing relief workers at
selected centres. The Famine
Comm should give immediate
attention to the matter and
should take early steps
to open village works and
to introduce the intermediate
piece work system ordered
in C. 430
3-5-97 with a view
to relieve the strain on the
P.W.D. and the local
institutions.
Famine Comm
P.W.D.
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G.O., No. 485, 23rd June 1897.

JUNE.

Public Works Subordinates.

Communicating, with remarks, to the Famine Commissioner letter from the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, regarding the impossibility of providing — for supervision of chains of famine-relief works which are being opened by the Collector of Ganjám.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from W. DE'MORGAN, Esq., M.I.C.E., Executive Engineer, Ganjám Division, to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 2nd June 1897, No. 9-S.E.—F.:—

In continuation of my telegram, I have the honour to inform you that the number of famine-relief works is increasing in an extraordinary way.

I am called upon to start at once a number of works which will absorb all the twelve subordinates I now ask for, and which I cannot start until they arrive.

I had a personal consultation with the Collector yesterday and he agrees with me that twelve additional hands is the least I can manage with and that eventually more than twelve will be required. I may add that I have already two Local Fund Overseers placed at my disposal. I have therefore the honour to request that you will address the Chief Engineer and request him to post men as soon as he can, sending them up in batches.

Considering the lines on which relief operations are conducted here, it is impossible to say how many subordinates may not be required.

Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, dated 5th June 1897, No. 231-G. N.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. There are now, including seven subordinates just posted (but not yet joined), twenty-one subordinates employed in Ganjám on relief works. It would appear that some radical change in the lines alluded to by the Executive Engineer is essential. The Collector's idea is to start chains of works. This system may be correct in theory, but it is impracticable and it will be impossible to meet the demands for subordinates. Copy of my letter to the Collector on the subject is herewith forwarded for your information.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Collector of Ganjám, dated 5th June 1897, No. 230-G. N.:—

I have the honour to request your consideration of the principle on which relief works are now being opened in Ganjám.

I understand from the Executive Engineer that your idea is to open chains of works, but judging by the demands for Public Works subordinate supervision lately received, I must point out that this system cannot be followed out to any great extent, simply from the impossibility of providing means of supervision. Twenty-one subordinates are now employed on relief works in Ganjám. Of these eight are lower subordinates, men who have had more or less of some Engineering training. But the supply of even this class is now exhausted and I have wired to the Chief Engineer to know if important works and irrigation interests which should, in my opinion, be paramount, are to give way to the demands for famine-relief works. In all the other Public Works Department circles the ordinary strength has been so much reduced that the Chief Engineer has represented the impossibility of any longer meeting the demand for subordinates and in this circle any further demand (and that to no very great extent) can only be met at a sacrifice of other important interests.

I would therefore suggest that your relief works should be more concentrated. If distress is so very acute, it will not be too much to expect labourers to go, say thirty miles from their villages in search of employment (for greater distances are traversed in search of work in ordinary times). Of course, with this alternative, it will be necessary to provide hutting materials, but this will not be a very heavy item of expenditure.

The Executive Engineer reports that "considering the lines on which relief operations are now being conducted, it is impossible to say how many subordinates may not be required." But as I have endeavoured to make clear, the limit of supply has nearly been reached.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 12th June 1897, No. 516-D.
Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

ORDER—No. 485, Revenue, dated 23rd June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Famine Commissioner.

2. The Government has already passed orders in regard to the difficulty of providing the subordinate establishment necessary for the supervision of scattered relief works, and has directed that, wherever possible, arrangements should be made for massing relief workers, at selected centres, and till such concentration is effected, Collectors should be told not to open any more new works. The Famine Commissioner should give immediate attention to the matter and should take early steps to introduce the intermediate piece-work system ordered in G.O., No. 430, dated 3rd June 1897, with a view to relieve the strain on the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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