

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 489

DATED 25th June 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Upper Subordinates and Assistant Engineers

Approving the proposal of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to double up certain Executive Engineers' divisions to allow of some Engineers being made available for famine duty, and wiring to the Famine Commissioner on the impracticability of sparing more from non-affected district supervision of relief works.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

The Hon: Mr. Rose C.E.
The Hon: Mr. Blair C.E.
H.R. the Governor

CURRENT No. 4907

Print. Ind. Unit
Sufficiency Comm.
Desp. Telegram today
RS
25-6-97
W.C. 1/11/97

Recd C.E.'s note of 27-5-97 From

Order (Press) N^o 4898/25th June 1897. The Public Works Dept.

The chief Engineer's pro-
posal to double up certain
divisions in the event of a
failure of the masonry is
approved. The En. Engineers
concerned should be warned
to hold themselves in readiness
to proceed to the affected dis-
tricts

2. Ordered that the following
telegram be despatched to the
Finance Comm.

" C. E. reports imprac-
ticability of sparing more
upper subordinates and asst
Engineers from non-affected
districts for ^{superior relief works} ~~finance~~ ^{relief} ~~works~~. Please
expedite submission of lists

No. 5140

Dated 12th June 1897

Received 13.6.97

Registered 14.6.97

Enclosures -

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Transferring, no less in the P.W.D.
to the strain on its Executive
Establishment on account of famine,
for the submission of a list
of men immediately available
from the Salt, Forest & depths

C15/6/97
12/2/11/97

called for order 314. Select ~~men out of lists forwarded~~ to you and place them at disposal P.W.D in communication with Departmental Heads. No special technical knowledge required in the men selected but only common sense and ability to lay out and measure ~~work~~. Immediate steps should be taken to concentrate works and to introduce intermediate piece work system" ordered in G.O. No 430 of 3-6-97.

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FURTHER PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

- The Famine Commr *13/6/97*
- Board (Left)
- Board (L-R)
- Board (A-R)
- P.W.D
- P. D
- J. D
- J. D
- Heads of offices in the Presy down
- Collectors of non-affected districts

Tel. deo 25/6/97

13/6/97

I am instructed the way of this address *RD*
 Because we have directed the Famine Commr to place himself in communication with the heads of offices in the Presy down to select clerks & others for immediate *RD*

Note. A communication from Lt Genl Commanding that he can spare only one British officer & three or four native officers of the Queen's own

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Co. 428 75 G 369)

names of persons & miners for famine duty is now in circulation

2. The lists called for in G.O. 314 are to be submitted through the Famine Commr & none of them have yet come to Govt. The Insult Rev Survey, indeed, submitted a list ~~but~~ but owing to a misapprehensions of the instructions issued by Govt the list showed the names of all the officers serving in the Survey Dept. This was returned to him with a direction that he should submit, through the Famine Commr, a revised list showing only the names of such officers as he could from personal knowledge or otherwise recommend for famine duty (Vide G.O. 428 369)

There has been very fair rain *RD* in the affected tracts and now *14-6-97* is the suitable time to effect the concentration of relief works in large works which is

13/6/87-

28
16/6/97
In the meantime no
new works should be opened

A.44 24.6.97

There are some
in the Salt Dept
but I don't know
how many.

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 $H^2 \cdot 31.5.97 R 1.6.97$

new relief works seem now to be started almost daily and the increase of coolies is very great.

In G.O.No.314 Revenue dated 11th May 1897 it is suggested that a larger number of officers ^{might} be relieved for famine duty by a rearrangement of the Divisions and ranges in the non-affected districts.

The rearrangement of Divisions would no doubt set some Executive Engineers free for famine, but at present officers of that rank are not required. The demand is for Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates. As regards the rearrangement of Sub-Divisions this has had already to be done to as great an extent as possible. I cannot see how any more Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates can be spared without the ordinary work of the Department suffering very considerably, and in the event of failures either in construction or expenditure it will be impossible to hold the Superintending or the Executive Engineer responsible.

In the event of a failure of the S.W. monsoon more Executive Engineers will be required and I am prepared to double up the following divisions:-

Godavari Eastern }
-do- Central }

Nellore

FOR ORDERS.

if certain divisions, is approved.
The Engr. concerned should be
warned.

A.H.

29.5.97

16/97

Yes -

Have no replies, except
in yet to Rev. G.O. 314
11.5.97?
They should have.

W.

1/6/97

✓ and in addition the Officer
has on leave will be
recalled.

Nellore

Buckingham Canal

Coimbatore

Salon

Tanjore

Nagapattinam

By this means 4 Executive Engineers will become available.

I enclose a statement which will be of some interest as it shows how very much undermanned the Department is at present owing to withdrawals for famine.

27/5/97

W.

118 The Governor

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

FOR ORDERS.

With reference to His Excellency's
rescript of 29th ult. information
was received from the Chief Engineer,
just before his departure on tour,
that the men required are those
of common sense and ordinary
acquirements, capable of measuring
and laying out work. Such men, he
considers, might be obtained from
the Forest Service and Salt Department
and suggests the preparation of
a list of such men as it may be
possible to spare. He thinks that
the services of un-commissioned
officers of the Sappers-and-Miners
and of the Pioneer Regiments might

An earlier order calling
for the names of such men
has, I think, been issued.
This file might be attached to
the file containing the order
to which I refer.
The address report of the subject
more more immediately
available might be called for.
Such men might be utilized
for the more pressing work.

A. G. H.
10.6.97

FOR ORDERS.

also be obtained, and that
Commanding Officers might
be asked to send in lists
of such men as may be
available. The Chief
Engineer is of opinion that
fifty men obtained in this
way, will suffice unless
the Monsoon fails.

It may be mentioned that
the demand from the circle
engineers, a telegram for
an Upper Subordinate having
been received this morning.

C. 1897.

2/8/97.

P.S. His Excellency's instructions to
warn certain Executive Engineers
for famine duty in case the monsoon
fails are receiving attention.

C. 1897.

I am under the impression that the
Sd. Officer Com. has been asked if he has
any more men to spare.

A 4th 10.6.97

Urgent

No. 517 D d/12th June 1897

Transferred to the
Revenue Dept. for the
necessary action.
2. This dept is now
unable to meet the demands
that are being received for
Assistant Engineers and
Upper Subordinates for famine
duty, and a list of men who
are immediately available
from the Salt and Forest
Depts. is urgently required.

C. 1897.
Under Secretary to Govt,
P.W.D.

Government {1897} of Madras. REVENUE.

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Enclosures

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G.O., No. 489, 25th June 1897.

JUNE.

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Approving the proposal of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to double up
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— from non-affected districts for supervision of relief works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 27th May 1897:—

I have several times brought to the notice of Government the strain put on the establishment of this department by the withdrawal of men for famine, and matters have now become so serious that I request there may be no delay in utilising the services of subordinates in other departments.

In my note, dated 7th April 1897, I stated that there were 94 Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates on famine works. That number has now increased to 114 and I am daily receiving telegrams for more men: this is out of an effective strength of about 330.

I hitherto considered that this department would be able to bear the strain till the result of the south-west monsoon was seen, but I am afraid that this will not be the case as new relief works seem now to be started almost daily and the increase of coolies is very great.

In G.O., No. 314, Revenue, dated 11th May 1897, it is suggested that a larger number of officers might be relieved for famine duty by a re-arrangement of the divisions and ranges in the non-affected districts.

The re-arrangement of divisions would no doubt set some Executive Engineers free for famine, but at present officers of that rank are not required. The demand is for Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates. As regards the re-arrangement of sub-divisions this has had already to be done to as great an extent as possible. I cannot see how any more Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordinates can be spared without the ordinary work of the department suffering very considerably, and in the event of failures either in construction or expenditure it will be impossible to hold the Superintending or the Executive Engineer responsible.

In the event of a failure of the south-west monsoon more Executive Engineers will be required and I am prepared to double up the following divisions:—

Gódvári Eastern.	Nellore.	Coimbatore.	Tanjore.
Do. Central.	Buckingham Canal.	Salem.	Negapatam.

By this means four Executive Engineers will become available, and in addition all officers now on leave will be recalled.

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ORDER—No. 489, Revenue, dated 25th June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Chief Engineer's proposal to double up certain divisions in the event of a failure of the monsoon is approved.

The Executive Engineers concerned should be warned to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the affected districts.

2. Ordered that the following telegram be despatched to the Famine Commissioner:—

"Chief Engineer reports impracticability of sparing more Upper Subordinates and Assistant Engineers from non-affected districts for supervision relief works. Please expedite submission of lists called for in order 314. Immediate steps should be taken to concentrate works and to introduce intermediate piece-work system ordered in G.O., No. 430, dated 3rd June 1897."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.

- "the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
- "the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
- "the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
- "the Public Works Department.
- "the Public Department.
- "the Financial Department.
- "the Accountant-General.
- "the Heads of Offices in the Presidency town.
- "the Collectors of non-affected districts.

Erd. A. F. Eccleston.