

# Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Recording with remark.*

*Procs of the S. W. D. forwarding explanation from Mr.  
Tarmine, Supr. Engr. 1st Circle in regard to the delay  
in helping the Collr of Vizagapatnam by finding suitable  
works for famine relief.*

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## Revenue Political (1897) Department.

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The Hon Mr. Smeaton C.I.E.  
His Excellency the Governor

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From Mr. B.W. Department

Order 4ms

1 Recorded Treasury, The Hon Mr. Smeaton C.I.E. No. 2404W.

Dated 30 August 1897.

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SUBJECT

County: letter from S.E.,  
Ireland, explaining his  
action in the matter of fixing  
suitable works for famine  
relief in the neighbourhood  
of...

The P.W.D.  
The Famine Commission

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P.W. DEPARTMENT.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer I Circd., 10.5/450, dated 14th August 1897:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of G.O. No. 1035 of 9th instant communicating order No. 1058 M.S., dated 20th July 1897 and greatly regret, that ~~though~~ a misrepresentation of facts, Government should have been put to the trouble which I may be allowed to observe, was quite unnecessary, of reminding me of my duty.

2. As usual the Collector of Vizagapatam has again been in rather too great a hurry to incaluate this Department. In his letter printed with Board's proceedings 10.5314 of 21st July 1897 (now under reply) the Collector states "I have received from the Superintending Engineer no reply to my letter read at the head at ~~the~~ of the said proceedings".

3. How to return start with, I have been most prompt, in replying to and disposing of all letters connected with Revenue.

4. And although I did not reply directly to this particular letter, I at once (on 21-8-97) acted on it and after making inquiry with the Executive Engineer, intimated to him in my No. 402 V.2., of 4th July that the works under reference could be carried out as Relief works, though a waste of money from an engineering point of view. Prior to receipt of this letter, I had received the Collector's reference on current 10.2400 of 18-2-97. I received this on 21st June and replied the very next day in my No. 345 V.2., of 21-6-97. In this letter I gave every information I possibly could and further suggested a large work of great public utility which would have afforded employment to thousands of coolies.

5. In his next report to the Board, the collector should, I consider have submitted this letter for orders (it was also a full reply to ~~his~~ <sup>the letters in fact crossed,</sup> No. 440 of 21-3-97), but instead, he wrote me a short reply <sup>to which he stated he had received no reply.</sup> (also numbered 240 of 23-3-97) requesting me to sanction more works in Sarvasiddhi and Falkonda taluqs (which was impossible for me to do) and stating that it was useless suggesting amendments of the code.

6. That my suggestions have not been altogether useless is shown by G.O. No. 485 of 21-3-97 and if the collector had in this case laid them before the Board, his time might have been better utilised than it has been.

7. Immediately on receipt of Board's proceedings No. 5049 of 7th July 1897, forwarded with P.O. Memorandum No. 854 of 17th Idar, I addressed you in my letter No. C/353 of 2-7-97 and forwarded

a copy of my afore mentioned letter to the collector. But it would not of course, have reached you in time to explain the collector's allegations contained in the present proceedings.

8. In conclusion, I would beg to state that all along my fixed aim and principle has been <sup>to</sup> prevent the waste of money on useless works of the day, a hole and fill it again in again order, but I regret to say that much against my grain, certain works of the kind have had to be undertaken solely to provide means of relief.

9. The collector has explained his difficulties in respect to finding ~~work~~ <sup>best</sup> and starting new roads, which are really the ~~works~~ <sup>best</sup> adapted for relief; but yet he seems to be possessed of a fixed idea, that this Department can at a moment's notice evolve Irrigation works which shall be suitable for relief purposes and be at the same time so remunerative or of utility. The one work of this kind, which I could suggest, he flouted! Had that work been started the recent ~~ex~~ <sup>ex</sup> scare in Vizagapatam to open fresh works would have been averted as would also all the consequent trouble and ~~exp~~ <sup>exp</sup> in sending up Subordinates, who after all were not required! I trust this explanation will make it clear

to Government, that I have in no way failed in my duty.

Order thereon No. 2404W dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 1897.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference

to para 2 of G.O. No. 3958 <sup>Rev</sup> (XIX.), dated 28th July 1897.

( True extract )

*J. H. C.*

Under Secretary.

to  
the Revenue Department. ✓  
,, Superintending Engineer I Circle.

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