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[Despatch Abstract.]

Value of Public Works executed by famine labour.

Stating that orders will issue in the Public Works Department for recording the information required by the Government of India regarding the —, and for its submission to Govt., through the Famine Commission, on the cessation of relief operations in this Presidency; and requesting the Famine Commission to obtain similar particulars in regard to works carried out by the Revenue Department to instruct collectors of affected districts to deal fully in their final famine reports with the question whether in the present famine, the people have shown increased resources and more resisting power than in previous famines of like severity.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

FAMINE.

To

ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Hd. the Governor.

Circular No. $\frac{29}{210-1}$ F.

Order (Press)

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~~the & an. Comm. for information
and guidance.~~

Dated Simla, the 23rd August 1897.

SUBJECT.

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Requests that when the present famine operations are reviewed the report may contain an estimate of the value of public works executed by famine labour.

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Circular No. $\frac{29}{210-1}$ -F.

FROM

T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I. C. S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Famine.

Simla, the 23rd August 1897.

Issued on 25-8-97

SIR,

I am directed to request that when the time comes for reviewing the famine operations which are at present being carried on in the *Madras Presidency*, the report may contain a careful estimate of the value at ordinary rates of construction of the public works which have been executed by famine labour. The works should be classified into "major" and "minor" works, and also according to their character, as, for instance, earthwork, construction or repairs of unmetalled roads, metalling or remetalling roads, collecting metal, railway earthwork and other embankments, canal excavation, constructing or deepening tanks and the like.

2. The report should also state to what extent the works are of a permanent character and distinct public utility, or to what extent their value is temporary and their public utility doubtful. The Government of India attach great importance to this information being given as fairly and accurately as possible. They are aware that works have not unseldom to be undertaken for relief purposes which will not be of lasting value and may not be really required. But they wish to ascertain what the country has to show in the way of durable improvements and new works of unquestioned value for the large expenditure which has necessarily been incurred this year in providing employment for the people.

3. The question has been raised as to whether in the present famine the people have shown increased resources and more resisting power than in previous famines of like severity. On this point the opinions of Local Governments

will be valuable, and together with any facts illustrating the question which may have come to notice, should be placed on record in the reports.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

- 1 The Hon Mr. G. C. I. E.
- 2 The Hon. Sir. H. R. H. H.
- 3 H. E. J. H. H. H.

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The information will be very
valuable, if it should lead, as I
hope it would to the adoption
of a system under which really
useful work will form the basis
of relief work in the future.

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G. C. (Pres) No. 772 of 9th Sept 1907

Orders will issue in the P.W.D.
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for ~~collecting~~ the information required
to in paras 1 and 2 of the letter
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gible form and for its submission
to Govt through the Finance Comm.
on the cessation of relief operations.
2 The Finance Comm. will arrange
for ~~the~~ to obtain
for ~~records~~ similar particulars
in regard to works carried out
by the R.D. and will instruct
the collectors of affected districts
to deal fully with the question
raised in para 3 in their final
Finance reports.

- 6 The Finance Comm.
- 5 The P.W.D.
- 1 The S. H. H.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India (Department of Revenue and Agriculture—Famine), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 23rd August 1897, Circular No. 29—210-1-F. :—

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ORDER—No. 772, Revenue, dated 9th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for recording the information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the

letter read above in a convenient and intelligible form, and for its submission to Government through the Famine Commissioner on the cessation of relief operations. The Famine Commissioner will arrange to obtain similar particulars in regard to works carried out by the Revenue Department and will instruct the Collectors of affected districts to deal fully with the question raised in paragraph 3 in their final famine reports.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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