

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 786

DATED 21st February 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Expressing the concurrence of Govt in the
remark of the Board of Revenue in its Progs
No. $\frac{330}{17-1-99}$ in regard to the provision of some
works in the Programme of Famine Relief works
in the Vizagapatam Dt; stating that Mr Horne
should be informed that no censure was intended
by Govt in G.O. 1442 of 23-3-98.

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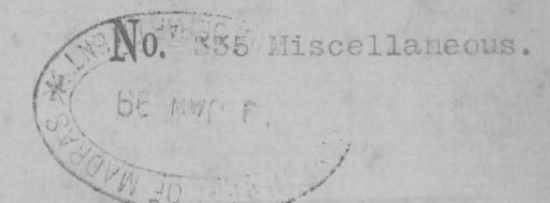
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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 486

From The Board of Revenue.
Revenue Settlement, Land Records &
Agriculture, Madras.

Order



Dated 17th January 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to the Collector of Vizagapatam, for information and guidance, G.O.R.D., recording, with remark, B.P. reviewing the Programme of Famine Relief Works in the Vizagapatam District, for the year 1898-99.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 17th January 1899.

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No. 335 Miscellaneous.

Read.....G.O. Revenue Department, No. 4839 Mis, dated 8th December 1898.

Read the following letter from W.O. Horne, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, Dis No. 4170 dated 14th December 1898:-

Forwarding to the Collector of Vizagapatam, for information and guidance, G.O. No. 666 dated 8th November 1898. Referring to Board's Proceedings dated 6th December 1898, No. 7035 Miscellaneous, I have the honor to observe that it is not clear from the

Government Order therewith communicated which works I am desired to consider with reference to their suitability for relief works.

2. Mr. Larminie's note, embodied in the Government Order suggests (1) Railway feeder roads and (2) the deepening of the Vizagapatam swamp with a view to providing additional tidal capacity which formed a portion of Mr. Thorowgood's scheme of harbour improvement. The second of the above is condemned in the Chief Engineer's note read in the same Government Order, and the scheme of which it forms a part has ^{never} been accepted or approved. In fact, two special Public Works Officers are now engaged in devising some other scheme.

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atmt. with clearance
of vizagapatam
9 Nov 98*

C. No. 486 of 1899.

From the Board of Rev (Rev. Secy).

Dated 17 — 1 — 1899.

FOR ORDERS.To the Under Secretary

Please see Notes
by the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation and the Chief
Engineer, P.W.D under G.O.
666 Res containing suggest-
8-11-98
ions as to famine relief
works in Vizagapatam. The
works suggested by the C.E.S
were:—

- (1) The deepening of the
Vizagapatam Swamp ^(this which was proposed) with
a view to providing additional
tidal capacity, which he
said, formed a portion of
Mr. Mavor's scheme
of harbour improvement.
- (2) Making up of tank
bunds to a heavier section
than is now in vogue.
- (3) Silt clearance in tanks

(4)

(3). As to feeder roads, they are suitable enough as means of providing work, but Mr. Larminie makes no suggestion to get over the difficulty, which I have pointed out, of providing the land. Moreover the District Board has already a greater mileage of road than it can satisfactorily maintain.

(4). Para 6 of ^{Mr} Larminie's note is not accurate, and is certainly based on insufficient information. I believe I am correct in saying that that officer never saw more than two relief works throughout the Famine in Vizagapatam. His statement that they were overdone I absolutely and unconditionally deny and protest against.

(5). The notes of the Public Works Department Officers leave the question exactly where it was, and in the next Famine, there will again be nothing to do but break useless stones, and the Collector of the day will doubtless encounter the same censure as I have done in para 2 of G.O. No. 1442 Revenue dated 23rd March 1898.

Resolution:—

The G. O. read above, will be communicated to the Collector of Vizagapatam for information and guidance. As understood by the Board, the course recommended by the Public Works Department in the G. O. alluded to is primarily the same as that referred to in Board's Proceedings No. 430 dated 28th November 1898. In Government Taluks, after the circumstances of all the irrigation works have been considered, further provision for famine relief should take the form of constructing railway feeder roads.

2. The second paper read, containing the Collector's remarks on the papers communicated in G. O. 666/8-11-98, will ^{now} be submitted to Government for information.

(True Copy and Extract).

Bernie
For Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Vizagapatam.

G.O. 486/1899

(4) Railway feeder roads.

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. approved of silt clearance and Railway feeder roads but was opposed to the excavation of the Swamp as it would bring a lot of famine stricken people into Vizagapatnam and do very little good.

The Hon. Mr. Arundel stated that it was for the Collector to decide whether the influx of famine labour was too great a drawback to deepening and draining the Swamps. The notes were forwarded to the Collector with a request that he should consider the suitability of the works suggested.

2. The Collector says that it is not clear what works he is requested to consider and that the notes of the P.W.D. leave the matter exactly where it was.

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In regard to the deepening of the swamps he says that Mr. Morawood's Scheme has never been accepted or approved and that two Special P.W. Officers are now engaged in devising some other Scheme. The other Scheme referred to is possibly the one referred to in the Marine Order under G.O. 1625, but the Collector's order of 29.3.97, apparently overlooks the consideration that the deepening of the swamps may be undertaken as a famine relief work quite independently of the harbour improvement project, if it is likely to prove beneficial or useful in ^{any} way, & if no other suitable work is available.

3. In regard to feeder roads the Collector says that they are suitable, but that there is the difficulty he had already pointed out, as to providing land, and that

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that the St Board has already a greater mileage than it can satisfactorily maintain. It is not quite clear what difficulty there is as to providing the land. In his letter No. 1112 R.C. printed at 4-4-98 page 3 of G.O. 666 8-11-98, he says that new roads were in many cases impossible owing to want of funds to acquire the necessary land: if this is the only difficulty, it is easily got over.

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4. The Board submits

The collector does not notice the suggestions about salt clearance & strengthening the section of tank bunds.

the letter with the remark the circumstances of all this that after irrigation works have been considered, further provision for famine relief should take the form of feeder roads. (vide

rs 6-2-99 B.P. 430 & 28 Nov 98 in G.O. 4981 & 16-12-98 in the suitability of tank bund strengthening work for famine relief.)

Since the Govt magazine with the B2 & with reference to para 5 of his Home's letter point out that no censure was intended. (The P.M. that the Govt has to blame the

Please see draft order below.

17th Dec 1898

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Revenue Department
Read B.P. 335 17-1-99 (Cuo 486)

G.O. no 786 21 Feb 1899

The Govt expresses its ~~concern~~ ^{concerns} in the Board's remarks in para 1 of its Prof read above.

2. Mr Home should be informed with reference to his letter No. 4170 & 14 Dec 98, that no censure whatever on the collector was intended to be conveyed by the terms of G.O. 1442 Rev & 22.3.98

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To the Board of Rev (Rev. Lett).
P. W. D. (Irrigation Branch)

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