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Provincial Services.

No. 169. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 29th June 1875, No. 1755:—

With reference to your letters noted in the margin, applying for a grant of Rupees 1,60,000 in all from the Imperial Revenues towards repairing the damages done by floods in certain districts of the Madras Presidency, I am directed to remark that the object of the expenditure appears to be a proper charge on Provincial or Local Funds, and it is observed that the amount asked for is chiefly required in aid of the District Local Funds. I am accordingly to suggest that the repairs should be effected from the existing resources of Local Funds, which appear to have a large balance* at their credit. I am at the same time to remind the Government of Madras of the opinion expressed by the late Lord Hobart, that the Public Works income of the Madras Presidency was more than sufficient for the wants of that department.

No. 243, dated 15th February 1875.
,, 1007, ,, 7th May 1875, and enclosures.

	Closing balance. £
*Actual, 1873-74	407,711
,, 1874-75	384,391
Budget, 1875-76	349,106

No. 170. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th July 1875, No. 1547.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency in Council, to acknowledge your letter, No. 1755, of 29th June ultimo.

2. The assistance asked by this Government was (1) 50,000 Rupees for relief measures on behalf of the population of a portion of the district of Nellore, which is suffering very severely from an unprecedented flood in the river Pennair. It is presumed that no specific justification is called for in respect of this application; a disaster of this kind having the same significance as a famine.

3. This Government asked (2) for a sum of Rupees 1,10,000 to be given as a special grant in aid to the Local Fund Boards of Tinnevelly and North Arcot, towards the repair of certain roads and bridges (including the magnificent structure which was raised across the Palar twenty years ago, to connect the Madras Railway Station at Vellore with the adjacent fertile and populous tracts) destroyed by the tremendous freshes of November last. Fortunately in these districts, the same distress did not result as in Nellore.

4. The Government of India, however, suggest, that this sum should be met from the existing resources of Local Funds, and advert to the total of their closing balances. In reply I am directed to observe that these balances are not unappropriated; that they are, in great measure, already hypothecated to meet annually-recurring charges; that the average for each of the twenty mofussil districts (about 6914 square miles each) comes to two lakhs of Rupees only; and that the law provides that the funds raised in each Circle shall be applied (with one

Madras Act IV., 1871, Sections 26 and 27.

exception which does not arise in the present case) within the Circle whence they are derived.

5. The Government of Madras is reminded, in conclusion, "of the opinion expressed by the late Lord Hobart, that the Public Works income of the Presidency is more than sufficient for the wants of that department." His Excellency in Council is not aware that Lord Hobart ever broadly said as much as this. He held a strong persuasion that funds were urgently required for elementary education "an object far more important than local roads" as he considered it; and he desired to divert grants from Road-making to Public Instruction, not because the Department of Public Works expended too much absolutely but relatively :— with reference, that is, as he expressed it, to the general expenditure and to the requirements of the country in other respects.

6. The question, however, is not what opinion was held by Lord Hobart, but whether the opinion ascribed to him is a correct one. The wants of the country in the matter of communications are described in considerable detail in the Minutes of his Colleagues. Not to mention unbridged rivers, detaining traffic for weeks on their banks, it was shown that there is but one mile of road (including roads half made and out of repair) to every nine square miles of territory, and that after setting aside the money required for Maintenance and Supervision (which latter stands at a very high percentage, in deference to Imperial interests), £80,000 a-year is all that is left for new works. The main communications can alone be attended to: "not a mile of parish or village road has been made."

Proceedings, Financial Department, dated 24th August 1874.

7. The Secretary of State, it may be added, agreed with Lord Hobart's Colleagues in their dissent from His Lordship's proposals; and the Governor in Council trusts that the present explanation may remove the hesitation which the Government of India entertained to a compliance with his solicitation for a special grant in aid.

From Secretary of State, Revenue No. 30, dated 10th December 1874.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Lxd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of 1875 No. 1753

FINANCIAL.

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Financial Department.

Dated 7th July, 1875.

Issued

Read

Provincial Services.—A further application made to the Government of India for the required special grant from Imperial Funds to meet the cost of repairing the damages done by floods in certain districts of the Presidency.

G.O., 20th July 1875, No. 1337.

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Nos. 169-170.

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To,

The Chief Secretary to the
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Simla
The 29th June 1875 }

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A. Mackenzie

Secy: to the Govt of India

28/6

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Simla 18th June 1875

No 1537

From

The Secretary to the Government of India

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Public Works Department

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether the Nilgiri Railway Project has been submitted to the Secretary of State for India in Council, and if so, what is the present position of the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

A. Mackenzie

Secy: to the Govt of India

Revenue Depts dep 5/7/75

No 1537. Financial Dept

To Secy Govt. India, Fin. Depts

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Received Mr de Pelet's letter dated 26/7/75 with all documents & communications relative to the application for special grant

Sanction. Agree with the draft as far as it goes. I think that it should go further.

J.S.K.

Letter issued & print sent for information & comments to Govt of Madras & Govt for Provincial Services

contributing our average previous
expenditure to the grant under the Provinces. If that under has
& shown expenditure will be the
basis & be enhanced.
communications likely to meet
with. Ordinary demands.
If the materials & estimates called
for cannot be furnished by the
Govt of India & Lord Mayo
be communicated to Lord Salisbury
with a view to the Secretary of State
representing to Parliament the
necessity of providing additional
funds for productive public works.

H.

Madras Act II/71
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I agree with the draft & on
reflection I think we had
better go up separately with
a despatch on the unfairness
of maintaining the Provincial
Service grant at the low
figure assigned during
a year of exaggerated Fin-
-ancial pressure. I am afraid
we shall not get this
corrected except by the
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it will make our case all
the stronger. In the mean time
we had better try & get the money
we so urgently require. H.H

Pol. Financ.
24 Aug 74

The opinion referred to here

From Secy of State
Revenue No 30
4/10-12-74.

Ord
26 July 1875

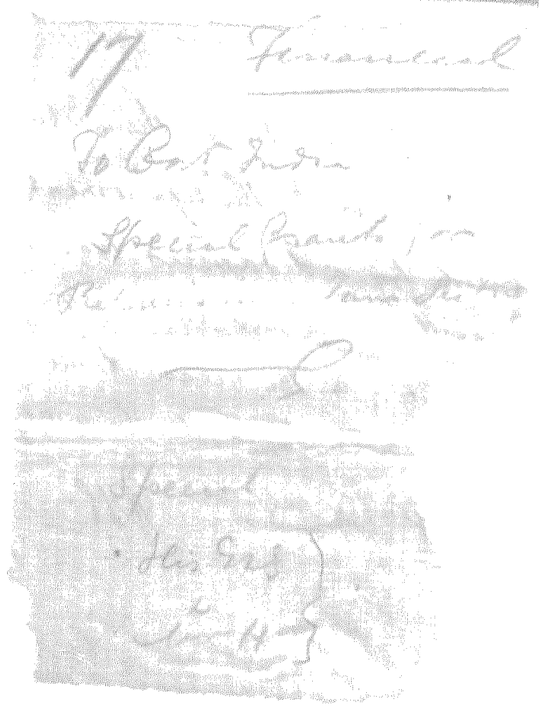
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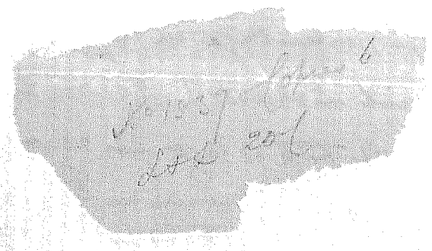
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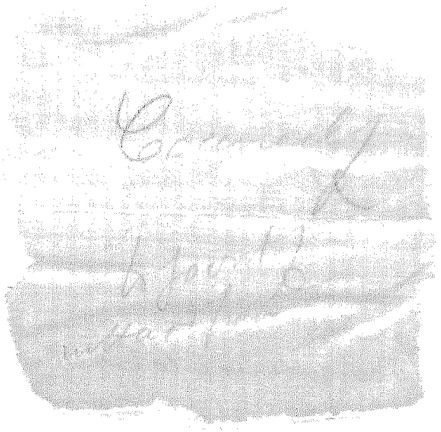
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Govt. of India, Madras.

Financial

G.O. 26 July 1875. No. 1537

Nos. 169-70

Provincial Services. Application for further application made to the Government of India for the required special grant from Imperial funds to meet the cost of repairing the damage done by floods in certain Districts of this Presidency.