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JANUARY.

Famine.

Considering that expenditure on ordinary public works of the masonry class should be restricted as far as possible, but that it is desirable to continue outlay on tank repairs, &c., likely to give employment to the needy among the agricultural classes, even in the less-affected districts.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that expenditure on ordinary public works of the masonry class, which cannot afford substantial relief to the poor, should be restricted as far as possible; but that it is desirable to continue outlay on tank repairs, earth-works, &c., likely to give employment to the needy among the agricultural classes even in the less affected districts.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 795, Financial, dated 19th November 1896.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department stopping all expenditure on works the execution of which can be postponed without loss to the public revenues and without curtailing the work available in the affected districts.

Read—also the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th December 1896, Mis. No. 6729.

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 4836, Revenue, dated 27th November 1896.

Resolution—dated 18th December 1896, Mis. No. 6729.

Communicated to the officers in charge of Revenue Settlement Parties, the Deputy Director of Land Records and Agriculture, and the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, for information and guidance.

2. The Board would, however, point out that the restriction of the ordinary public works in any district where prices are high must cause considerable suffering to the people who are usually in part dependent on their earnings in the execution of such works and will throw a large number of professional labourers out of employment.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Officers concerned.

„ Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Endorsement, Mis. No. 5367, Revenue.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 795, Financial, dated 19th November 1896.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th December 1896.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

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J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

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G.O., No. 795, 19th November 1896.

NOVEMBER.

Famine.

Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary the Government of India Resolution urging the observance of all practicable economy in the expenditure of Government; and requesting the Public Works, Local and Municipal and Marine departments to stop all expenditure on works the execution of which can be postponed without loss to the public revenues and without curtailing the work available in the affected districts.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Salaries, Establishments, &c.—Famine Relief), dated Simla, the 2nd November 1896, No. 4718-Ex.

Resolution.—The Government of India regret to have to call the attention of the Local Governments to the pressing demands upon the treasury which are arising, to a greater extent every day, out of the approaching scarcity. These demands will press with equal force upon Local, Provincial and Imperial resources, and it is necessary for the Governments, both Local and Imperial, to husband their resources as much as possible in view to meeting the peremptory requirements of the situation.

2. So far as present information goes, hardly any Government seems to be free from the possible necessity of having to meet, within its own borders, expenditure on account of famine relief. But whether in view of the demands that may arise within its own districts or with a view of relieving as far as possible the strain that will undoubtedly fall upon the general resources of the treasury, it is incumbent upon each Government to pass its current expenditure under review and to see whether it cannot, by postponing or avoiding some of the expenditure which it had in contemplation before the present scarcity declared itself, strengthen its own hands and those of the Imperial Government to meet the crisis.

3. It should be understood that the warning, which the Government of India think it advisable now to issue, is not meant to foreshadow any demand upon provincial balances. Most Provincial Governments are unfortunately likely to have the fullest employment for them. What the Government of India desire is to make the funds in the treasury more largely available for famine purposes by postponing any other expenditure that can possibly be postponed.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be communicated to all departments of the Government of India; to all Local Governments and Administrations; and to the heads of departments subordinate to the Finance and Commerce Department.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 795, Financial, dated 19th November 1896.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary for information and guidance.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department stopping all expenditure on works the execution of which can be postponed without loss to the public revenues and without curtailing the work available in the affected districts.
3. Similar orders will issue in the Local and Municipal and Marine Departments.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

- To the Educational Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Marine Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Revenue Department.
" Departments of the Chief Secretariat.
" all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.

Revenue (189⁶) Department.

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From
The Board of Revenue,
Revenue Settlement, &c.,.

Order No. 5867 *his*
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Under Secy: to Govt.

Fort St. George
26th December 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to certain of-
ficers, G.O. Revenue Deptt. communi-
cating G.O. Financial Deptt., com-
municating the Govt. of India re-
solution urging the observance of
all practicable economy in the ex-
penditure of Government and point-
ing out that the restriction of
the ordinary Public Works in any
district, where prices are high,
must cause considerable suffering
to the people

The Chief Justice 4001.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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I quite agree with the Board, and in my opinion, instead of restricting ordinary Public Works in the districts where prices are high, they should be extended as far as possible. If works are restricted in such districts the probable result will be that relief works will have to be started.

SUBJECT.

Transf^d proceedings of the Board of Rev Settlements concerning certain officers G.O. Rev Dept. Commg. Finl Dept. G.O. concerning the point of India Resolution urging the observance of all practicable economy in the expenditure of Govt. of India. That the restriction of the ordinary Public Works in any dist. where prices are high must cause considerable suffering to the people.

G. M. Cassell Clerk
Chuffengrue P. W. D.
To the Chief Secy to Govt.

BACK PAPERS.

It does not seem to me that ordinary public works of the masonry class will do much for the poor - most of the money goes on more or less skilled labour. However, the period of low balance, about which India was anxious is pretty well over. But nevertheless, there is reason for restricting P.W. expenditure, for a reason that can be postponed without difficulty, for we are in a very bad way financially, shall be positively bankrupt next year -

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Yes, the state of our finances makes it desirable to stop expenditure where we can, but the consideration brought forward into the R.D. may make it desirable to go on with some expenditure & it will be stopped.

I agree with Hon. members. With Mr. Bliss, I think we might and should stop work of the masonry class, - and the P.W. D. have orders to that effect. I agree with Mr. Gani that we should go on with works, such as tank repairs, earth works &c., which would give employment to the needy persons. Even in such districts as Chingleput and S. Arcot. I have just talked to Mr. Brown on this matter, & I am expressing his views.

A.S. 20.1.97

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Rev. R. S. S. S. S.
Rev. H. S. S. S. S.

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AK.
22.1.97.

(From orders)

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To

The Revenue Department
--- Public Works Department.
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