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DECEMBER.

Famine Expenditure.

Recording letter from the Government of India stating that all additional grants on account of — may, for the present, be treated as Imperial grants; and sanctioning the additional grant of two lakhs applied for by the Board of Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. Nos. 902, 903, Financial, dated 6th November 1897.

Read—the following papers:—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 28th October 1897, No. 3359.

I have the honour to forward the accompanying application, Mis. No. 3889, dated 16th October 1897, from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) for an additional allotment for the current year of at least Rs. 2,00,000 under 3. Land Revenue—Charges of District Administration.

2. Increased expenditure due mainly to famine is anticipated under the following heads:—

- (i) Fees for searches in Registration offices.
- (ii) Travelling allowances.
- (iii) Postage and telegrams.
- (iv) Temporary establishments.
- (v) Famine batta.

As the proportionate budget grant for the first five months of the current year has already been exceeded by Rs. 1,32,000, the additional grant of Rs. 2,00,000 asked for by the Board is not, I think, too much.

3. The source from which this sum is to be met has, however, to be determined.

4. Article 295 (a) of the Civil Account Code states that the Local Government can sanction an increase under any Provincial or Local major head only if the aggregate budget grant for Provincial and Local expenditure is not exceeded. The aggregate Provincial and Local budget grant for famine relief for both Civil and Public Works departments for the current year is Rs. 18,11,000 and Rs. 64,96,000 have since been sanctioned by the Government of India in addition. The question whether the additional grants are intended to raise the original budget grant under Provincial and Local or whether they are to be regarded as Imperial grants does not appear to have been raised and settled.

5. If they are to be treated as Imperial grants, the corresponding actual expenditure will also be booked as Imperial. This will set free the Provincial savings under certain heads to meet excesses under others, and there is no technical objection to the Local Government sanctioning re-appropriation without reference to the Government of India.

6. But, if they are to be treated as additions to the Provincial grant, the sanction of the Government of India will be necessary for each and every re-appropriation under the article above quoted.

7. In the circumstances, I respectfully request that Government may be pleased to address the Government of India on the subject at a very early date and obtain its decision.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 3889, dated 16th October 1897.

Read—the following papers:—

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, Madras, No. 125, dated 9th September 1897, on application for additional allotment received from the Collector of Vizagapatam, Ref. C. No. 333-Acc. of 1897, dated 26th August 1897.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

2. Also letter from F. C. Harrison, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, No. 2849, dated 14th September 1897, requesting that the sanction for additional allotment be applied for the excess over the budget spent under 3. Land Revenue—Charges of District Administration.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3889, dated 16th October 1897.

Submitted to Government.

2. According to the Board's revised estimates of charges for the current year under "3-A. Land Revenue—Charges of District Administration", as exhibited in the accompanying statement, the anticipated net excess expenditure amounts to Rs. 2,48,498. The reasons for the several variations are fully explained in Board's Proceedings, No. 336, dated 12th October 1897, submitting the budget estimate of charges for 1898-99. The Board requests that Government will be pleased to sanction an additional allotment of at least two lakhs of rupees from the reserve at its disposal for meeting the increased expenditure.

3. The additional allotment of Rs. 140 asked for by the Collector of Vizagapatam under "30-C. Stationery and Printing—Collectorate Presses" is sanctioned from the reserve of Rs. 337 in column 152 of the statement appended to the Board's Proceedings, No. 258, dated 26th July 1897.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
through the Accountant-General.

Collector of Vizagapatam.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 5th November 1897, C. No. 3411.

Your No. 3359, 28th October. Please see paragraph 5 of India's letter, No. 1400-A., dated 26th March 1897, which stated that Provincial Revenues will be charged with so much of famine expenditure as can be so charged without reducing the Provincial balances on 31st March 1898 below ten lakhs. From this it would appear that this Government is free to utilize savings under all other budget heads for re-appropriation, and that all famine expenditure in excess of the amount which would, at the end of year, reduce the minimum balance below ten lakhs will finally be charged to Imperial.

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 5th November 1897.

Your telephonic message of this forenoon. The closing sentence of paragraph 5 of Government of India letter, No. 1400-A., dated 26th March 1897, to which you allude merely explains why 1,311 was adopted as the Provincial share of famine relief

expenditure in the budget for the current year against the total estimate of 2,004. It does not say that Provincial is not to bear more than that amount, nor that the additional grants which thereafter may be sanctioned will be treated as Imperial. In the circumstances a reference to Government of India is, I think, necessary.

Order—Mis. No. 902, Financial, dated 6th November 1897.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Letter—Mis. No. 903, Financial, dated 6th November 1897, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

It is expected that the expenditure under 3. LAND REVENUE will, mainly on account of the famine, be exceeded by at least two lakhs and the Board of Revenue has applied for an additional allotment of this amount. Article 295 (a) of the Civil Account Code empowers this Government to sanction expenditure in excess of the budget grant under any Provincial or Local major head only when the aggregate budget grant for Provincial and Local expenditure is not thereby exceeded. The aggregate Provincial and Local budget grant for *Famine relief* for both the Civil and Public Works departments for the current year is Rs. 18,11,000 and a sum of Rupees 64,96,000 has since been sanctioned by the Government of India in addition. If the additional grants are intended to be treated as Imperial grants the corresponding actual expenditure will also be booked as Imperial. This will set free any Provincial savings which may be effected to meet excesses under other heads, and there will then be no technical objection to this Government sanctioning re-appropriation, where this is otherwise possible, without reference to the Government of India. If, however, the additional grants are to be treated as additions to the Provincial grant the sanction of the Government of India will be necessary for each and every re-appropriation under the article referred to above.

2. In these circumstances I am directed to request that the orders of the Government of India as to the treatment of the additional grants under 33. *Famine relief* may be communicated at a very early date.

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

Read—also the following paper:—

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 16th November 1897, No. 5049-A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, Mis. No. 903, Financial, dated the 6th November 1897, requesting orders as to whether the additional grants, amounting to Rs. 64,96,000, sanctioned under "33. *Famine relief*," during the current official year should be treated as Imperial or Provincial.

2. In reply, I am to say that the distribution of the expenditure incurred this year on famine relief between Imperial, Provincial and Local will be settled later, but that for the present the additional grants sanctioned or which may hereafter be sanctioned under "33. *Famine relief*" may, for the purpose of deciding whether re-appropriations between Provincial heads are admissible, be treated as Imperial grants.

Copy, with a copy of the letter to which this is a reply, forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information.

ORDER—No. 1029, Financial, dated 8th December 1897.

Recorded.

2. The additional allotment of two lakhs applied for by the Board is sanctioned from savings under 5. SALT, 11. FOREST and 22. EDUCATION.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

- " Revenue Department.
- " Board of Revenue.
- " Educational Department.

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that savings of 1.26, .50 and
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three heads referred to above.

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