

Financial (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 227

DATED 11-3-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the separate orders regarding powers of the Dt. Boards
to sanction allotments for unforeseen expenditure from their
balances & about provision for famine being made in the estimates
for famine districts, referred to in L. & M.C.O. No. 419 d/ 1-3-97,
will be awaited.

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Mr. Secy. Gen. No. 227 of 11-3-97

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READ—the following paper:—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 16th February 1897, No. 532.

With reference to G.O., No. 891, Financial, dated the 18th of December 1896, I have the honour to forward the accompanying estimate of Local Funds (Act V of 1884) for 1897-98 showing the results of the consolidation of estimates received from the Presidents of District Boards, and to request that I may be furnished with the orders of Government for communication to the Government of India as soon as possible.

2. The Government of India are very adverse to making alterations in the estimates at a late period. It is therefore very necessary that the Presidents of District Boards should submit their estimates punctually before the 20th of January so as to estimates from North Arcot and Anantapur were received only on the 8th and 13th instant respectively.

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Statement D forwarded in my letter, No. 453, dated the 9th February, may be of some assistance to Government in this connection.

Endorsement No 450.

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department.

(Signed) A. R. KNAPP,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

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(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
" the Financial Department.
" all Presidents of District Boards.

Financial Department.

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

Chief Secy

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

To

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Dated 5th Feby 1897.

Para 1 of p. No 469 L &
1st March is of general ap-
plication, and as the detailed
review of West Broad budgets
will not be completed for some
time to come, you may retain
the figures ^{under local} now before Iuris-
tice not be altered at present.
~~Financial~~ ^{Sept} ~~Orders in the~~ Fund will be
passed only after the subject referred
to in para 3 has been fully
considered & disposed of -

M.
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Ans. The whole system of Local
fund estimates & accounts as at
present maintained requires amend-
ing, as there is an enormous red-
undancy of detail.

Return please
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taken from, and a wide
 discrepancy between the
 Finance acts of the past year
 & those on the local books -
 The accounts contained in
 paras 3 to 5 ^{of his letter} are perfectly
 correct, & the L.A. order
 (para 1) is quite unreasonable <sup>(but para 1 refers
 to para 1 & 4 x
 not to 3 & 5 of the
 A.G.'s letter)</sup>
 but so long as the dual system
 of accounts continued in force,
 nothing can be done - The subject
 can be taken up, (after the
 Legislative Council meeting on the
 10th inst), when final
 orders are passed on the subject
 referred to in para 3 of the L.A.
 order.

M.
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"in para 1 & 4
 was meant"

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The chief Secy
 Ind. Dept.

The Secy Genl

Please see G.O. No. 413 of 28/12/96
 of L.A. Dept. & I have not received
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 as the latest date fixed for the
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