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Audit of the Accounts of the Famine Charitable Relief Fund.

Letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, communicating the ruling of the Comptroller-General that the — should not be undertaken by Government officers in their official capacity, communicated to the Honorary Secretaries, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund, Madras Branch.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 2874, Revenue, dated 5th June 1897:—

Read—the following letter from the Honorary Secretaries, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund, Madras Branch, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 31st May 1897:—

We are desired by the Executive Committee to enquire whether Government would kindly allow the necessary audits of the Famine Fund accounts of each district fund a considerable sum in audit fees, besides guaranteeing the correctness of the audit in the eyes of Government and of the public. The work will not be very onerous and it will not, of course, entail any travelling or general supervision of actual expenditure.

2. We enclose forms of accounts which have been ordered to be maintained by the district and local committees.

Order—Mis. No. 2874, Revenue, dated 5th June 1897.

Referred for remarks to the Accountant-General, to whom the Honorary Secretaries of the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund will be requested to forward the forms of accounts referred to in paragraph 2 of their letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
„ Honorary Secretaries.

READ—again G.O., No. 1259, Revenue, dated 6th July 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, pending receipt of the further communication promised, letter from the Accountant-General informing that a reference to the Comptroller-General regarding the proposal to require Treasury officers to audit the expenditure of the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund in their respective districts has been made and that, on receipt of reply, the matter will be communicated.

READ—also the following letter from F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 19th July 1897, No. 2202:—

In reply to G.O., Mis. No. 2874, dated the 5th June 1897, and in continuation of my letter, No. 1978, dated 2nd July 1897, I have the honour to state that the Comptroller-General has replied to my reference that no audit of the accounts of the Famine Charitable Relief Fund should be undertaken by Government officers in their official capacity. A copy of his letter is enclosed.

The letter of the Honorary Secretaries of the Fund, received with the Government Order under reply, is returned.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Comptroller-General, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, the 14th July 1897, No. 751.

In reply to your letter, No. 1977 of the 2nd July 1897, I have the honour to inform you that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund is, as I understand, the matter, a private fund, for the administration of which Government can assume no responsibility, not even indirectly, by lending the services of their officers for the purposes of audit. No audit, therefore, of the accounts of the Fund by Government officers in their official capacity should, in my opinion, be undertaken. There is, of course, no objection to Government officials serving on the Committees of this fund, and undertaking in an honorary and purely private capacity, the duty of examining the accounts. Such an examination, however, would be made on behalf of the Committee of the Fund, and not on behalf of the Government, and for this, if the work is performed in an honorary and not a paid capacity, no orders of Government appear to be either necessary or desirable.

2. I may add that the views above expressed are also those of the Central Committee of the fund who do not wish for, or consider, as at all practicable, an audit by Government officers as such.

ORDER—No. 639, Revenue, dated 27th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Honorary Secretaries, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund, Madras Branch.

(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretaries (Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund).
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Famine Commissioner.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. Md. Pahlavar.

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