

Financial (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 718

Dated 3-9-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording proceedings of the Rev. Dept.
on Board's proceedings, communicating to
the Collectors of affected districts Rev. Dept.
G.O. directing that in the case of Public
works expenditure the amount of interest
should not be overdrawn.

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CURRENT No. *2722*

From

The Rev. Dept.

Order No. 718 of 28th September '97

*Recorded in continuation of
G.O. No. 596 Int. of 30.7.97*

No. 4382 Mis.

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Dated 21st Aug. 1897.

Received 2nd Sep '97

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Accl Genl Lp of Revenue order

with s.d. of Bd's (pres).

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memo sent to R.D.
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SUBJECT

*Recording R.P. Com-
municating to the Collrs.
of affected districts with
remarks G.O., Rev. Dept.
directing that in the case of
P.W. Expenditure, the amount
of imprest should not be
overdrawn.*

WITH ORDER

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Recd.

Enclosures

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Proceedings, No. 567, 14th August 1897.

AUGUST.

Public Works expenditure. —Communicating to Collectors of affected districts, with remarks, Government Order, Revenue Department, directing that in the case of — the amount of imprest should not be overdrawn.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following G.O., No. 596, Financial, dated 30th July 1897:—

Read—the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 22nd July 1897, No. I.A.C.B-268 A.:—

In submitting for the orders of Government the accompanying copy of letter, No. 389 A., dated 17th instant, with its enclosures, from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, I have the honour to bring to notice the delay on the part of Tahsildars in the Kurnool district in furnishing vouchers for the adjustment of amounts drawn from the treasury on account of expenditure on famine-relief. In spite of frequent reminders from this office, no detailed bills have been furnished yet, on account of expenditure on gratuitous relief and communications.

2. The delay brought to notice by the Public Works Department is still more serious. It frequently happens that when Tahsildars find that they cannot obtain funds from that department, they draw advances from the treasury for expenditure on works under its control. This procedure, I need hardly point out, is not only irregular, but is likely to lead to confusion and differences between the Civil and Public Works accounts. I have so far tolerated it simply from the fear that the refusal to meet their irregular drafts might cause delay in the relief of distress.

3. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that early orders on the subject be issued making it imperative on all Tahsildars and other disbursing officers to keep within the amount of their imprests in the case of Public Works expenditure, and in other cases to furnish detailed bills as soon as money has been disbursed. The requirements of the Public Works Department would be met if Tahsildars are directed to send in their accounts twice a week regularly as proposed by the Executive Engineer, Kurnool division.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. A. DENNYS, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Accountant-General, dated 17th July 1897, No. 389 A.

Referring to the correspondence ending with this office No. 342 A, dated 5th instant, I

No. 1840, dated 12th July 1897, from Executive Engineer, Kurnool, to Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
No. 1527, dated 25th June 1897, from Executive Engineer, Kurnool, to Collector of Kurnool.

have the honour to forward herewith copies of the marginally-noted papers for your information and such action as may be thought necessary towards obviating delays of the kind complained of.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. C. JOHNSTON, Esq., Executive Engineer, Kurnool Division, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated 12th July 1897, No. 1840.

With reference to your No. 341 A, dated 5th July 1897, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of my letter No. 1527, dated 25th June 1897 addressed to the Collector, Kurnool, on this subject, which will show whether this office is to blame in this respect.

The promptness with which this matter has to be attended to is understood and consequently steps are being taken to clear off the arrears.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Copy of the letter from the Executive Engineer, Kurnool Division, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 25th June 1897, No. 1527.

With reference to your No. 298 Accts. of 1897, I have the honour to inform you that, when the sub-divisional officers were relieved of the recoupment of the Tahsildars' accounts and the work was taken up by my office in April last it was found that there were great arrears. In some cases no nominal muster-rolls had been submitted for months together and in other cases the Tahsildars had sent in their accounts covering long periods. The shorter the periods between the submission of imprest accounts the smaller need the imprest amounts be. The imprests now with Tahsildars cover about a fortnight's expenditure, so if Tahsildars delay the submission of accounts for three weeks or four weeks they must necessarily run out of funds.

2. Most of the Tahsildars have not up to 19th instant submitted a single roll for June.

3. If accounts could be sent twice a week regularly there would be quick recoupments. A small account is soon checked and settled with; but when a three weeks or a month's account comes in at one time with almost a cart-load of vouchers, then there must be a proportionate delay in recoupment.

4. The Tahsildars have imprests as under:—

	RS.
Pattikonda	25,000
Koilkuntla	15,000
Sirvel	20,000
Ramallakot	10,000
Nandyal	5,000

These are quite large enough if accounts are promptly submitted.

Order—No. 596, Financial, dated 30th July 1897.

Communicated to the Revenue and Public Works Departments with the request that orders may issue at an early date in the sense of paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. J. WILSON,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Famine Commissioner.

READ—also the following G.O., Mis. No. 4090, Revenue, dated 6th August 1897:—

Read—Proceedings of the Financial Department, No. 596, dated 30th July 1897.

Order thereon—Mis. No. 4090, Revenue, dated 6th August 1897.

Communicated to the Famine Commissioner in view to the issue of very early instructions in the sense suggested in paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's letter. Prompt steps should be taken to ensure that the dangerous irregularities brought to notice are put a stop to so far as the Revenue Department is concerned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.

4 BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGR.), No. 567, 14TH AUG. 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 567, dated 14th August 1897.

Communicated to the Collectors of affected districts for careful attention.

2. It is to be understood that imprest amounts are never to be overdrawn, and this can only be assured by a punctual submission of imprest accounts at short and regular intervals.

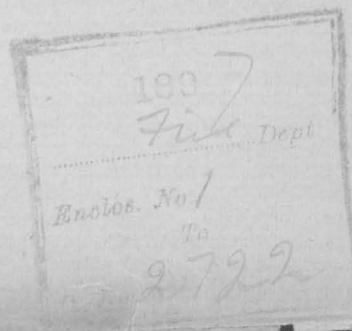
(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Collectors of affected districts.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ to other Collectors.

Exd. W. D'Moss.



F. 2,000—25-5-97.

CURRENT NO 2722

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

*Copy attached.

Read Proceedings* of the Board of
Revenue, Revenue Sett., No. 567 dated 14th August 1897.

ORDER thereon, No. 4382 Mis., dated 21st August 1897.

Recorded.

(True Extract)

[Signature]
Ag. Secy. to Government

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