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Financial (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 838

Dated 8- 10 - 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording proceedings of the Rev Deptt trans-
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for on the telegram from the Government
of India requesting certain information
as to the control under which advances
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SUBJECT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, (Rev. Sett., &c.)

No. 7729 Mis., dated 18th Sept. 1897.

Read Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 4822 Mis., dated 11th September 1897.

Resolution:-----

With reference to the G.O. read above, which reached the Board on 17th instant, the Board begs to state that it has, in its Proceedings No. 7595 Mis., dated 14th September 1897, reported the amounts advanced under the Loans Acts during the first five months of the current official year and the amounts applied for by Collectors for advances during the remaining seven months of the year.

2. With reference to the inquiry made by the Government of India as to what precautions and limitations are imposed upon disbursing officers, the Board begs to state that on receipt of G.O. No. 219 Revenue, dated 30th March 1897, the Collectors of all non-affected districts except Madura were directed to stop the grant of fresh loans, while those of the affected districts were requested to submit an estimate of the probable requirements in their districts for the current year, and the Collector of Madura was instructed to restrict the grant of loans to those cases only in which they are required for the conversion of dry lands under the Periyar to 'wet'. When, subsequently the resolution of the Government of India No. 1283A, Finance and Commerce Department, dated 16th March 1897, reducing the grant under the Loans Act to Rs. 2 and a half lakhs was communicated to the Board in Government Order No. 2268 Mis., Revenue, dated 5th May 1897, the Board reported at once that the loans disbursed in the affected districts up to 8th May exceeded the grant of Rs. 2 and a half lakhs and inquired whether further loans should be stopped, and on a reference made by

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Government, the Board reported in its Proceedings No. 3718 Wis., dated 25th May 1897 that the total requirements for the year under the Loans Acts might be taken at Rs. 12 lakhs, although the estimates of Collectors amounted to Rs. 16 lakhs. On receipt of G.O. No. 444 Financial dated 4th June 1897 in which Government remarked that the grant of loans in the affected districts need not be stopped but that loan operations should cease in non-affected districts except Madura, Collectors were instructed accordingly.

3. From the statements forwarded with Board's Proceedings, No. 7595 dated 14th September 1897, it will be seen that of the total amount of Rs. 12.87 lakhs disbursed up to the end of August last, Rs. 12.07 lakhs appertain to the affected districts. No extraordinary precautions nor special limitations have been imposed upon the Collectors of those districts, but it need not be doubted (1) that the loans have been granted on sufficient security and (2) that the special object in view in granting them has been to afford relief to distress either directly or indirectly. One half of the sum advanced in those districts has been granted under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, that is, mainly for the purchase of seed-grain and ploughing cattle; and the other half granted under the Land Improvement Loans Act has been mostly advanced for the extermination of "nuth grass" or under the special well rules, and unquestionably has had the effect of diminishing very considerably the numbers on Government relief works.

4. It may also be pointed out in this connection that on a recommendation made by the Collector of Bellary, that under the rules for the grant of loans for the relief of distress under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, small loans of about Rs. 20 each should be advanced in deserving cases to distressed pattadars, who were either already on relief works or likely to come upon them, the Collector was authorized, with the sanction of Government, to make such advances up to a limit of one lakh of rupees - Government Order No. 553 Revenue dated 10th July 1897; and that subsequently the Collectors of Kurnool, Anantapur and Cuddapah were also authorized to advance similar loans in their districts not exceeding Rs. 50,000, Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 6,000 respectively.

5. The Board notes that the Government order under reply is addressed to the Famine Commissioner. That officer is at present in the Northern Circars and as all business relating to loans has been dealt with in the Settlement Department, it has not been thought necessary to communicate with him before submitting this reply.

(True Extract)

/Signed/ H.V. Srinivasar,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

(True Copy)

G. H. Srinivasar
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, No. 7729 Mis., dated 18th Sept. 1897.

ORDER thereon, No. 4978 Mis., dated 21st September 1897.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of Endorsement No. 4894 dated 17th Sept. 1897.

2. Paras 3 & 4 of the Board's Proceedings are written under a misapprehension of the enquiry made by the Government of India in its telegram of the 6th September. The Government of India does not wish to know whether care is taken that loans are granted only in eligible cases or whether the rules promulgated under the loans Acts are duly observed, but how disbursing officers came to exceed the sanctioned grant. This enquiry has been answered in the endorsement referred to above.

(True Extract)

G. S. S. S.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the ~~xxxxxx~~ Financial Department.

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