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Famine Expenditure.

Communicating to the Revenue Department letter from the Government of India stating, with remarks, that a provision of Rs. 8,50,000 will be made in the budget estimates for 1898-99 for — ; and requesting to be furnished with a general report in accordance with rule X, article 48, of the Famine Code.

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at a very early date

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marks that provision of Rs. 8,50,000
will be made in the Budget esti-
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penditure and requesting that the
Govt. of Madras should furnish
a general report on the situation
of the character contemplated by
Rule I, article 4,8 of the Famine Code

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FROM

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Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.



Department of Revenue
and Agriculture.

(Famine)

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 121 (Financial) dated the 10th instant to the address of the Department of Finance and Commerce, forwarding copies of Proceedings Nos. 20 & 21 dated 11th January 1898 of the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department. From these Proceedings it appears that owing to the deficiency or failure of the N.E. monsoon it is anticipated that famine relief measures will be required in portions of the Nellore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chingleput, North Arcot and Trichinopoly districts, and that the probable expenditure on these relief measures during the year 1898-99 is estimated at Rs 8,49,144. I am to state that provision for an expenditure of Rs 8,50,000 will be made in the Budget Estimates for 1898-99 but I am directed to communicate at the same time the following remarks:

2. The necessity for the measures now contemplated arises from the deficiency of the N.E. monsoon which, it is feared, will result in famine over a portion of the area dependent on the rainfall of that season. The cause of distress is thus distinct from those which produced the famine from which portions of the Presidency

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apprehensions which are entertained are not fully justified by the facts, they think it right that before committing themselves to further famine operations the Government of Madras should furnish a general report on the situation of the character contemplated by Rule X, Article 48 of the Famine Code.

3. I am further to remark that it is apparently intended to spend on Test or Relief Works three quarters of the money allotted for expenditure on measures of relief. The Government of India are not in a position to form an opinion as to the character of the relief measures which are most suited to present requirements in the Madras Presidency. But I am to state that the experience of the past famine, in all the provinces affected by it, has thrown some doubt on the efficacy of the work test as a means of ascertaining the existence or the pressure of distress, and I am to invite the attention of the Madras Government to the expediency of placing more reliance during the earlier days of distress on relief given in the form of cooked food. When famine has established itself the necessity for a test is diminished, and work relief, however imperfectly tasks may be exacted, becomes the only means of providing for the needs of the population. But in the earlier stages of a scarcity it is the lowest classes which suffer, and the experience of some Provinces has demonstrated that people of these classes when really in need of food will accept it in cooked form, if it be provided for them at temporary village kitchens near their homes. Arrangements of this description have no doubt been tried in the Madras Presidency and it may be that there are local conditions which render them unsuitable. But in the opinion of the Government of India the success with which they have met elsewhere in relieving real distress efficiently and economically entitles them to

serious considerations under present circumstances.
I have the honor to
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. P. [Signature]
Office Secretary

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