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Loans.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 138, Financial, dated 12th February 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the subject of the irregularities brought to notice in the booking of the disbursements under class I. Loans in certain districts.

READ—also the following paper:—

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, Mis. No. 511, dated 31st January 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 388, dated 19th January 1898.

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 14th January 1898, Dis. No. 230:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9834, dated 9th December 1897, and Mis. No. 12, dated 3rd January 1898, I have the honour to submit the following explanation regarding the amounts disbursed during October and November 1897 under the Loans Acts in excess of the sanctioned allotment.

2. In this office telegram, dated 11th October 1897, the amount of loans disbursed from 1st to 8th October was stated to be Rs. 23,863 (Rs. 1,200 under Land Improvement Loans and Rs. 22,663 under Agricultural Loans Act), but this figure has since been found to be incorrect, as in reporting the figures some of the Tahsildars included the loans disbursed in September after the close of the treasury account for that month. The information furnished was wired as received, as there was then no means of checking the figures, the detailed vouchers not having been received in the Account branch.

3. The following statement shows the amounts disbursed during the different periods referred to in paragraph 2 of the Financial Government order communicated in the second of the Board's Proceedings under reply, as well as from the date of the closure of the treasury account for September to 6th October (inclusive):—

	RS.
From 26th to 30th September 1897	24,288
From 1st October to 6th October	3,930
From 7th October (the date of receipt of the Board's telegram of 6th Oct. 1897) to 11th October (the date of reply to the telegram) ..	5,480
From 12th to 21st October (the date of receipt of Board's Proceedings, No. 8499, dated 18th October 1897)	6,882
From 21st to end of October	4,701
In November	1,690
Total ..	46,971

From the above, it will be seen that a sum of Rs. 24,288 was disbursed in September 1897 though not brought to account till October, and that the actual amount advanced from 1st to 11th October 1897 was Rs. 9,410. The further grant of loans

should have been, according to the Board's telegram, dated 6th October, limited to Rs. 5,590 (15,000 — 9,410); but, in issuing orders to the Tahsildars on 7th October restricting the grant to Rs. 15,000, Mr. Stuart, owing no doubt to a mere slip, used the expression "Restrict future loans to—" instead of "Restrict loans from 1st October to—" and hence it was considered that Rs. 15,000 were available for expenditure from 7th October instead of from 1st idem only. The loans disbursed from the date of receipt of these orders by the Tahsildars to the date of receipt of the Board's telegram, dated 20th November 1897, directing that no further disbursements should be made amounted to Rs. 13,273, or less by Rs. 1,727 than what was supposed to be at the Tahsildar's disposal. Deducting the amount disbursed in September (Rs. 24,288), the expenditure from 1st October 1897 to 20th November 1897 (the date of receipt of the telegram stopping further loans) was Rs. 22,683. The net excess over the allotment of Rs. 15,000 (owing to the mistake committed in Mr. Stuart's draft of 7th October 1897) was therefore Rs. 7,683, and not Rs. 31,971, as remarked in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9834, dated 9th December 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 388, dated 19th January 1898.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.Os., Mis. Nos. 6234 and 6522, Revenue, dated 3rd December 1897 and 23rd December 1897, respectively, and in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 12, dated 3rd January 1898.

2. It will be seen from the Collector's letter read above that, of the sum of Rs. 45,281 referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1060, dated 17th December 1897, Financial, as having been advanced in the district in the month of October, Rupees 24,288 were disbursed in September but after the closing of the treasury accounts for that month, and therefore brought to account in October, and only Rs. 20,993 were actually disbursed in October; that the total amount disbursed in October and November was Rs. 22,683, or only Rs. 7,683 in excess of the limit of Rs. 15,000 prescribed in the Board's telegram, dated 6th October; and that this excess expenditure was due to the fact that, in communicating the telegram to Tahsildars, the Collector inadvertently used the expression "Restrict future loans to—" instead of "Restrict loans from 1st October to—" the amount referred to.

3. It is observed that, while the amount disbursed in October according to the Collector's report agrees with that recorded in the Accountant-General's statement, the advances reported to have been made in November differ as shown below:—

	RS.
According to Collector's report	1,690
According to the Accountant General's statement for November ..	2,820
Difference ..	1,130

The Collector is requested to explain the difference.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Bellary.

Endorsement—Mis. No. 511, Revenue, dated 31st January 1898.

Transferred to the Financial Department, with reference to G.O., No. 1060, dated 17th December 1897.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.).
" Financial Department.

ORDER—No. 214, Financial, dated 3rd March 1898.

The Collector of Bellary reports that of the sum of Rs. 45,281 referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1060, Financial, dated 17th December 1897, as having been advanced in the district in the month of October, Rs. 24,288 were actually disbursed in September but after the closing of the treasury accounts for that month, and therefore brought to account in October. The Accountant-General has already been requested in G.O., No. 138, Financial, dated 12th February 1898, to investigate the matter and to report the measures that should be adopted to prevent a recurrence of such irregularities. The present case will also be brought to his notice.

2. It further appears that the total amount disbursed in Bellary in October and November was Rs. 22,683, or Rs. 7,683 in excess of the limit of Rs. 15,000 prescribed in the Board's telegraphic order of the 6th October, and that this excess was due to the fact that, in communicating the telegram to Tahsildars, the Collector inadvertently used the expression "Restrict future loans to—" instead of "Restrict loans from 1st October to" the amount referred to. The omission of the Collector to carefully note the orders of the Board has contributed to the disregard of the explicit orders of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 372

From

The Revenue Department

Order

Ind No. 511

Dated 31st January 1898

Received 2-2-98

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SUBJECT.

Transferring to the Financial Dept with remark Board's Proceedings Submitting to Govt. letter from the Collr. of Bellary requesting the circumstances under which the allotment under the loans act prescribed for the district was exceeded & requesting him to explain the difference between the amounts disbursed in Novr. as reported by him and the Act-Genl.

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Note Issue order

*It is doubtful from
Mr. last remark whether
he intends para 2 to come
on corrected in the draft*

*No. This ^{Ans}
only a comment. 2/13/06
At 2.3.98.*

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. 1387, dated 12th February 1898. (p)

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

Current No. 372 of 1898, dated 31st January, from the Revenue Dept. (a)

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P.S.

ORDER. No 2149 3.3.98.

The ~~above~~ ^{above} ~~order~~ ^{order} of the Collector of Bellary reports that of the sum of Rs 45,281 referred to in para. 2 of G.O. No. 1060 Ld. of 17th December 1897, as having been advanced in the ~~2nd district~~ district in the month of October, Rs 24,288 were actually disbursed in September, but after the closing of the Treasury accounts for that month and therefore brought to account in October. The Accountant General has ^{in G.O. No. 1387 of 12/2/98} already been requested to investigate the matter and to report the measures that should be adopted to prevent

Of course the accounts should be closed on the same day for all purposes. I think I noted that before. As

a recurrence of such irregularities. The present case will also be brought to his notice.

2. It further appears that the total amount disbursed in Bellary in October and November was Rs 22,683 or Rs 7,683 in excess of the limit of Rs 15,000 prescribed in the Board's telegraphic orders of the 6th ~~1st~~ October, and that this excess was due to the fact that, in communicating the telegram to Tahsildars, the Collector inadvertently used the expression "Restrict future loans to -" ~~the limit of~~ "Restrict loans from 1st October to" the amount referred to. The Collector should have been more careful especially as the Board was particular in specifying the date from which loans were to be limited. Careful observation of orders, especially at critical times, would save them and Govt. much inconvenience.

The omission of the Col. to carefully note the orders of the Board has ^{contributed} led to the ~~disregard~~ disregard of the explicit orders of the G.O. 2.

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