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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording proceedings of the Rev. Dept.
explaining to the B. of Rev. the scope
of G.O. no 133 of 8.2.97 laying
down that all questions relating to
Famine finance shd be dealt with
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Accd Gnt (9101) From mltk d.c.

BC S. Ci of this Revenue order am Int order to
'Famine Dept. Please start a famine file in Budget
and one in one in 1898-99 commencing with the
Estimates in 1898-99 and pulling in this subsequent
Famine Finance.

Communicating with remarks to the Board of Revenue, for information and guidance, the
Financial Proceedings explaining in detail the scope of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th
February 1897, laying down that all questions relating to — should be dealt with in the
Financial Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following G.O., No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898 :—

Read—G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders in regard to the obtaining and provision of funds for famine-relief purposes and laying down the method in which the expenditure already incurred should be dealt with.

Order—No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898.

In paragraph 10 of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, it was decided that all questions relating to famine finance should be dealt with in the Financial Department. The procedure in regard to famine expenditure that prevailed during 1897 indicates that there has been serious misapprehension as to the scope of this order and that the Famine Commissioner and Collectors have not sufficiently recognized their positions as controlling authorities. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires therefore to impress on all Collectors that they are primarily responsible as controlling authorities for famine expenditure, and that they must not, except under circumstances of very great urgency, work without grants. The Board of Revenue is responsible for ensuring that grants are obtained by Collectors in sufficient time and that these are properly spent and accounted for. The Financial Department will continue to pass final orders on applications for grants received through the Revenue Department. In cases of urgency where time is of importance, Collectors may telegraph direct to the Financial Department, but such telegrams should invariably be supplemented by immediate applications in proper form through the Board of Revenue.

2. The Revenue Department and the Board of Revenue should maintain proper registers of sanctions, both of allotments and expenditure generally and of works and establishments in detail.

3. The Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts now submit to Government the actual expenditure of each month early in the succeeding month. These officers will be requested to furnish the Board of Revenue at the same time with a duplicate copy of the statements, and the Board will arrange to receive by the 5th of each month telegraphic intimation from Collectors of all affected districts of their probable requirements under each minor head for the current month and the remainder of the official year. These estimates and actuals should be tabulated in the recognized budget forms in the Board's office and should be submitted, after revision if necessary, to the Revenue Department for transmission to the Financial Department, with its remarks. The consolidated estimate should reach the Financial Department by the 10th of the month. By this means the Government will be placed in possession of a revised estimate of famine expenditure each month. The Revenue Department will be requested to issue such instructions as may be considered necessary to make these estimates complete as to the exhibition of numbers on relief and likely to come on relief.

4. The cause of the fluctuating nature of the accounts and estimates furnished by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will doubtless be brought to light by the

enquiries which have recently been initiated as to the course of Public Works expenditure on famine in 1897, but it is essential that the Revenue and Public Works Departments should look into this matter carefully in view of ascertaining whether further detailed instructions are necessary.

5. The Accountant-General will be requested to draw up a definite set of rules for the regulation of famine finance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
„ the Collectors of all districts.
„ the Accountant-General.

ORDER—No. 155, Revenue, dated 15th March 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance. The instructions contained in the con-

cluding sentence of paragraph 1 of the Proceedings read above will, however, be modified to the extent that the telegraphic applications from Collectors in urgent cases should be addressed to the Revenue, and not to the Financial, Department.

2. The consolidated abstract monthly statement of famine expenditure in each district, called for in paragraph 3 of the Proceedings, should be prepared in Form 1 appended to this order and submitted so as to reach Government in the Revenue Department not later than the 9th of each month. Arrangements should also be made to submit, at the same time, a statement showing the average daily number of persons on the several kinds of relief during each of the preceding months, and the numbers expected to come on relief during the current and each of the succeeding months of the year, full explanation being given of any large variation in the numbers estimated as likely to be on relief in any month. In districts in which relief measures are in progress, the Collectors should be instructed to include in their fortnightly narratives talukwar details of the works open and the average daily number of persons attending each work during the fortnight. Further, with reference to paragraph 2 of the above Proceedings, the Board of Revenue should obtain from Collectors and maintain, in Forms 2 and 3 appended, statements exhibiting in detail the works in progress and the special establishments entertained or dispensed with in each month.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Detailed Account No. 33-A.—cont.

1. Salaries and Establishments.	Relief camps.	Village circles.	Poor- houses.	Kit- chens.	Others.	Total for the month of	Total in previous months.	Grand total up to the end of
<i>Establishments—cont.</i>								
(vi) In tools' sheds — * * * () ...								
(vii) In weavers' department (Appendix VII)—								
(a) Appraising department— * * * () ...								
(b) Paying department— * * * () ...								
(c) Stock-keeping depart- ment— * * * () ...								
(viii) Office establishments (in detail— * * * () ... <i>Clerical Establishments</i> Audit establishment— * * * () ... Servants Scavengers, &c.								
Total ..								
<i>Allowances.</i>								
Travelling and tentage allowance of officers								
Travelling and tentage allowance of establishments								
Total ...								
Contingent expenses (in detail)— Tools, treasure chests; cooking utensils, eating vessels, baskets, &c.; repairs to sheds, fences, &c.; blankets; cloths, &c. (section 42) Firewood, &c.								
Total ...								
Grand Total, Salaries, Establish- ments, &c.								

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