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Recording Proceedings, Revenue Department, accepting and transferring to the Financial Department the Board's consolidated estimates of — likely to be necessary in case the next south-west monsoon fails.

Resolution—No. 182, dated 20th May 1898.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1627, Revenue, dated 7th April 1898, the Board begs to submit a consolidated estimate of famine expenditure likely to be necessary in case the next south-west monsoon fails (Appendix I). The latest Collector's report was received in the Board's office on May 13th, 1898. The Collectors' estimates are printed in italics and give a total of nearly 98 lakhs. The Board's estimate amounts to nearly 42 lakhs. It has been framed on the assumption that the rains of the north-east monsoon will be normal.

2. The memorandum in Appendix II gives briefly the data on which the Board's estimates are based.

3. The Collectors of the marginally-noted districts consider that no famine expenditure will be necessary in their districts under any circumstances, before the north-east monsoon is due, and in this opinion, the Board concurs. The Collectors' reports are submitted in original.

Gódávari.
Madras.
Tanjore.
Tinnevelly.
The Nilgiris.
Malabar.
South Canara.

4. As remarked by several Collectors no estimate based on anything better than conjecture can be framed at this stage.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's reports, in original, to be returned.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX I.

STATEMENT showing estimate of famine expenditure in case of the failure of the south-west monsoon during 1898–99.

33. Famine relief.	Ganjám.	Vizagapatam.	Gódávari.	Kistna.	Kurnool.	Bellary.	Anantapur.	Cuddapah.	Nellore.	Chingleput.	South Arcot.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salaries and establishments 33-A ..	45,000 *1,35,774*	20,000 *50,000*	.. ..	2,000 *81,414*	35,000 *33,200*	30,000 *29,500*	20,000 *9,922*	12,000 *10,100*	10,000 *2,334*	10,000 *3,264*	3,500 *3,132*
Revenue works in charge of Civil officers, 33-B.	30,000 *30,000*	20,000 *15,75,000*	.. ..	75,000 (*a*) *14,26,320*	25,000 *36,700*	65,000 *93,160*	20,000 *22,200*	20,000 (*a*) *1,60,000*	25,000 ..	10,000 *5,000*	5,000 *85,000*
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works, 33-C.	.. *84,000*	48,000 *4,35,000*	.. ..	.. ..	80,000 *1,15,000*	6,400 ..	4,800 *12,300*	48,000 ..	.. ..	8,000 *9,300*	.. ..
Gratuitous relief, 33-D	2,00,000 *7,78,800*	1,20,000 *5,25,000*	.. ..	30,000 ..	72,000 *1,05,500*	51,600 *66,500*	48,000 *16,830*	48,000 *10,000*	12,000 *5,325*	6,800 *9,800*	16,000 *20,000*
Miscellaneous, 33-E	1,500 *500*	1,000 *15,000*	.. ..	.. ..	3,000 *300*	1,000 *50*	5,000 ..	1,000 ..	1,000 ..	500 *500*	200 ..
Total, Civil Department ..	2,76,500	2,09,000	..	1,07,000	2,15,000	1,54,000	97,800	1,29,000	48,000	35,300	24,700
	10,29,074	*26,00,000*	..	*15,07,734*	*2,90,700*	*1,89,210*	*61,252*	*1,80,100*	*7,659*	*27,864*	*1,08,132*
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department, 33-F.	2 20,000 *7,82,500*	1,80,000 ..	.. ..	.. ..	8,30,000 *6,50,500*	2,50,000 *3,72,640*	2,80,000 *67,300*	2,80,000 ..	2,00,000 *1,12,500*	65,000 *76,588*	95,000 ..
Charges debitable to other service heads, 33-G.	30,000 *81,150*	5,000 ..	.. ..	1,000 ..	10,000 *10,900*	16,000 *16,370*	10,000 *4,760*	8,000 ..	5,000 *3,734*	3,500 *10,252*	1,500 ..
Grand Total ..	5,26,500	3,94,000	..	1,08,000	10,55,000	4,20,000	3,87,800	4,17,000	2,53,000	1,03,800	1,21,200
	18,92,724	*26,00,000*	..	*15,07,734*	*9,52,100*	*5,78,220*	*1,33,312*	*1,80,100*	*1,23,893*	*1,14,704*	*1,08,132*

(*a*) Under 33-B and 33-F.

Note.—The Collectors' estimates are printed in *italics*.

Statement showing estimate of famine expenditure in case of the failure of the south-west monsoon during 1898–99—*cont.*

33. Famine relief.	North Arcot.	Salem.	Coimbatore.	Trichinopoly.	Tanjore.	Madura.	Tinnevelly.	Nilgiris.	Malabar.	South Canara.	Madras Board's office.	Total.
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.					RS.	RS.
Salaries and establishments, 33-A..	20,000 *29,740*	4,000 *4,000*	700 *26,313*	700 *40,092*	.. ..	500 *8,000*	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2,13,400 *4,66,785*
Revenue works in charge of Civil officers, 33-B.	10,000 *1,72,500*	5,000 ..	15,000 *2,50,000*	15,000 *6,00,000*	.. ..	8,250 *35,000*	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,48,250 *44,90,880*
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works, 33-C.	.. ..	24,000 *20,000*	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. *51,000*	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2,19,200 *7,26,600*
Gratuitous relief, 33-D.	30,000 *23,800*	8,000 *2,000*	1,800 *45,000*	1,800 *1,07,940*	.. ..	1,200 ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	6,47,200 *17,16,495*
Miscellaneous, 33-E.	2,000 *4,760*	500 ..	200 *500*	200 ..	.. ..	50 ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	17,150 *21,610*
Total, Civil Department ..	62,000	41,500	17,700	17,700	..	10,000	..	..	..	..	..	14,45,200
	2,30,800	*26,000*	*3,21,813*	*7,48,032*	..	*94,000*	..	..	..	..	..	*74,22,370*
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department, 33-F.	1,70,000 ..	95,000 *1,00,000*	.. *51,000*	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	26,65,000 *22,13,028*
Charges debitable to other service heads, 33-G.	10,000 ..	1,000 ..	300 ..	300 *19,063*	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,000 ..	1,06,600 *1,46,229*
Grand Total ..	2,42,000	1,37,500	18,000	18,000	..	10,000	..	..	..	..	5,000	42,16,800
	2,30,800	*1,26,000*	*3,72,813*	*7,67,095*	..	*94,000*	..	..	..	..	..	*97,81,627*

Note.—The Collectors' estimates are printed in *italics*.

APPENDIX II.

MEMORANDUM.

Assuming a normal north-east monsoon, it is not expected that relief measures will be required for more than six months in any district. In the more favoured districts it is unlikely that such measures will be required for more than three or four months. The rains of the south-west monsoon, which should begin early in June in a favourable year, are often late; and even at the end of July it is too soon to predict that the fall will not exceed the average. The fall in August and September is often very heavy, as in 1897. A sudden rapid rise from whatever cause in the already very high prices of food-grains might compel Government to afford relief; but the Board, to the best of its information and judgment, considers it unlikely that the state of any district (Nellore excepted) will compel Government to open relief works before August next. Nor is it likely to be then necessary if the rains in August are copious. But if distress due to failure of rain prevails in August it is likely to continue, more or less, until the harvest of the late crops in January and February 1899.

2. The Collectors have not reported in all cases the tracts and the population which they consider likely to be affected by a failure of the south-west monsoon. The estimate of the probable numbers to be relieved, framed by the Board, is based on a consideration of the numbers relieved in previous famines during the south-west monsoon months, and the degree to which the various districts are ordinarily dependent on the early rains.

3. The rate of expenditure on relief works, has been taken at Rs. 2–8–0 per head for a month, as has been done in previous estimates submitted by the Board and accepted by Government. The expenditure on gratuitous relief has been calculated at the rate of Rs. 2 per head for a month, with reference to the rate of expenditure actually incurred on this form of relief, during the last famine. The cost of weavers' relief has been estimated at Rs. 4 per head for a month. The expenditure likely to be incurred on establishments depends on the system of relief administration—piece work or task work,—which may be adopted in the various affected tracts, the extent to which concentration of works is found feasible, the number of kitchens and relief circles that will have to be opened, and the additions to the existing district staff which may be found necessary. To form an estimate under this head is a matter of great difficulty.

Note.—21,344,923 persons relieved at a cost of Rs. 13,81,184, *i.e.*, Rs. 1–15–0 per head for a month.

4. It has been assumed that relief works will, as contemplated in G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, and G.O., No. 304, Revenue, dated 6th May 1897, be generally in charge of the Public Works Department, and that Revenue officers will be required to manage only petty works, such as miscellaneous public improvements.

5. The estimates for the different districts are dealt with below in order.

Population (1891)	1,589,477
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	27·99
North-east monsoon	11·98

6. *Ganjám.*—The Collector considers that if the south-west monsoon fails, relief measures will be required for fifteen months from 16th June 1898 to 15th September 1899. It is not likely that relief operations will have to be started so early as in June, when the character of the south-west monsoon will hardly have declared itself; nor is it likely that such operations will be required for more than six months, if the north-east monsoon is not unfavourable. The probable period of distress is therefore taken as six months beginning with August. The Board's estimates are as follow:—

	Numbers expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B. & F. Relief works—			
Civil	12,000	30,000	
Public Works Department	88,000	2,20,000	
Total ...	100,000		2,50,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	100,000		2,00,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	...	...	
33-A. & G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief	...	45,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account ...	...	30,000	
			75,000
33-E. Miscellaneous	...	...	1,500
Total ...			5,26,500

33-*B. & F.*—The number of persons relieved on works during seven months in the famine of 1896–97 was equivalent to about 106,000 for one month, and the Collector's estimate for the months July to December 1898 is 99,000 persons. The total number of workers to be provided for may be taken as 100,000 per day for a month.

33-*D.*—In 1897, the numbers on gratuitous relief were about double the number on relief works, and this was ascribed to the refusal of the people to come on relief works until they were too far reduced for work. The prejudices of the people may have diminished somewhat by the experiences of the past year, but it will be too sanguine to expect that the number on gratuitous relief will be less than that on relief works. The number to be gratuitously relieved is therefore taken as 100,000 per day for a month.

33-*C.*—The Collector considers that weavers will not require relief during the current official year. The Board accepts this view.

33-*A & G.*—The cost of establishments in 1896–97 was about Rs. 77,000. The estimate now adopted is Rs. 75,000.

7. *Vizagapatam.*—The Collector provides for ten months. Until last year the district had enjoyed immunity from famine, and it was owing to quite exceptional circumstances that relief measures were found necessary last year. Provision may, however, be made for six months beginning with August. The Board's estimates are as follow :—

Population (1891)	1,943,211
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	23·98
North-east "	13·16

	Number expected.	Amount.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.
33-B. & F. Relief works—			
Civil	8.000	20,000	
Public Works Department	72,000	1,80,000	
Total ...	80,000		2,00,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	60,000	...	1,20,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	12,000	...	48,000
33-A. & G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		20,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account		5,000	
			25,000
33-E. Miscellaneous		...	1,000
Total ...			3,94,000

33-*B. & F.*—The Collector estimates 60,000 persons daily for ten months. In the last famine, the highest average for any month was only 20,500 and the total number relieved on works in seven months was equivalent to about 81,000 for one month. In the present estimate the total number is taken at 80,000 daily for one month.

33-*D.*—The Collector estimates 20,000 persons daily for ten months. Last year the total number relieved in seven months was only about 61,000. 60,000 is adopted for the present estimate.

33-*C.*—The Collector provides for 6,000 weavers for ten months. The total number relieved last year was equivalent to about 20,000 for one month. The Board has provided for 2,000 weavers daily for six months.

33-*A. & G.*—The cost of establishments in last famine was about 25,000. This figure is adopted for the present year.

8. *Kistna.*—The Collector states that the upland taluks alone would need relief, and he provides for the relief of 20 per cent. of the total population of those taluks for three months or for 570,534 persons for a month. This is excessive, seeing that even in Ganjám it is not expected that more than 200,000 persons will have to be relieved.

Population (1891)	855,582
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	20·52
North-east "	10·38

In the great famine of 1876–78, the total number of persons relieved in fifteen months aggregated 106,000 persons for a month. Considering that the last north-east monsoon was a failure in parts of the uplands, and caused much loss of crop. it is possible that a failure of the ensuing south-west monsoon may entail the opening of relief works on a small scale.

Provision for 5,000 relief workers and 2,500 persons on gratuitous relief daily for six months is accordingly made. Such works as may have to be undertaken will probably be works for which the Public Works Department's supervision will be unnecessary.

The cost of establishments is roughly estimated at Rs. 3,000.

The Board's estimates stand thus :—

	Number expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	30,000	75,000	
Public Works Department	...	...	
Total ...	30,000		75,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	15,000		30,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	...		...
33-A and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		2,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account		1,000	
			3,000
Total ...			1,08,000

9. *Kurnool.*—The Collector estimates that relief measures will be required in all taluks except Cumbum. There does not appear to be sufficient reason for excluding this taluk. He provides for only four months from June to September. It will probably be unnecessary to open works before August, and it may not be possible to close them immediately the north-east monsoon bursts. Provision is therefore made for six months beginning with August. The Board's estimates are as follow :—

Population (1891)	817,811
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	18·59
North-east ,, ...	6·89

	Number expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B and F. Relief works—			
Civil	10,000	25,000	
Public Works Department	3,32,000	8,30,000	
Total ...	3,42,000		8,55,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	36,000	...	72,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	20,000	...	80,000
33-A and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine-relief		35,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account		10,000	
			45,000
33-E Miscellaneous		...	3,000
Total ...			10,55,000

33-*B. and F.*—The Collector provides for about 57,000 persons daily for four months. In the last famine, the average daily numbers came to about 53,000 for twelve months. The Collector's estimate is adopted for the whole district which gives 342,000 for a month.

33-*D.*—The Collector estimates 5 per cent. of workers or about 2,850 to come on gratuitous relief. Last year the numbers were on an average 11,000. Provision is now made for 6,000 a day, or a total, for the whole period of distress, of 36,000 for a month.

33-*C.*—The Collector estimates for 3,200 weavers each month. Provision is made in these estimates for a total number of 20,000 for one month.

33-*A. and G.*—The Collector provides Rs. 44,100. Last year the cost was nearly Rupees 53,000. A sum of Rs. 45,000 is now provided.

10. *Bellary.*—The Collector is of opinion that if the south-west monsoon is merely late, there would be no need for relief measures, but that if the monsoon should fail, there would be need, for about six months, for such measures in the four taluks* of the Head Assistant's division and in portion of the Adóni taluk. His estimate of numbers likely to come on relief is accepted and the cost calculated in accordance with the rates adopted for other districts.

Population (1891)	900,126
Average rainfall —	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	13·55
North-east "	6·38

The Collector makes no provision under weavers' relief. The Board considers that a small provision may be made under this head.

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* Hospet. | Hadagalli.
Kudligi. | Harpanahalli.

The estimates are as follow :—

	Number expected.	Amount. RS.	Amount. RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	26,000	65,000	
Public Works Department	100,000	2,50,000	
Total	126,000		3,15,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	25,800	...	51,600
33-C. Weavers' relief	1,600	...	6,400
33-A. and G. Establishment debited to—			
(1) Famine relief	...	30,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account	...	16,000	
			46,000
33-E. Miscellaneous	...	...	1,000
Total			4,20,000

11. *Anantapur.*—The Collector's estimates are too low. He expects that the period of distress will last only four months—June to September. As in the case of Kurnool, the period will be raised to six months beginning with August. The Board's estimates are as follow :—

Population (1891)	708,549
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	12·82
North-east ,,	7·52

	Number expected.	Amount. RS.	Amount. RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	8,000	20,000	
Public Works Department	112,000	2,80,000	
Total	120,000		3,00,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	24,000	...	48,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	1,200	...	4,800
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief	...	20,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account	...	10,000	
			30,000
33-E. Miscellaneous	...	...	5,000
Total			3,87,800

33-*B., F. and D.*—The Collector provides for only 11,000 workers and 2,800 persons on gratuitous relief for each month. In the last famine, the average numbers were about 24,000 and 6,000, respectively. Provision is made by the Board for 20,000 workers and 4,000 persons on gratuitous relief for each month.

33-*C.*—The Collector gives no numbers under this head, but says that provision is made for the weavers of Tadpatri for three months. Last year when the weavers of Tadpatri formed the bulk of those relieved under this head, the numbers did not exceed 300 on an average for eight months. Provision is made by the Board for 200 weavers for six months, or for 1,200 for a month.

33-*A. and G.*—Last year the cost was about Rs. 49,000, and the Collector now estimates Rs. 14,682. As the Collector's estimates under other heads have been raised, the provision under this head is raised to Rs. 30,000.

12. *Cuddapah.*—The period of distress estimated for by the Collector—four months from July to October—is too short. Provision is made by the Board for six months, as for the other Deccan districts, beginning with August.

Population (1891)	1,272,072
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	14·86
North-east ,,	11·02

The Collector says that the estimates furnished by him for the anticipated failure of the last north-east monsoon will answer the present purpose also. The provision then made by him was as follows :—

	RS.
Works	1,60,000
Gratuitous relief	10,000
Establishments	10,100
Weavers	...

Works.—The provision made above under works will suffice for 16,000 persons for four months. Last year the number of workers averaged about 29,000 for twelve months. Provision must now be made for, at least, 20,000 for six months.

Gratuitous relief.—The Collector's estimate under this head is too low. Provision should be made for, at least, 20 per cent. of the workers. Four thousand persons are accordingly provided for.

Establishments.—In the last famine the establishment charges incurred in this district were comparatively low. The estimate will be fixed at Rs. 20,000.

Weavers.—Provision must be made under this head for six months. Last year the numbers relieved averaged about 7,000 for twelve months. Provision is now made for 2,000 for six months.

The Board's estimates are as follow :—

	Number expected.	Amount. RS.	Amount. RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	8,000	20,000	
Public Works Department	112,000	2,80,000	
Total	120,000		3,00,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	24,000	...	48,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	12,000	...	48,000
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief	...	12,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account	...	8,000	
			20,000
33-E. Miscellaneous	...	...	1,000
Total			4,17,000

13. *Nellore.*—The Collector estimates for only three months—July to September. This is insufficient, as parts of the district are already affected. Provision is accordingly made for six months. The Board's estimates are as follow :—

Population (1891)	1,463,736
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	11·03
North-east ,,	21·06

	Number expected.	Amount. RS.	Amount. RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	10,000	25,000	
Public Works Department	80,000	2,00,000	
Total	90,000		2,25,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	6,000	...	12,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	...	...	...
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief	...	10,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account	...	5,000	
			15,000
33-E. Miscellaneous	...	...	1,000
Total			2,53,000

33-*B. and F.*—The Collector provides for 15,000 workers for three months under this head. In 1891-92 the numbers were about 6,000 for 14 months. Accepting the Collector's estimate of numbers provision is made for six months.

33-*D.*—The Collector's estimate of 560 persons per month is raised to 1,000 persons.

33-*A. and G.*—The Collector provides Rs. 6,068. The provision is raised to Rs. 15,000.

14. *Chingleput.*—The Collector estimates for four months. This will probably suffice, as the district depends more on the north-east than on the south-west monsoon, and a failure of the latter will not be felt so severely as in the northern districts. The Collector's estimate of numbers under works and gratuitous relief is

Population (1891)	1,136,928
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	16·62
North-east ,,	24·12

adopted. Under weavers' relief the Collector's estimate has been slightly reduced. The Board's estimates are:—

	Number expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	4,000	10,000	
Public Works Department	26,000	65,000	
Total ...	30,000		75,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	3,400	...	6,800
33-C. Weavers' relief	2,000	...	8,000
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		10,000	
(2) Departmental heads of accounts		3,500	
			13,500
33-E. Miscellaneous		...	500
Total ...			1,03,800

15. *South Arcot.*—The district depends more on north-east, than on south-west, monsoon, and has not suffered from famine since 1878. The period of distress estimated by the Collector—four months—is therefore accepted.

Population (1891)	2,162,851
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	16·26
North-east "	21·38

The Collector considers that relief measures will be required in parts of four taluks—Tindivanam, Villupuram, Cuddalore and Vriddhachalam. The Board would add parts of Tiruvannámalai also to the probable area of distress. The Collector's estimates under works and establishments are accordingly slightly raised. His estimate under gratuitous relief, which provides for 35 per cent. of the workers is excessive. It will be sufficient to provide for 20 per cent. of the workers. The Board's estimates are—

	Number expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	2,000	5,000	
Public Works Department	38,000	95,000	
Total ...	40,000		1,00,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	8,000	...	16,000
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		3,500	
(2) Departmental heads of account		1,500	
			5,000
33-E. Miscellaneous		...	200
Total ...			1,21,200

16. *North Arcot.*—The period of distress estimated by the Collector is eight months from June to January. Relief operations will, the Board thinks, hardly be required before August. Provision for six months is therefore sufficient. It is at the same time not unlikely that a much larger area than is anticipated by the Collector will be affected. The estimate of numbers to be relieved is accordingly raised somewhat. His estimate under establishments will suffice for the increased provision made under works and gratuitous relief. The Board's estimates are:—

Population (1891)	2,180,487
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	17·12
North-east "	15·96

	Number expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	4,000	10,000	
Public Works Department	68,000	1,70,000	
Total ...	72.000		1,80,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	15,000	...	30,000
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		20,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account		10,000	
			30,000
33-E. Miscellaneous		...	2,000
Total ...			2,42,000

17. *Salem.*—The district has not suffered from famine since 1891–92 and, even in that year, the distress was almost confined to one taluk, Tiruchengódu, where, however, it was prolonged owing to the failure of the subsequent north-east monsoon also. The Collector's view that relief measures will not be required till the end of July, nor for more than four months, is, therefore, accepted. The Board's estimates are—

Population (1891)	1,962,591
Average rainfall –	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	14·08
North-east "	10·98

	Number expected.	Amount.	
		RS.	RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	2,000	5,000	
Public Works Department	38,000	95,000	
Total ...	40,000		1,00,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	4,000	...	8,000
33-C. Weavers' relief	6,000	...	24,000
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		4,000	
(2) Departmental heads of account		1,000	
			5,000
33-E. Miscellaneous		...	500
Total ...			1,37,500

33-*B. and F.*—The Collector's estimates are accepted.

33-*D.*—The Collector's estimate of 300 persons under this head appears to be insufficient, considering the numbers on works, and is accordingly raised to 1,000 persons.

33-*C.*—The total number of weavers in the weaving centres, where relief may be required was reported in 1891 to be 9,000. It may be expected that about a sixth of this number or 1,500 will have to be relieved.

33-*A. and G.*—The Collector's estimate of Rs. 4,000 under this head is slightly raised in order to provide for the strengthening of Taluk offices and the Collector's and Divisional offices.

18. *Coimbatore.*—The Collector considers that a failure of the south-west monsoon is not likely to necessitate relief measures. In view, however, of the high prices now prevailing in the district, he submits an estimate of the possible requirements of the district in case the monsoon fails. The period of distress estimated for by him, three months, is adopted. The provision made by him under the different heads seems excessive. Even in 1890–91, when the district had suffered from two unfavourable seasons consecutively, the average number on works was only 2,400. There seems to be no need to provide now for more than 2,000 workers and 300 persons on gratuitous relief. Provision for establishments is also proportionately reduced.

Population (1891)	2,004,839
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	7·92
North-east "	11·22

The Board's estimates are—

	Number expected.	Amount. RS.	RS.
33-B. and F. Relief works—			
Civil	6,000	15,000	
Public Works Department	...	...	
Total	6,000		15,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	900	...	1,800
33-A. and G. Establishments debited to—			
(1) Famine relief		700	
(2) Departmental heads of account		300	
			1,000
33-E. Miscellaneous		...	200
Total			18,000

Population (1891)	1,372,717
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	11.73
North-east ,,	16·30

19. *Trichinopoly.*—The district has not suffered from famine since 1878, and, even in the great famine of that year, the average number on relief was only about 9,500. Provision made by the Collector for the relief of 35,000 persons on works and 9,000 on gratuitous relief for six months seems, therefore, unnecessary. The district depends more on the north-east than on the south-west monsoon. A small provision is, however, made to meet possible contingencies as in Coimbatore.

Population (1891)	2,608,404
Average rainfall—	INCHES.
South-west monsoon	7·43
North-east do.	16·36

20. *Madura.*—This district also depends more on the north-east than on the south-west monsoon, and the Collector (Mr. J. Twigg) reported last year that the failure of the south-west monsoon alone would not necessitate the opening of relief works—*vide* paragraph 3 of his letter printed in B.P., No. 452, dated 18th June 1897. The present Acting Collector, Mr. J. Partridge, provides Rs. 94,000 for the year without giving any particulars of the areas likely to be affected or the numbers expected to come on relief. The prices now are no worse than they were in June 1897. A small provision of Rs. 10,000 is made to meet possible contingencies.

21. *Madras.*—The provision of Rs. 5,000 made under this head is for strengthening the clerical staff of the Board's office and for meeting increases in the travelling allowances of the Commissioner and contingent expenses. Owing to non-provision of a sufficient number of extra hands during the last famine, the strain on the permanent staff of the Board's office was very great.

Order—Mis. No. 2411, Revenue, dated 6th June 1898.

The Board's estimates are accepted and will be transferred to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
for *Secretary to Government.*

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

ORDER—No. 648, Financial, dated 27th July 1898.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
Copy to the Accountant-General, for information.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1697.

E

Ref. We must have the connected notes. Send urgent requisition to Revenue

Civil
19/6/98

V.E. memo sent
A.S. 20/6/98

The R.D. say that the paper is not available.

Order A.S. 27/7/98

From

The Revenue department.

Mis No. 2411

Dated 6th June 1898.

Received 18/6/98

Registered 20.6.98

Enclosures 1 and 3 Notes.

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SUBJECT.

Accepting and transferring to the Financial Dept. Board's Consolidated estimate of famine expenditure which will have to be incurred in case the next South West monsoon fails.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Finl: Dept

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Ca.
Put up again after return from circ. ~~of~~ your "apologia" for the Govt.'s ~~famine~~ adminn. AA 23.3.98

Resubmitted as the letter from India is still in Rev. for c.i. It has to go to P.W.D. for c.i. & will take some time yet to dispose of

CWS
4.4.98

Draw up a note for Rev. on this subject.
AA 2.4.98

It is submitted that Revenue Dept. should be asked to obtain and forward to the Financial Department by the 15th May, at the latest, a consolidated and complete estimate of famine expendre. likely to be necessary if the S. W. monsoon fails, showing numbers likely to come on relief &c. It is not a bit too early, it is thought, to take up this matter. If we wait for the monsoon, we may have to wait as we did last year until the middle of July. If ~~it~~ the monsoon is ~~then~~ late or fails and if distress appears in May or June the whole of last year's occurrences will be repeated & Govt. will be ~~on~~ in the ~~[illegible]~~ same state of uncertainty & perplexity with the prospect of future complaints from India. ~~It~~ Such an estimate can do no harm; it will be of great value of carefully drawn up by the Board should the unforeseen occur. It will further keep the Board up to the mark.

CWB
23. 3. 98

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V.E.

Famine estimates

Office
Submit with fair Letters and send me a copy to O.C.

CWB
5/4/98

Fair
5/4/98

G.O. No 29 Finl 31
14-1-1898

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Revenue ~~D~~ 3rd 5/4/98

NOTE FOR THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY.

The Finl dep. Depts

request the ~~It is desirable that the~~
Revenue Depts. will ~~should~~ obtain and forward to the Financial Depts. by the 15th May, at the latest, a consolidated and complete estimate of famine expenditure, likely to be necessary, in case the south west monsoon fails, with particulars as to the number of persons likely to come on relief &c.

2. As ~~absolutely~~ no expenditure can be incurred without grants, and as the grant of 8.50 already sanctioned does not take into account the possibility of the failure of the S.W. Monsoon, it is not ~~a little~~ too early to take up this matter.

3. ~~If the Board~~ and Collectors are allowed to wait for the monsoon it may happen that they may have to wait as they did last year until the middle of July.

~~If the monsoon is late or fails and if distress appears in May or June the whole of last years' occurrances will be repeated and Government will be in the same state of uncertainty and perplexity with the prospect of further complaints from the Govt of India.~~

~~It is therefore essential that the preparation of such an estimate should be set a foot at once. It will be of great value if carefully drawn up by the Board, should the unforseen occur. It will further keep the Board up to the mark.~~

AB
5/4/98

This estimate should be independent of that referred to in para 3 of G.O. No. 272 Fin'l d/ 15th March 1898 & should provide only for the contingency of the S.W. monsoon failing altogether or setting in late.

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5/4/98

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FAMINE ESTIMATES.

G.O. No. 29 Fin'l d/ 14-1-98

NOTE FOR THE Revenue Secretary.

The Fin'l dept requests ~~It is desirable~~ that the Revenue Department ~~should~~ will obtain and forward to the Financial Department by the 15th May, at the latest a consolidated and complete estimate of famine expenditure, likely to be necessary, in case the south west monsoon fails, with particulars as to the number of persons likely to come on relief &c.

A 2. As no expenditure can be incurred without grants, and as the grant of 8.50 already sanctioned does not take into account the possibility of the failure of the south west monsoon, it is not too early to take up this matter. This estimate should be independent of that referred to in para 3 of G.O. No.272, Financial, dated 15th March 1898 and should provide only for the contingency of the south west monsoon failing altogether or setting in late.

Ild. A.T.A.
5/4/98.

No. 374

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C. No.

Department.

Endt No 34
22-6-98

Regretted that,
The paper is not available at present, as it is put up for a Current which is in circulation.

ag. Under Secretary
R.D.

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C. No.

Department.

Very Urgent

For Financial Deptt

C. No. 1697

MEMORANDUM.

REQUESTED for reference the under-mentioned papers :—

G.O. No. 2411 Rev Mis dated
6th June 1898 with Connected notes.

P. Put up with Conference Report which is in circulation

CHIEF SECRETARIAT DEPT.,
20th June 1898.

A Edgington
Ag Assistant ~~Under~~ Secretary.

To
The Revenue Department.

S. 20/6/98

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300—16-11-96

Department.

C. No.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

From

Chief Secy.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

To

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel

Dated 23. 7. 1898.

Will you please ~~return~~ send ~~for perusal~~ reference by the circulation cart the original of Revenue order 2411 dated 6th June 1898 regarding famine estimates which is stated to be in the file about Conference reports sent from Revenue. I will return the paper by ~~on~~ Monday's cart. It is required for reference.

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23.7.98

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Return to CA after despatch
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Financial Department.

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To (Person) The Chief Secretary

From (Person) Hon Mr Arundel

I cannot find the papers to which you refer. I dont think it is here. 2nd Assistant Samunatha Iyer will know

ask him. CS

22/7/18.

To.
2A
Rev.

Please say

Cml
22/7/18

Telephone this.
A.
22/7/18.

~~The paper is~~ I saw G O No. 2411 in the file when I was with H. M. last saturday. It contains a note by Sir Henry Bliss on the gratuitous relief of Uriyas in Ganjam, and is quoted in one of the paras relating to Uriyahs under jungle Tribes and Peculiar communities in the addendum to the note. I do not remember the number of the para or the flag of the paper

RS

Subd. to The CS

Cml
23/7/18

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Financial Department.

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE

From

Chief Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

To

Hon Mr Arundel

Dated 23. 7. 1898.

Second Asst. Revenue states that G.O. 2411 was in the file when he saw ~~you~~ it last Saturday ~~at [illegible]~~ It contains a note by Sir H. Bliss on gratuitous relief of Uriyas in Ganjam and is quoted in one of the paras regarding Uriyas under Jungle Tribes and Peculiar communities in the addendum to the note

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To (Person) Chief Secretary				From (Person) Hon. Mr. Arundel

Ask the 2nd assistant to come up here tomorrow morning & get at

CH

Will Rev. Sec. [illegible] ask him to do so.

13/7/98.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE FOR THE C.S.

Please see notes below. Revenue Dept reports that the original of the C.S. order will not be available for a fortnight at least. Meanwhile it would be useful to ascertain whether this estimate or any part of it is likely to be ~~[illegible]~~ acted upon and Revenue might, it is submitted, be asked about this u.o.

Very well

C.W.S.
16/7/98

To.

Revenue.
u.o.

Rev. Dept

~~[illegible]~~ To ~~[illegible]~~ U.S. ~~[illegible]~~

It is impossible to answer the question at present. Every thing depends upon how the monsoon turns out.

R.S.
19-7-98

Secy The estimate referred to above is that of the probable expenditure in case the S.W. Monsoon fails. Obviously we cannot say at present whether the monsoon will

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st uniform. The Board might asked for a special report on the subject.

In the Financial Dept. office note immediately below it is stated that "it is understood that it was finally decided in the notes in the Revenue Dept. that these estimates should be merely recorded and not communicated to the G. of I."

The pp. are with the H.M. in the file about the Conferences Reports so I cannot definitely say that this is incorrect but I certainly don't recollect any decision of the kind having been come to in this Dept. The question is one for Fin^l to decide.

20/7/98

H.M.

I certainly have no recollection of this Dept's assenting to a proposal ~~[illegible]~~ merely to "record" the estimates. But as these est^s, ~~[illegible]~~ prepared ~~[illegible]~~

I don't think we need trouble the Bd. at present. We know from the rainfall returns & the weekly reports all the Bd. can tell us, & though prospects are not very bright we have no ground for taking a gloomy view. If the monsoon should fail – & we must wait longer to judge – we can send on to India the estimates already framed as a mere rough forecast and ask the Bd. then to revise them.

21.7.98

long ago, have not been forwarded to the Govt. of India by the Fin. Dept., the best plan now, in the circ^s will be, I think, to ask the Board of Rev. to revise them in the light of the experience actually gained of the season, the est^s so revised being submitted to the Govt. of India

20/7/98

To Fin Dept. ud

Recd 23/7/98

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

My recollection of the papers is that when the papers came to Financial for c.i., the office note in the Financial Dept proposed that the estimates should be sent on to India and that the Board should be called upon to collect information for a revised estimate to be submitted on 1st August (when the fate of the S.W. monsoon would be more certain). The Chief Secy (the Hon. W. Arundel) did not accept these views & the papers retd to Revenue. Submitted that Hon. W. Arundel may be asked by telephone to let CS see original of G.O. No. 2411 Rev. of 26.6.96. Draft is subd.

Cms
23.7.96

CS The notes in the original of Rev G.O. 2411 of 26. June 1896 show that the decision was as stated above – please see Hon. W. Arundel's & Hon Sir H Bliss's notes ~~above~~ at the flag

It is at the same time respectfully submitted that if the Board is bound on a revised estimate, it is advisable that it should receive orders on the point at once. As the C.S. knows, Govt. was tossed about on estimate after estimate last year with the result that when estimates were required those at the disposal of Govt. were out of date and that the famine was practically over before Govt. received an estimate ~~from each~~ which covered expendre. (which had already been incurred). It would, it is submitted, be much better for the Board to say at once whether the estimate already submitted provides for all contingencies or whether it is susceptible of reduction in the light of later events. Govt. would then be prepared for all contingencies and there would be one estimate for it to work on.

CMS
25/7/98

I think we may follow the H. M.'s instructions and wait a while. Rain has come and there is no likelihood of relief being opened in any District this Sept. We can then take the Bd.'s estimate for that District & send it on. I don't think the Bd. need now alter its estimate appreciably in regard to any District.

25/7/8.

[G.
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300-30-7-96

x taken by the Second Asstt R.D. 27/7/98

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

With reference to the C.S.'s note below, it is submitted that the draft flagged may now issue.

The papers might, it is subd., go to Rev. for perusal with the request that the original of G.O. No. 2411 of 6th June 1898 may be taken back.

CMS
25/7/98

25/7/8.

To Rev. U.O.

Seen & returned

S.K.
25/7/8

Fin Dept. U.O.

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CS.

Order ~~Fin~~ P.S. No. 648, d/ 27th July '98
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Curd
24.6.98.

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Rev. Dept.
P. W. Dept.
Copy to the A.G. for information } despd 6.8.98

Note. It is understood that it was finally decided in the notes in the Revenue Department that these estimates should be merely "recorded" and not communicated to the G. of I. Revenue cannot spare the original papers as they are put up with a current in circulation. The foregoing draft may therefore it is said so to Rev for c.i.

Curd
24.6.98

Publicise the notes before we dispose of the paper.

20/7/98.

To
Z. A Revenue

Please say if the paper is available now

Curd
2.7.98.

The paper is put up with a file which is still with the H. M.

RS
6-7-98

H Rev
Any chance of getting the paper now?
Curd 13/7/98

CA
RD
It has not yet come from the H. M. There is no chance of its coming for a fortnight more.

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