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[Despatch Abstract.]

Transfer of allotments

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approving the proposals of the H.E. regarding
the transfer by the Board of Rec of allotments
from one minor head to another under the
major head 33 Janine Relief & requesting
that ^{all} such transfers should be reported to
the Finl. dept.

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G.O., No. 650, 27th July 1898.

JULY.

Transfer of Allotments.

Recording Proceedings, Revenue Department, approving the proposals of the Accountant-General regarding the transfer, by the Board of Revenue, of allotments from one minor head to another under the major head 33. FAMINE RELIEF; and requesting that all such transfers should be reported to the Financial Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O., Mis. No. 1342, Revenue, dated 17th March 1898.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 1616, dated 5th March 1898.

Read—the following extract from letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 22nd February 1898, Ref. on C. No. 263-Ver.:—

2. Taking all items into consideration, a sum of Rs. 5,000 may be transferred from the allotment under "Works in charge of Civil officers" and distributed among the three heads under question as shown below:—

	Excess already incurred.	Further amounts required.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
I. Salaries and Establishments ..	1,490 6 5	509 9 7	2,000 0 0
II. Relief to people employed otherwise than on Relief Works ..	460 10 4	1,789 5 8	2,250 0 0
III. Gratuitous Relief ..	526 11 0	223 5 0	750 0 0
Total ..	2,477 11 9	2,522 4 3	5,000 0 0

I request that the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for this transfer and communicate it to me and to the Accountant-General.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1616, dated 5th March 1898.

Submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The Board, however, solicits instructions whether, under Rule 94 of the rules for the preparation, &c., of budgets, communicated with G.O., Mis. No. 3577, Revenue, dated 3rd September 1895, it is competent to sanction such transfers without reference to Government.

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 1342, Revenue, dated 17th March 1898.

2. The question raised in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings will be referred to the Accountant-General for remarks.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

G.O., Mis. No. 2121, Revenue, dated 17th May 1898.

Read—the following letter from the Accountant-General, dated 31st March 1898, No. 1309:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., Mis. No. 1342, Revenue, dated the 17th March 1898, I have the honour to state that section 23 of the Madras Famine Code fixes the responsibility for controlling famine-relief expenditure on the Member of the Board of Revenue in charge of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, subject to the orders of Government. I therefore see no objection to his transferring the ascertained savings in the budget grant under one minor head to meet excess expenditure under another, reporting such transfers for the approval of Government and for my information.

2. I presume that transfers will not relate to the budget grants for works in charge of Public Works officers. If, however, it is intended to reduce or increase such grants by re-appropriations, I would suggest that it may be done in consultation with the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, so that I may on his application alter the assignment in favour of Executive Engineers.

3. If approved, the necessary additions may be made by Government to the rules for the regulation of famine finance recently submitted by me.

Order—Mis. No. 2121, Revenue, dated 17th May 1898.

In the case of transfers relating to grants for works in charge of Public Works officers, the officer to be consulted is the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, not the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. Subject to this modification, the proposals made by the Accountant-General are approved. The necessary additions will be made in the rules for the regulation of famine finance when they are finally issued.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).

" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Financial Department.

ORDER—No. 650, Financial, dated 27th July 1898.

Recorded with the request that all such transfers should be reported promptly to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Financial (1898) Department.

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Order

From

The Revenue Department.

Recorded with the

Mis No. 2121

remark that under G.O. No.
1382 Dtd 31 Dec 1891,
transfers between the Civil
& Public Works depts ~~can~~
can only be sanctioned only
in the Financial department.

Dated 17th May 1898.

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order note in
G.O. No. 1382

SUBJECT.

Approving with certain
modification proposals made by
the Accountant General in the
matter of the Board's power to
transfer allotments from one
minor head to another under
the major head 33 Finance.

To the Rev depts (9)
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NAC. - see note in the original
G.O. No 1382 dtd 31-12-91.

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Financial Department.

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FOR ORDERS

In G.O.No.1382 Finl.,d/ 31st December 1891,it was decided that the Financial Dept. alone was competent to sanction transfers of budget grants from one major head to another,as shown in Appendix ~~R~~ of the Civil Account Code Volume II. The notes in that G.O.show that this was meant to prevent transfers by the P.W.D. itself from 43 Minor works to 45 Civil Works,and vice versa . But the argument applies a fortiori to transfers between grants in the Civil and Public Works Depts.though ^{falling} ~~nominal~~ly under the same major head,as the controlling offices are different in each case, and in practice all such transfers are actually made only by the Finl.,Dept.

A great deal of confusion and complications would have been avoided if the same principle had been strictly applied — In the case of Famine expenditure, ab initio. The fact that a Member of the of the Board of Revenue controls both sections,for administrative purposes, cannot dispense with the necessity to keep the Finl.,Dept which must be the central authority in such matters,

ignorant

Ref: Get the manual of the Rev. S.O and cut S.O. 1342 into Rec of 17.3.98 entered in the Current.

E. memo sent to R.D. 18/5/98 S.O. 1342 Rev of 17.3.98 alone is the? but not the orig of S.O 2121 of 17.5.98 - please see note no. 25 of 1.6.98 from the R.D.

They do fall under the same major head. See also letter Civil mutually nominally?

~~informal~~ of these transfers until long after they are actually made.

The following draft order is therefore submitted for approval:-

Order

In continuation of G.O.No.1302, Finl., d/ 31st December 1891, the Govt. directs that transfers of budget grants between the Civil & P.W.D., falling nominally under the same major heads, viz.,

33 Famine relief

43 Minor Works & Navigation

45 Civil Works

shall be sanctioned only in the Finl. Dept.

2. In very urgent cases, the sanction of the Financial Dept. may be anticipated by the administrative department concerned.

Depts. of the Secretariat
Acctt. General.

AB
25/6/98

C. 17.6.98
R. 18.6.98

Financial Dept

C.No. 1458

H.M.
C.B.

Note

With reference to The Honble Member's query on the note below, it is subd.

That the Board of Rev. & through it the Collector is the controlling authority in the case of all famine relief expenditure. This is the view taken by the A.G. in his letter No. 1309 d/ 31st

March 1898 in C.No. 1455

Cons The Rev. Dept. is the 14.6.98 administrative dept in charge of Famine operations under the Famine Code.

M. 17/6/98

But how can the B.G. Control unless it can issue orders? & how can it (or the R.D. for the matter of that) issue orders to the P.W.D.?

AB
17/6/98

NOTE FOR THE

S. A. .
Revenue

Can you let me have those
papers. you promised me (fanning Geo
into Itai Nohi) ?

Club

7. 628

Please see Mr. Stakess

By post made under £ 10 56 20

Six Henry's notes are given

quoted in para 2. CA. B. C. S.

d. 5 days make 2. A + 5 mm

be forthcoming in your report

2 B.C. & D will be found in

Rev. 11/1/81 5620 & 5649

which I send herewith

Rs. 246-98

Ref

Put up paper & flags

all their references including there

in the m/c of the $\frac{2A}{T}$

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For the CA.

The Hui's remarks above up
to are in G.O. W. 922 Buld of 11. 11. 9
+ W. 713-4 Buld of 3. 9. 97. ~~which~~ The
latter G.O. is not available now
being put up with the famine

Admⁿ file which is now with
the P.W.D.

The references have all been
flagged.

H.
30/6/98
To.

2. A. Revenue.

Please see X at 2. m.f.d.
5620 Rev of 3. 11. 97. The Chief
Secy. says that the Itm (P.H.S.)
agreed with him, stated, when the
point was once specifically
raised, that it is ~~the~~ an
administrative duty (and i.e. the
duty of the Revenue Dept) to
see that famine reports are
covered by grants. The C.S.
thinks you will remember the
papers in Revenue. Can you
let me have 4 please

Cms
4/7/98

Chief Asst P.D.

The note under No. 5620
3-11-97
brings together all the papers,
I remember, on which remarks
were made as to the duties
of the R.D. in regard to ~~the~~

(7) Not, so far as I recollect,
his recollection as to whom
the papers did not go.

control of famine expenditure.
I do not remember any other papers,
none certainly in which H & I agreed
with ^{the} H. M. C. Sir Henry (this).

There was a paper about loans
in which you proposed to trans-
fer certain questions to this Dept
for decision; mⁿ states depre-
cated this saying that it was
good policy "swapping horses
in the middle of a stream". Sir
Henry said (and the late mⁿ
I was agreed with him) that the
questions were purely adminis-
trative and should be dealt
with in the R.D. The notes
were recorded on one of your
papers.

RS
4-7-98

Ref

Put this up. It was ~~not~~ put
August or September

Cms
4.7.98

For the C.A.

The notes referred to by the
2^d Asst, Revenue, are contained in
G.O. No. 701 A File of 31st Augt '97 -

A please see portions ^{of the notes} (flagged L & M)
The papers did go to
H.E. the Govt. who ^{has} ~~initialled~~ ^{recorded} the note by the late Mr. Froese.

The f.O. (701 A 711 & 31-8-97) was
removed from the big file is
Famine Admⁿ. which is now
with the P.W.D.

AS
5/7/98

Issued to
17/7/98

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C. No. 1458.

Boards power to transfer allotment from
one major head to another under the
major head 33 Famine.

Financial Department.

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

With reference to the Honourable
Member's note below flagged K, the
following is submitted.

Section 23 of the Famine Code
lays down that the Member of the Board
of Revenue in charge of the Dept. of
Land Records and Agriculture is ordi-
narily responsible for the direction
of all branches of famine relief, sub-
ject to the orders of Government.

Sections 37 and 38 of the Code
contemplate the Collector recommending
the opening of relief works and obtain-
ing funds required for the Public
Works Department.

The position under which the
Revenue Department, as the administra-
tive department, and under it the Board
(Famine Commissioner), regulates all
famine expenditure was dwelt upon last
year - please see the notes flagged E
in G.O. No. 5620 Rev., dated 3rd Nov.
1897 which reproduced several notes
by the Honourable Member on the sub-
ject, and also the notes on a cognate
subject flagged M in G.O. No. 701 A, ~~dated~~ ^{dated}
31st August 1897.

It is submitted that this is
the only practicable position under
the Code as it now stands, and that if
the Revenue Dept. and the Board are
not to control P.W.D. famine expendi-
ture, the estimates for such
expenditure

expenditure should be received by the P.W.D. from its own officers and dealt with in that Dept.

CMB 9/7/98

H.M.

Since the above note was written the matter has been disposed of in the B.D.W. (vide order in linked file)

12/7/98

Very well

23/7/98

C.S.

The draft flagged XXI may, it is sub, now issues and the linked file be returned with Revenue L.P. W.D.

CMB 26.7.98

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x linked file returned to P.W.D.

26/7/98

to be sent to Press. Nothing to find from the press

A.M.

C.S.

Board's power to transfer all kinds of fund under the major head 33 Finance.

But how does the A.D. control P.W. expenditure under 33? I don't follow the argument.

11/6/98

A

C. 11.6.98 11.17.6.98

Financial Dept

C. No 1455

For Orders

Please see the office note below which states one view of the case. Against the arguments then used are to be set the facts that Finance expenditure although divided into Civil and P.W.D. is, or should be, controlled by a single controlling officer authority - the Board - and that no advantage can accrue from Financial insisting on making these transfers. The G.O. of 1891 is not violated by the Revenue order as both P.W. + Civil expenditure fall under the same major head 33 Famine Relief (page 689 of the C. A. Code, Vol II). It will, it is thought, suffice to say: -

25/7/98

Read again G.O. 1342 Rev 17.3.98 (Boards Prov to ana 2: a
Order. Para 2.2 a)

C. No. 1455 (A)

Order No. 650.9 27th July 1898.

~~Trans.~~ Recorded with the
request ~~that~~ ^{should} all such
transfers ~~should~~ ^{may} be
reported ~~immediate~~ ^{promptly}
to the Financial Dept.

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