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[Despatch Abstract.]

Loans to certain local bodies in Madras to meet plague expenditure.

Forwarding to the L & M dept letter from the Govt calling for certain information & particulars regarding certain local bodies which have applied for loans to enable them to meet plague expenditure & requesting that dept to take the necessary action as soon as the revised statement of plague expenditure in 1898 99 are received from the A.G.

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G.O., No. 699, 16th June 1899.

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Loans to certain local bodies in Madras to meet plague expenditure.

Communicating to the Local and Municipal Department letter from the Government of India calling for certain information and particulars regarding certain local bodies which have applied for loans to enable them to meet plague expenditure, and requesting that department to take the necessary action as soon as the revised statements of plague expenditure in 1898–99 are received from the Accountant-General.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., Nos. 465, 466, Financial, dated 29th March 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that applications on behalf of certain District Boards and Municipal Councils for loans from Government under the Local Authorities' Loans Act, XII of 1897, to enable them to meet the expenditure on plague during 1898–1899, be forwarded to the Government of India for orders.

READ—also the following paper:—

From J. B. BRUNYATE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 28th April 1899, No. 1891-A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 466, dated the 29th March 1899, requesting sanction to the grant of loans to certain local bodies in Madras to enable them to meet plague expenditure incurred during 1898–99. You add that further applications may be expected from some of the same local bodies to enable them to meet their requirements during the current year.

2. In reply I am to say that it is not desirable to grant formal loans merely with the object of adjusting advances already made and outstanding at the close of the financial year. Before formally sanctioning the grant of a loan in any case, the Government of India would prefer to be informed as to the total probable loan requirements of each local body so far as it is possible to estimate them at the time the application is made. Their financial position also requires to be more fully examined. The accounts, forwarded with your letter, show that, with one unimportant exception (Gudiyáttam), the average expenditure during the last three years in every case exceeded the average income (excluding debt accounts on both sides), and no explanation is given as to what steps it is proposed to take to ensure the repayment of the loans.

3. I am therefore to request that you will obtain from each local body an application in the proper form, for the full amount required from Government in each case, and that, in submitting the applications, the question of the possibility of repayment in each case may be examined.

4. I am to add that a statement of the amount of plague expenditure in 1898–99 and of the estimated amount in 1899–1900 should also be furnished in each case.

ORDER—No. 699, Financial, dated 16th June 1899.

The foregoing letter from the Government of India will be communicated to the Local and Municipal Department in which the necessary action will be taken as soon as the revised statements of plague expenditure in 1898–99 called for from the Accountant-General in paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, have been received.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. A F. Eccleston,

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Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1744

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From

Endorsement No. 1234 F 99-5-99. The Govt of India Fin & Com. Dept.

Order

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department with the request that the information and particulars required by the Government of India may be furnished at a very early date.

No. 1891-A

Dated 28 April 99

Received 4 May "

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G. Stokes
Chief Secretary.

Cmd. 6/5/99

SUBJECT

Requesting that before sanctioning grant of loans to local bodies the Madras Govt may ascertain the full amount required and the possibility of repayment thereof and that in each case for sanction of grant of loan submits to them a statement of the amount of plague expenditure in 1898-99 and of the estimated amount in 1899-1900 may also be furnished.

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No. 1234

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SUBJECT.

Transferring with remark letter from the Govt. of India, Fin & Com Dept. requesting to be furnished with certain information in connection with the application for grant of loans to certain local bodies in Madras to enable them to meet plague expenditure.

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Loans to Investment of Local Boards and Municipal Councils to meet Public Expenditure.

Local & Municipal Departt.

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Memo

Returned to the Financial department with the following remarks:

(1) The loans which it was proposed to obtain from Government were not, as supposed by the Government of India, required for the purpose of adjusting the advances already made and outstanding at the close of the financial year. On the other hand, the advances referred to in para 2 of the letter to the Government of India No 466 Financial dated 29th March 1899 were made to the Municipalities concerned, pending the sanction of the Government of India to the loans applied for, because unlike Local Boards whose transactions are incorporated with the public accounts, the Municipal Councils merely bank with the Treasury and all orders against their funds

are honoured by the Treasury only so far as the funds to their credit would admit. Thanks, if the advances had not been made, the Municipal Councils would have been placed in the awkward position of each being able to meet their liabilities in connection with the Plague.

(2) The total probable loan requirements of the local bodies concerned for 1898-99, were given in para 1 of the letter to the Government of India No 466 Financial dated 29th March 1899 and those for 1899-1900 were given in para 3 of G.O. No 355 Financial dated 10th March 1899. It is not possible to say now what their requirements may be for future years.

(3) The average expenditure of the local bodies concerned, except that of the Madura Municipal Council, during the last three years was no doubt larger than the average income for the same period, but if the opening balance at the beginning of each year which is also available for expenditure, be taken into account, it will be seen that the expenditure was actually less than the assets and that a balance was left at the close of each year.

(4) If the loans are once sanctioned, this Department will see that due provision is made in the budgets of the local bodies concerned for their repayment.

(5) As the Government of India has recently made a grant of three lakhs for distribution among such of the Local Boards and Municipal Councils as have been seriously affected by Plague expenditure, there will be no need to trouble the Government of India any more for loans for 1898-99.

(6) In submitting applications for loans which may be required for 1899-1900, the

No doubt would wish to go further than 1899-1900 -

the particulars required by the Government of India will be duly furnished.

(7) The amount of plague expenditure debitable to Local Boards and Municipal Councils in 1898-99 and of the estimated expenditure in 1899-1900 calculated with reference to the instructions issued in paras 3 and 6 of Go No 479 Financial dated 4th April 1899 has to be obtained from the Accountant General and approved by the Financial Department. This information is also required by the Local and Municipal Department to determine to what extent the loan requirements of the local bodies for 1898-99 and 1899-1900 will be affected. It is observed that the plague estimates for 1899-1900 sanctioned in Go No 569 Financial dated 3rd May 1899 have not been framed with reference to the instructions issued in paras 3 and 6 of Go No 479 Financial dated 4th April 1899 under which the distribution of the plague expenditure incurred in frontier districts, among all the districts of the presidency rateably to their annual receipts is no longer necessary, since such charges will fall on Provincial Funds, being apparently needed for general control.

V.R 13/5/99 Before the Govt of India is addressed a 3 lakhs loan we must wait for readjustment to be worked out by the Accountant General must be awaited Probably the three lakhs granted for distribution as grants will prevent any immediate running short of actual cash this year. Where are probably want more cash & so on with Sheriffs & what can be granted from the 3 lakhs. In the immediate, current expenditure can probably meet this year, by stopping Roads repairs etc & when the Accts Govt's new figures come in Applications can be made for loans when necessary.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 29 MAY 1899 OOTACAMUND

PA 26/5/99

To The Financial Deptt (R.O.) No. 594 26/5/1899

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Financial Departm

Note

With reference to the first sentence of para 7 of the Note below it is submitted that the Accountantgeneral has been requested to furnish a statement of the actual plague expenditure in 1898–99 under each of the heads Provincial, Local (by districts) and Municipalities (by Municipalities) that the circular proposed to be issued by him to Collectors is now under consideration. As regards the estimated expenditure for 1899–1900 the last quarterly Plague estimates (those for July) we asked to get information from Collectors. will give one approximate forecast.

2. As regards the third sentence of the same para it is submitted that, in reviewing the plague estimates subsequent to the issue of G.O. No 479 Fin dated 4th April 1899 the cost of the Subordinate medical Staff at the Railway Inspection Stations has been transferred fr

R.O. No. 1 to Govt. Medl. Deptt. re applications for loans on account of plague to the Govt of India.

N.B.
The estimated expenditure as given in the recent plague estimates (G.O. No 569 Fin dated 3rd may 1899) cannot be taken as a safe guide as the instructions in G.O. No 615 & 616 Fin dated 17th & 18th may 1899 respectively will alter it to a great extent.

Local & Provincial. The remarks in the latter part of the third sentence of para 7 are not understood as the expenditure in connection with Road frontier Inspection stations and Observation Circles is debitable to Local and will be distributed among all the districts of the Presidency in proportion to their annual receipts.

It is pointed out by the Ld. Department that, with the exception of the Vellore municipality, Canal expenditure can be met by stopping road repairs &c and that, when the A.G.'s new figures come in, application can be made for loans where necessary. In view of this it is submitted that the reply to the Govt. of India letter No. 1891 A dated 28th April may be deferred pending the receipt of the Statements called for from the A.G. The Ld. Department may be asked to explain the remarks in the concluding portion of para 7. The A.G. may also be asked to

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C. No. 1744 Fin.

These have been explained in a subsequent communication & the position taken up by Ld. Legs has not been accepted in Fin. Conf

There would be no advantage in this. The revised classifica as between Provl. & Local will be adopted in the next Quarterly estimates (due early in July) & it will afford an approximate forecast.

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furnish a statement of estimated expenditure for 1899–1900 with reference to the instructions issued in G.O.s 479 4-4-99, 615 17-5-99 & 616 18-5-99 Fin.

P.J.
21.5.99

For the C.S.

Nothing further can be done as regards Indian letter until the decision of Bd. Boards as with reference to the recent revised classification is clearer. The Ld's circular of the distribution between Local and Provincial of plague charges, which is now in circ., will obtain particulars of the expenditure in 1899. 99 & will enable an approximate forecast of the expenditure in 1899. 1900 to be obtained from the next Q.y. Plague estimates due in July.

The letter from Govt may, it is subm, be disposed of by the draft order below.

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Financial Department

Read again G.O. No. 465/66 of 29.3.99 (P).

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The foregoing letter from the S of S. will be comm? to the L. Hn. Dept. in which the necessary action will be taken as soon as the revised statements of Plague expdre in 1898. Dr calls for from the Acct Genl in para 6 of f.o. No. 479 Fml of 4 April 1899 have been received

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