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Famine relief works

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 resolution of the Govt issuing certain
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Accounts and Finance—Administration of Treasuries), dated Simla, 5th August 1899, No. 3570-A.

Resolution.—During the late famine, when large amounts of copper coin were required for disbursement by Government officers at relief works remote from Government treasuries, arrangements for the supply of the coin were made in some cases with Native Bankers and sums exceeding 1½ lakhs were paid to the Bankers as commission. These payments were made without previous reference to the Accountant-General and no complaint was received by the Comptroller-General that the supply of coin was insufficient. The supply in fact appears to have been ample, and there is reason to believe that if the advice of the Account Officer had been obtained before the expenditure was incurred, it would have been possible, in almost all cases, to arrange for the provision of the necessary funds without having recourse to the payment of commission.

2. In view of the possible recurrence of the conditions which led to this expenditure, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to lay down the following instructions regarding the supply of funds on famine relief works:—

I.—Disbursing officers of Government shall ordinarily draw funds for expenditure on relief works from the nearest treasury or sub-treasury, and special arrangements for the supply of such funds through private agencies shall be permitted only in exceptional cases.

II.—No charges for commission to Bankers for cashing cheques or pay bills payable by Government or otherwise supplying funds for Government expenditure shall be passed in audit unless the arrangements under which the expenditure is incurred have been sanctioned by the Government of India.

III.—Before recommending such special arrangements Local Governments shall always satisfy themselves by reference to the Civil Account Officer of the Province that no more economical arrangement can be made, and that the particular method proposed is otherwise free from objection.

Order.—Ordered that copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations, to the Public Works and Military Departments, and to the Comptroller-General and all Accountants-General and Comptrollers (except Comptroller, Post Office).

(Signed) H. HESELTINE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 910, Financial, dated 17th August 1899.

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

To the Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

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DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
Administration of Treasuries.

RESOLUTION.

No. 3570-A.

Dated Simla, the 5th August 1899.

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