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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the departments and officers concerned letter from the Accountant-General requesting to be furnished with statements showing the estimated increase or loss of revenue on account of famine for 1896-97 and 1897-98 classified under the respective major heads of account; and requesting the Accountant-General to furnish Government with a copy of his final communication to the Comptroller-General on the subject.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Hon'ble P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR, Dewan Bahadur, Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st December 1897, G. No. 7562.

With reference to Government Order (without number and date) on Accountant-General's letter, No. 3637, dated 20th November 1897, I have the honour to submit a copy of my letter to the Accountant-General.

## ENCLOSURE.

From the Hon'ble P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR, Dewan Bahadur, Inspector-General of Registration, to the Accountant-General, dated Madras, 1st December 1897, G. No. 7561.

Referring to Government Order (without number and date) on your letter, No. 3637, dated 20th November 1897, I have the honour to forward a statement showing the estimated increase or loss of registration revenue due to famine in 1896-97.

2. As explained in paragraph 7 of the Administration report of this department for 1892-93, the effect of the season on registrations varies with reference to local conditions, the intensity of the distress, &c. The revenue from ordinary registrations

in 1896-97 shows a falling off of Rs. 2,800 in the four Deccan districts, where the famine was severe, while in Ganjam and Vizagapatam, where the distress was not so severe, there was an increase of Rs. 2,400. The net result for the six affected districts was a decrease of only Rs. 400 in the ordinary registration fee.

On the other hand, owing to the liberal grants of State loans, there was an increase of Rs. 15,000 in the fees realized for searches in connection with applications under the Loans Acts.

under the Loans Acts

| Major head of account. | Revenue.                       |              |        |               |                            |             |        |              | Authority for any estimates that enter into the statement. |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                        | Estimated increase of revenue. |              |        |               | Estimated loss of revenue. |             |        |              |                                                            |
|                        | Imperial.                      | Provincial.  | Local. | Total.        | Imperial.                  | Provincial. | Local. | Total.       |                                                            |
| X. Registration .. ..  | RS.<br>7,500                   | RS.<br>7,500 | ..     | RS.<br>15,000 | RS.<br>200                 | RS.<br>200  | ..     | RS.<br>* 400 | * Too small to be taken into account.                      |

From M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S., Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd December 1897, No. 4476.

I have the honour to submit a copy of my report furnished to the Accountant-General in accordance with paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

## ENCLOSURE.

From M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S., Inspector-General of Police, to the Accountant-General, dated Madras, 3rd December 1897, No. 4475.

With reference to G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897, I have the honour to report that there was neither increase nor loss of revenue under head XVII. Police on account of famine during the year 1896-97.

2. Your request in paragraph 2 of your letter read in the above Government Order has been noted.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 9817, dated 8th December 1897.

Read—G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 9817, dated 8th December 1897.

Of the several heads of revenue mentioned in the Government Order, Financial Department, read above, No. VI. Provincial Rates, under which is included the Irrigation Cess fund, is the only item which appertains to the Board in the Settlement Department. A voluntary irrigation cess is at present collected only in five districts, viz., Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Tanjore and Chingleput, none of which is an affected district, as compared with the figures for 1895-96, the actuals of 1896-97 show a decrease of Rs. 7,902, which was due chiefly to the fund being credited with the value of the Government securities in favour of Wyakondan channel in the

Trichinopoly district, sold under G.O., No. 117, Revenue, dated 4th March 1895. The Board presumes that no statement in the form referred to need be furnished to the Accountant-General by this department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,  
Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 5432, dated 9th December 1897.

Read—G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

Read also G.O., Mis. No. 6230, Revenue, dated 3rd December 1897.

Read also the following statement showing the estimated increase or loss of revenue during 1896-97 on account of famine under III. Salt, V. Excise, VII. Customs, VIII. Assessed Taxes:—

| Major head of account.             | Revenue.                       |             |        |          |                                                         |             |        |        | Authority for any estimates which enter into the statement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    | Estimated increase of revenue. |             |        |          | Estimated loss of revenue.                              |             |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                    | Imperial.                      | Provincial. | Local. | Total.   | Imperial.                                               | Provincial. | Local. | Total. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                    | RS.                            | RS.         | RS.    | RS.      | RS.                                                     | RS.         | RS.    | RS.    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| III. Salt ..                       | ..                             | ..          | ..     | ..       | The Salt revenue of 1896-97 was not affected by famine. |             |        |        | The actuals of 1896-97 have been compared with the average of the actuals of the three preceding years and the increase has been worked out. The Board has already reported in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 3463, dated 11th August 1897, that the famine has affected the stamp revenue very little. As regards the assessed taxes the increase is due to fresh and enhanced assessment made after careful inquiries. The income-tax revenue of 1896-97 was not affected by famine to any appreciable extent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| IV. Stamps ..                      | 45,802                         | 1,37,407    | ..     | 1,83,209 | ..                                                      | ..          | ..     | ..     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| VIII. Assessed Taxes (Income-tax). | 1,37,582                       | 1,37,583    | ..     | 2,75,165 | ..                                                      | ..          | ..     | ..     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| VII. Customs.                      | 3,57,169                       | ..          | ..     | 3,57,169 | ..                                                      | ..          | ..     | ..     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| V. Excise ..                       | ..                             | Nil.        | ..     | ..       | 37,500                                                  | 12,500      | ..     | 50,000 | This increase in the export duty collections over the average of the actuals of the previous three years is due to the large exportation of rice to Ceylon owing to the usual source of supply to that colony from Bengal having dried up in consequence of the famine in Northern India. The customs receipts have not been affected by the famine in this Presidency. G.O., Mis. No. 5530, Revenue, dated 28th October 1897. There was a net increase of only Rupees 5,00,000 for the whole Presidency during 1896-97 over the figures of 1895-96 against an increase of Rs. 6,30,000 in 1895-96 over the figures of 1894-95. The falling off in the rate of progress may possibly have been due to the famine, but this cause could not have affected it to a greater extent than perhaps Rs. 50,000. |

Resolution—Mis. No. 5432, dated 9th December 1897.

Forwarded to the Accountant-General, with reference to G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KRISTNASAMI IYENGAR,  
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Accountant-General, Madras.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government.  
Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

G.O., Mis. No. 2406 L., dated 9th December 1897.

Read—G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

Order—Mis. No. 2406 L., dated 9th December 1897.

The accompanying statement will be forwarded to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

Copy to the Financial Department.

[Statement.

Estimated loss of revenue.

*Note.*—There was an increase of Rs. 272 under fishery rents.

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3. The revenue under IX. Forest in 1896-97 did not exhibit any special decrease in the famine districts, as will be seen from the marginally-noted statement. The variations in the actuals as compared with the estimates have been fully explained in submitting the budget estimate for the ensuing year (*vide* memorandum printed on pages 23 to 25 of Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 453, dated 16th October 1897).

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,  
*Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

\* Difference between the amounts shown in column 4 against Cuddapah and Kurnool and the amounts (6·95 and 1·50 lakhs) shown as famine postponements in the respective districts in the budget statements.

Note.—(1) The figures relating to Ganjám, Cuddapah, Anantapur and Kurnool, in so far as they refer to the transactions of 1896-97, are only provisional pending the completion of the jumalandi or the jumabandi at those places.

(2) The figures relating to the village cess collections of 1897 are shown as percentages of the total revenue of each district.

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| Cases at 8 paces on Es. 34,40,000 (amount in column 8 of statement B minus Es. 3,52,000) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,43,000 (A) |
| .. 7 ..                                                                                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16,000 (B)   |
| .. 7 ..                                                                                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,27,000     |
| Difference between (A) and (B)                                                           |    |    |    | .. | ..           |

Transferred to the Financial Department.

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

G.O., Mis. No. 3, Revenue, dated 4th January 1898.

*Read*—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 5432, dated 9th December 1897, forwarding to the Accountant-General, Madras, a statement showing the estimated increase or loss of revenue under III. Salt, IV. Stamps, V. Excise, VII. Customs and VIII. Assessed Taxes during 1896-97 owing to the famine.

*Order*—Mis. No. 3, Revenue, dated 4th January 1898.

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2. The Government observes that the heading of the statement, read in the Board's Proceedings, is misleading, and that the estimated increase of revenue given therein, as explained by the Board in the last column of the statement, does not represent the increase due to famine but merely that over the average revenue for the previous three years.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),  
,, Financial Department.

[Statement.

STATEMENT of the cost of the Famine to Government in the Civil Department of the Madras Presidency in the year 1896-97.

No. 81.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to G.O., No. 986, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.  
No. 81.

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,  
FORT ST. GEORGE,  
4th January 1898.

(Signed) F. C. HARRISON,  
*Accountant-General.*

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No. 108, FINANCIAL, 4TH FEBRUARY 1898.

ORDER—No. 108, Financial, dated 4th February 1898.

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for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.  
,, Local and Municipal Department ✓  
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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