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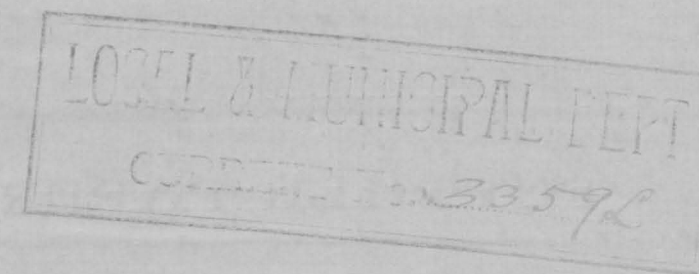
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Passing orders in regard to the distribution of the contribution of 5 lakhs which the Government of India insists on being realized from Local funds on account of —

To The Dist Bd of Gajain
Wangape taluk
Kurnool
Belary
Anantapur
Cuddapah
Deccan
Dist 12/1/99

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:

G.O., No. 741, Financial, dated 10th September 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Local and Municipal Department, for favour of early reply, letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated 31st August 1897, No. 3863-A, on the subject of the amount of famine expenditure to be charged to Local Funds in Madras in 1897-98.

G.O., Nos. 199, 200, Financial, dated 28th February 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that the Government of India be addressed regarding the proposal to charge Local Funds with a portion of the famine expenditure incurred in this Presidency.

G.O., Nos. 379-A and 379-B, Financial, dated 18th April 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, with remarks, letter from the Government of India on the subject of the reductions in the budget estimates of 1898-99 and summarizing the amounts provided as contributions from Local Boards for famine-relief expenditure.

G.O., No. 456, Financial, dated 17th May 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 840 L., dated 4th May 1898, passing orders on the revised budget estimate of the Kurnool District Board for 1898-99.

G.O., No. 701, Financial, dated 15th August 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1405 L., dated 8th August 1898, reducing from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 31,000 the contribution payable to Provincial funds by the District Board of Ganjam in 1897-98 on account of famine-relief works.

G.O., No. 717, Financial, dated 20th August 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1409 L., dated 8th August 1898, making certain reductions in the allotments provided in the Kurnool Local Fund budget for 1898-99, in order to increase the contribution to Provincial funds on account of famine-relief works.

G.O., No. 718, Financial, dated 20th August 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1404 L., dated 8th August 1898, making certain reductions in the allotments provided in the Ganjam Local Fund budget for 1898-99, in order to provide funds to recoup Government for its past expenditure on famine-relief works.

G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 22nd August 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1428 L., dated 8th August 1898, making certain reductions in the allotments provided in the Cuddapah Local Fund budget for 1898-99, in order to increase the contribution payable to Provincial funds on account of famine-relief works.

G.O., No. 756, Financial, dated 31st August 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1498 L., dated 15th August 1898, making certain reductions in the allotments provided in the Anantapur Local Fund budget for 1898-99, in order to increase the contribution to Provincial funds on account of famine-relief works.

G.O., No. 798, Financial, dated 16th September 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1610 L., dated 29th August 1898, making certain reductions in the allotments provided in the Nellore District Board budget for 1898-99, in order to recoup Government for the expenditure incurred on famine-relief works.

G.O., No. 927, Financial, dated 22nd October 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, No. 1652 L., dated 9th September 1898, communicating letter from the President, District Board, Kurnool, stating that certain further reductions directed to be made in the allotments provided in the Kurnool Local Fund budget for 1898-99 are not possible.

READ—also the following papers:—

From STEPHEN JACOB, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Accounts, &c.,—Estimates, &c., also Local Funds), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 12th July 1898, No. 3055-A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 379-B, Financial, dated the 18th April 1898, forwarding a copy of the order by the Government of Madras, No. 379-A, Financial, of the same date, in which it is observed that provision has been made for contributions by the Local Funds in Madras of Rs. 1,51,000 in 1897-98 and Rs. 1,44,000 in 1898-99 on account of famine-relief expenditure, and that endeavours should be made to restrict all avoidable expenditure on ordinary Local Fund works in the affected districts and to increase the contributions as far as possible.

2. It will be seen from the letters in this department, No. 1400-A., dated the 26th March 1897, and No. 710-A., dated the 10th February 1898, that both the Budget and Revised Estimates of expenditure in Madras for 1897-98 were prepared on the assumption that Rs. 5,00,000 of the total expenditure on famine relief would be passed on to the charge of Local Revenues. The Budget Estimates of District Boards for 1897-98 as originally framed made inadequate provision for contributions from local bodies towards expenditure on famine relief, the only substantial variation proposed in the ordinary rate of expenditure being a reduction of about Rs. 70,000 under 45. Civil Works—New Works, besides which provision was made in the Cuddapah District Board budget for a contribution of Rs. 20,000 towards 33. Famine

Relief. The Government of India have been unable to ascertain whether any, and what, endeavours were made, after these orders were issued, or after the apprehensions of famine expenditure in Madras were intensified, to provide, by revision of Local Boards' finance for their meeting this proportion of the famine expenditure of the province. The preliminary actuals for 1897-98 show that the ordinary expenditure in that year was only about Rs. 30,000 less than the budget estimate which itself was less than a lakh below the average expenditure of the three previous years. Under these circumstances the Government of India do not conceive themselves justified in taking upon Imperial Funds the extra liability in connection with expenditure on Famine, which has arisen from the omission to realize the full contribution required in 1897-98.

3. In paragraph 2 of the letter in this department, No. 1182-A., dated the 11th March 1898, it was decided to charge to Imperial Revenues so much of the famine expenditure in Madras as would leave the Provincial balance on 31st March 1898 at ten lakhs of rupees subject to the condition that five lakhs of the expenditure were met from Local Funds; the reason for this reservation being that the amount by which the Local Fund share is allowed to fall short of five lakhs is necessarily passed on to Imperial Revenues, unless the assignment of ten lakhs for Provincial balances on April 1, 1898, is reduced by the amount by which the recoveries from Local Funds fall short of five lakhs. The Government of India have accordingly decided (1) that the precise amount of famine expenditure to be charged to, or recovered from, the resources of Local Funds (contributions from Provincial not being included in that item) should be left to the Government of Madras to settle; (2) that the accounts of famine expenditure in 1897-98 should be so adjusted that the Provincial balance on 31st March 1898 should be less than the sum of Rs. 10,00,000 by the amount by which the sum so charged or recovered in that year and in 1896-97 under "33. Famine Relief" falls below five lakhs; and (3) that any recoveries from Local Funds made by the Madras Government at its discretion in 1898-99 and subsequent years in part payment of the five lakhs should be credited wholly as contributions to Provincial Revenues.

Copy forwarded to the Comptroller and Auditor General and to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 17th September 1898, No. 4345.

I have the honour to request the issue of early orders on paragraph 3 of the Government of India letter No. 3055-A., dated the 12th July 1898, regarding the adjustment of the share of five lakhs to be borne by Local Funds towards the famine expenditure incurred in the past two years, so that the necessary entries may be made in time in my supplementary accounts of 1897-98. The only orders relating to such adjustments in the accounts of 1897-98 received yet are those regarding the contribution of the Ganjam District Board—*vide* G.O., No. 1405 L., dated 8th August 1898, recorded in G.O., No. 701, Financial, dated 15th August 1898.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 30th September 1898, No. L.F.D.—427.

With reference to your telegram dated the 17th September 1898, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing by major heads the receipts and expenditure under Local Funds (Act V of 1884) of the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah and Nellore districts for the years 1896-97, 1897-98 and 1898-99. The figures shown in the columns for 1896-97 and 1897-98 are the actuals and those for 1898-99 represent the sanctioned budget estimates.

8th A.
Fund from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated of famine 11th November 1898, No. 4962.

ENCLOSURE.

RECEIPTS.

RECEIPTS.

Districts.	Rates and Taxes.			Education.			Medical.			Interest.			
	1896-97.	1897-98	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam	2,55,507	2,87,535	2,64,350	3,377	3,160	3,820	649	3,565	2,120	1,854	2,319	1,920	
Vizagapatam ..	3,01,237	3,29,192	3,23,680	9,266	9,577	10,370	22,600	6,328	3,040	132	333	150	
Kurnool	1,20,472	1,97,098	1,81,170	3,757	3,523	4,060	203	593	280	5	22	60	
Bellary	1,14,693	2,27,746	1,85,120	5,653	5,553	6,440	279	794	1,680	153	171	170	
Anantapur ..	49,922	1,12,850	1,07,300	3,652	3,205	4,170	181	767	240	568	582	530	
Cuddapah ..	1,12,547	2,19,652	2,26,190	4,512	3,749	4,770	289	884	320	8	6	20	
Nellore	2,77,197	2,69,799	2,81,030	6,568	6,424	5,440	102	242	170				

Districts.	Miscellaneous.			Public Works.			Contributions.			Total.		
	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam	19,779	18,971	21,130	5,672	914	870	10,323	1,477	3,040	2,97,161	3,17,941	2,97,250
Vizagapatam ..	11,021	8,199	8,740	1,997	1,960	3,300	5,078	5,371	5,770	3,51,331	3,60,960	3,55,050
Kurnool	3,903	5,126	4,950	284	1,144	10	25,693	2,280	3,060	1,54,312	2,07,764	1,93,530
Bellary	17,012	14,500	18,280	797	847	1,430	1,21,836	8,409	9,370	2,60,281	2,57,871	2,22,380
Anantapur ..	5,347	5,497	8,330	926	694	580	50,302	3,753	4,760	1,13,483	1,26,937	1,25,550
Cuddapah ..	14,144	12,765	16,010	355	184	440	42,092	1,632	2,560	1,74,507	2,39,448	2,50,820
Nellore	6,568	6,398	7,960	2,246	5,692	760	3,020	2,516	8,810	2,95,709	2,90,077	3,20,670
									*21,480			

* To cover deficits.

EXPENDITURE

Districts.	Grant 1.			Grant 2.			Grant 3.		
	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
Ganjām	Rs. 1,57,240	Rs. 1,70,193	Rs. 1,78,850 — 22,520	Rs. 41,069	Rs. 37,357	Rs. 40,500 — 840	Rs. 59,186	Rs. 64,284	Rs. 57,750 — 1,455
Vizagapatam	1,87,607	1,96,243	1,99,169	53,965	49,842	48,570	76,413	76,848	69,340
Kurnool	97,120	77,613	97,230 — 1,100	24,891	24,266	23,990	48,055	52,119	52,030
Bellary	99,540	1,04,066	1,26,670	34,135	34,159	34,340	63,452	65,053	55,730
Anantapur	42,788	26,116	50,770 — 4,960	24,203	20,829	21,190	35,526	46,370	47,490
Cuddapah	94,398	75,635	1,54,330 — 12,867	30,538	27,436	29,450	57,245	56,314	53,460
Nellore	1,53,177.	1,58,556	1,91,930 — 3,910	48,698	49,794	42,010	56,261	63,908	63,780

Districts.	Grant 4.			Grant 5.			Total.		
	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
Ganjām	Rs. 1,364	Rs. 931	Rs. 1,790 — 124	Rs. 53,096	Rs. 53,331	Rs. 20,360 — 72	Rs. 2,91,955	Rs. 3,26,096	Rs. 2,97,750 — 25,011
Vizagapatam	3,289	3,070	1,770	(20,950)	21,477	20,280	3,62,224	3,47,480	3,39,120
Kurnool	1,546	1,022	1,390	30,677	16,762	16,380	2,02,289	1,71,782	1,91,020 — 1,100
Bellary	5,661	4,393	3,990	73,140	16,294	(14,570) (+ 7,800)	2,75,928	2,23,965	2,43,100
Anantapur	4,160	3,034	3,800 — 290	19,415	12,673	12,720	1,26,092	1,09,022	1,35,970 — 5,250
Cuddapah	2,603	2,569	2,320 — 1,023	32,463	19,096	19,090	2,17,247	1,81,050	2,58,700 — 13,890
Nellore	5,781	4,832	5,660 — 670	22,137	23,843	28,750 — 5,000	2,86,054	3,00,933	3,32,130 — 9,580

* To cover deficits.

N.B.—(1) The minus figures represent the reductions made by Government from the original budgets.

(2) Rs. 8,000 is provided in the budget of the Anantapur district on account of plague charges for 1898-99 and Rs. 1,680, 1,140, 2,150 and 1,000 are provided in the budgets of the Ganjam, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Nellore districts, respectively, for 1898-99 as unforeseen charges under Grant III. No provision has been made in the budgets of Vizagapatam and Bellary on account of plague charges for 1898-99.

ORDER—No. 1220, Financial, dated 13th December 1898.

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The report on the famine in the Madras Presidency during 1896-97 and the accounts of expenditure in the Nellore district show that a sum of 70·52 lakhs has been expended on relief works in the seven districts marginally noted. The distribution of the contribution of 5 lakhs which the Government of India insists on being realized from Local funds, if divided amongst these districts proportionately to the expenditure on works in each district, is shown in the following statement together with particulars of the direct local expenditure on famine in 1896-97 and of the contributions already levied:—

District	Local Expenditure on Famine (1896-97)	Contributions to Pro-
Ganjám.		
Vizagapatam.		
Kurnool.		
Bellary.		
Anantapur.		
Caddapah.		
Nellore.		

Boards.	Expenditure on works up to date.	Distribution of 5 lakhs proportionately.	Expenditure on famine relief works by the boards in 1896-97.	Contribution levied in 1897-98.	Balance remaining to be recovered.	Contributions to Provincial on account of famine ordered in 1898-99.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ganjám	3.31	.24	.03	.31	— .10	.25
Vizagapatam	2.34	.17	..	..	.17	.26
Kurnool	21.14	1.50	.56	.08	1.36	.20
Bellary	24.87	1.76	.07	..	1.12	..
Anantapur	8.10	.57	.12	..	.60	.06
Cudalaph	10.21	.72	..	..	.50	.69
Nellore	.55	.04	..	..	.04	..
Total	70.52	5.00	.92	.39	3.69	1.94

2. The statement annexed to these proceedings exhibits the financial position for the three years ending 1898-99 of the district boards in question. It excludes transactions connected with unions and endowments other than markets, as these are not available for general purposes, but includes the probable expenditure on plague-preventive measures.

3. The position of each district board is summarized below:—

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(i) *Ganjam*.—This district board has already paid 10 lakh in excess of the amount leviable from it. The provision of 25 lakh in the budget estimate for the current year as a contribution to Provincial funds will be cancelled and the excess amount (10 lakh) will be re-adjusted to the credit of the district board by the Accountant-General. The board should close with a balance of 40 lakh.

(ii) *Vizagapatam*.—This district has to contribute '17 lakh only, but a provision of '26 lakh has been made in the budget for the current year. The contribution of '17 lakh should be levied at once. After meeting the estimated plague expenditure, this district should close the year with a balance of '40 lakh.

(iii) *Kurnool*.—The balance of contribution to be recovered from this district (paragraph 1 *supra*) is 1.36 lakh. The contribution (.23 lakh) made from Provincial funds to cover deficits in 1896-97 has still to be repaid. The total amount therefore stands at 1.59. The budget for the current year contains a provision of .20 lakh for contributions to Provincial, but as it is estimated that the district board will close the current year with no balance whatever if it meets its plague expenditure, this amount will be reduced to .10 lakh and recovered at once. The amount remaining to be recovered will then stand at 1.49 lakh.

(iv) *Bellary*.—The recovery of any contribution from this district is impracticable at present. The appended statement shows that the district board cannot meet the plague expenditure debitable to it and that it will probably close the year with a large *minus* balance. In addition to the amount (1·12) shown in the statement in paragraph 1 *supra*, a contribution of ·57 lakh from Provincial funds made in 1896-97 to cover deficits has still to be repaid.

(v) *Anantapur*.—This district will, after contributing a sum of .06 lakh towards Provincial in the current year, close with a balance of .07 lakh. The contribution (.06) should be levied. The amount remaining to be recovered from the board will be .44 lakh plus .46, the contribution received in 1896-97 from Provincial to cover deficits—total .90 lakh.

(vi) *Cuddapah*.—A sum of .60 lakh is due from this district on account of famine (paragraph 1 *supra*) in addition to the amount (.41 lakh) advanced in 1896-97 to cover deficits, while a provision of .48 lakh has been made in the budget for the current year as a contribution to Provincial funds. As this district will, according to the appended statement, close with a balance of .31 lakh, a sum of .60 lakh will be levied at once, leaving a probable closing balance of .19 lakh. The balance to be recovered will then be .41 lakh.

(vii) *Nellore*.—The amount to be recovered from this district is .04 lakh only, but a provision of .69 lakh exists in the budget for the current year as a contribution for famine charges. The sum of .04 will be recovered and the balance (.65) will be at the disposal of the district board, which should then close the year with a balance of .67 lakh.

4. The foregoing paragraphs are summarized below:—

District.	Portion of 5 lakhs payable.	Contribution levied.				Balance due on account of famine.	Provincial contribution made in 1896-97 to cover deficits not repaid.	Total due by each District Board (column 7 + column 8).
		Direct famine expenditure in 1896-97.	Paid in 1897-98.	Contribution now directed.	Total of columns 3, 4 and 5.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ganjam	.24	.03	.31	— .10	.24	..	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	.17	..	..	.17	.17	..	..	..
Kurnool	1.50	.14	..	.10	.24	1.26	.23	1.49
Bellary	1.76	.56	.08	..	.64	1.12	.57	1.69
Anantapur	.57	.07	..	.06	.13	.44	.46	.90
Cuddapah	.72	.12	..	.60	.72	..	.41	.41
Nellore	.04	..	..	.04	.04	..	..	..
Total	5.00	.92	.39	.87	2.18	2.82	1.67	4.49

[Here enter letter No. 1221, Financial, dated 13th December 1898.]

(True Extract.)

A. S. Sington
for Chief Secretary.

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

Budget estimate, 1898-99.

District Boards.	Probable closing balance (15-17).	Contribution to Provincial for famine included in column 17.	Plague.			Difference between columns 18 and 22.	Five per cent. of the receipts (column 15).	Difference between columns 23 and 24.
			Expenditure debitable according to most recent estimates.	Expenditure provided in the budget included in column 17.	Difference between columns 20 and 21.			
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Ganjam	.23	.25	.20	.02	.18	.05	.14	— .09
Vizagapatam ..	.42	.26	.16	.05	.11	.31	.17	.14
Kurnool	.15	.20	.22	.07	.15	..	.09	— .09
Bellary	1.1	..	.35	.12	.23	— .34	.10	— .44
Anantapur	.11	.06	.12	.08	.04	.37	.05	.02
Cuddapah	.37	.48	.09	.03	.06	.31	.11	.20
Nellore	.14	.69	.12	..	.12	.02	.14	— .12
Total	1.31	1.94	1.26	.37	.89	.42	.80	— .38

APPENDIX TO G.O., N

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Budget estimate, 1898-99.

District Boards.	Probable closing balance (16 - 17).	Contribution to Provincial for famine included in column 17.	Plague.			Difference between columns 18 and 22.	Five per cent. of the receipts (column 16).	Difference between columns 23 and 24.
			Expenditure debitable according to most recent estimates.	Expenditure provided in the budget included in column 17.	Difference between columns 20 and 21.			
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Ganjám	·23	·25	·20	·02	·18	·05	·14	— ·09
Vizagapatam	·42	·26	·16	·05	·11	·31	·17	·14
Kurnool	·15	·20	·22	·07	·15	..	·09	— ·09
Bellary	1·1	..	·35	·12	·23	— ·34	·10	— ·44
Anantapur	·11	·06	·12	·08	·04	·07	·05	·02
Cuddapah	·37	·48	·09	·03	·06	·31	·11	·20
Nellore	·14	·69	·12	..	·12	·02	·14	— ·12
Total	1·31	1·94	1·26	·37	·89	·42	·80	— ·38

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