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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Pres. Financial Dept communicating the Govt of India resolution urging the observance of all practicable economy in the expenditure of Govt, and requesting the Public works, to call Municipal & Marine Depts. to stop all expenditure on works the execution of which can be postponed without loss to the public Revenues and without curtailing the work available in the affected districts, comm^g to the Presy Port Officer for report on what expenditure in the Marine Budget can be postponed.

Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary the Government of India Resolution urging the observance of all practicable economy in the expenditure of Government; and requesting the Public Works, Local and Municipal and Marine departments to stop all expenditure on works the execution of which can be postponed without ut loss to the public revenues and without curtailing the work available in the affected districts.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Salaries, Establishments, &c.—Famine Relief), dated Simla, the 2nd November 1896, No. 4718-Ex.

Resolution.—The Government of India regret to have to call the attention of the Local Governments to the pressing demands upon the treasury which are arising, to a greater extent every day, out of the approaching scarcity. These demands will press with equal force upon Local, Provincial and Imperial resources, and it is necessary for the Governments, both Local and Imperial, to husband their resources as much as possible in view to meeting the peremptory requirements of the situation.

2. So far as present information goes, hardly any Government seems to be free from the possible necessity of having to meet, within its own borders, expenditure on account of famine relief. But whether in view of the demands that may arise within its own districts or with a view of relieving as far as possible the strain that will undoubtedly fall upon the general resources of the treasury, it is incumbent upon each Government to pass its current expenditure under review and to see whether it cannot, by postponing or avoiding some of the expenditure which it had in contemplation before the present scarcity declared itself, strengthen its own hands and those of the Imperial Government to meet the crisis.

3. It should be understood that the warning, which the Government of India think it advisable now to issue, is not meant to foreshadow any demand upon provincial balances. Most Provincial Governments are unfortunately likely to have the fullest employment for them. What the Government of India desire is to make the funds in the treasury more largely available for famine purposes by postponing any other expenditure that can possibly be postponed.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be communicated to all departments of the Government of India; to all Local Governments and Administrations; and to the heads of departments subordinate to the Finance and Commerce Department.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 795, Financial, dated 19th November 1896.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary for information and guidance.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department stopping all expenditure on works the execution of which can be postponed without loss to the public revenues and without curtailing the work available in the affected districts.

3. Similar orders will issue in the Local and Municipal and Marine Departments.

(True Extract.)

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for Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Educational Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Marine Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Revenue Department.
" Departments of the Chief Secretariat.
" all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.