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DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.

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No. 337. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 4th December 1876, No. 317 W:—

With reference to G.O., No. 90, dated 15th November 1876, I have the honor to request that I may from time to time be furnished with information showing exactly which are the works, and which the establishment, that is to be charged to the distinct head of account under Imperial in connection with Famine Relief Works.

2. I enclose a list of the works the execution of which has been sanctioned up to the present time, and I should be glad to know if this list is complete. I have been unable to draw up a similar list with regard to establishment. A large number of the present ordinary staff of the department has been transferred to the distressed districts, but I am not aware of what arrangements Government propose with regard to their pay.

3. Some of the works undertaken as Famine Relief Works will probably be projects already commenced or contemplated as Ordinary Public Works, and, with reference to these, I should be glad to be informed how the Famine Relief expenditure on these works is to be shown so as to exhibit finally the total cost on the project. The East Coast Canal is such a work; but the point I have here raised will be of more importance where parts of Irrigation projects, for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are maintained, are taken up as Famine Relief Works.

4. I should be glad to receive early instructions on these points, to avoid the confusion inseparable from booking expenditure without a clear idea of the ultimate requirements of Government.

List of Relief Works authorized by Government.

Authority.	District.	Name of Work.	Amount of probable Outlay.
Government Order, No. 2,696, dated 6th October 1876.	Kurnool ...	Kambam tank ...	Not known.
Do. No. 2,698, dated 21st October 1876.	Bellary ...	Cart road through the Sundoor valley.	Rupees 5,000.
Do. No. 12, dated 2nd November 1876.			
Do. No. 2,907 ...	Do. ...	Irrigation repairs...	Not known.
Do. No. 2,966, dated 2nd November 1876.	Do. ...	Road from Sundoor to Somalapur.	Rupees 15,000.
Do. No. 3,103, dated 20th November 1876.	Nellore ...	Canal works ...	Rupees 50,000 monthly.
*Do. No. 3,133, dated 21st November 1876.	Kistna ...	Preliminary expenses for starting if necessary relief works.	Not known.

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No. 328.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1876, No. 3,410.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 23.

ALL orders in the Public Works Department sanctioning Famine Relief Works have been communicated to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. And it has been requested in separate Proceedings that all orders issued in other departments be communicated to the Public Works Department. These also will on receipt be duly communicated from time to time to the Examiner. The pay of officers and subordinates already on the permanent establishment of the Public Works Department, who have been placed at disposal of Collectors for Famine Works, will continue to be charged as before, except any extra allowances that may be granted them, which should be charged separately to Relief Funds. That of substitutes temporarily entertained should be charged to Relief Funds.

These extra allowances, as well as the salaries of the substitutes temporarily entertained, will be shown in the salary bills submitted to the Examiner separately in red ink, with the remark 'chargeable to Famine Relief Works' noted against them.

2. It is impracticable to specify at present all the projects or portions of projects under execution which are to be charged to Famine Relief Funds. All that can be done now is to lay down a general principle for guidance, leaving the detailed application of the principle to be settled hereafter by the local authorities of the districts concerned. Such general principle as regards Irrigation repairs was enunciated in G.O., No. 2,907, dated 30th October 1876. And it will now be extended to all other classes of works. It will be understood, therefore, that all works, which the Collector and District Engineer may consider it desirable to carry out to afford employment to the poor, should be treated as Famine Works, and that expenditure which would not otherwise be incurred should be separately charged to Relief Funds. The District Engineers will at once submit to the Examiner a list of all Famine Relief Works now in progress, the expenditure on which is being shown in the Public Works Accounts, and they will in future submit monthly to that officer a separate list of estimates sanctioned as Famine Relief Works. Expenditure on work so sanctioned will be accounted for in a separate schedule of expenditure.

3. There still remains the question of the subsequent treatment of expenditure incurred from Famine Relief Funds on Agricultural Works. It is essential that the fair value of all work so done should be taken account of in the records of expenditure on Agricultural Works, and His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased to lay down therefore the following procedure:—

(1.) All expenditure from Famine Relief Funds on Agricultural Works of all kind shall be recorded provisionally in the first instance against the general suspense head "Famine Relief Works."

(2.) Subsequently the value of the work done shall be assessed as accurately as may be practicable, and, where measurements are available, at the rates of the past year, and this value shall be debited against the works in the same way as the same expenditure would have been charged had it been incurred in the ordinary manner against Public Works Grants.

(3.) It is probable that certain works, such as the clearance of channels which would under ordinary circumstances be carried out at the cost of the ryots or other

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persons interested, will now be executed as Famine Relief Work and will be paid for by the State. In such cases no part of the outlay will be transferred to the debit of Irrigation Grants. This must be carefully investigated and specially reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Financial Department.

Revenue Department.

Military Department.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shanker.

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Sept
Proposed Addition to
S. No 3410.

(3) It is probable that certain works, such as the cleaning of channels, which would under ordinary circumstances, be carried out at the cost of the ryots or other persons interested; will now be executed as famine relief works and will be paid for by the State. In such cases ^{reported} the outlay will be transferred to the debit of Irrigation Grants, if possible, ~~if possible~~ ^{large} sums may be ~~disposable~~ ^{be disposable} brought to account.

Ans.

Sept. 15/12

I see that the instruction to
bring expenditure on Agricultural
Works separately to account
is now struck out of the
draft order; consequently
the three last lines of your
proposed addition are not
required. Are they?

Paul

15-12-76
Mr. Paine
The Abolition has been
be favored in N. H. & is
circulated with the Reform

To L. L. Mumford

15-12

sub-heads) ^{in the manner} as directed in
para. 2 of the above G.O.
as regards works which
under ordinary circumstances
would be debitable to the
Irrigation grants.

2. I think all this
might be — and had
better be included in the
G.O. referred to.

Chel.
15.12.76.

20th. 1. 1st. 77.

Certainly this had better
go into the G.O. but who
is dropping it. I know
nothing about it.

The Draft has been
obtained from the
Bureau and is submitted.
The Irrigation portion was
drafted by the St. Secretary
and revised by the
Examiner R.F.

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All that seems necessary
is to ~~insist~~ ^{point out} to
to Dr. that certain works
are likely to be carried out
as Famine Relief Works, and
as such paid for by the State,
which works would under
ordinary circumstances be
carried out at the cost of
the ryots, or other parties
interested, and not at the
cost of the state, and to
warn Dr. that ^{the actual} ~~superfluous~~
^{value} of such works is not to
be afterwards transferred
to the debit of Irrigation
Grants (vide G.O. No. 7
— about to issue) and that
therefore expenditure incurred
on such work should not
be separately brought to
account (i.e. under distinct
sub-heads)

100. See highly probable
 that expenditure will be
 incurred from famine
 relief funds on the formation
 of channels of approach to
 the beds of rivers and on
 channel clearances, which
 work may ordinarily devolve
 upon the ryots interested &
 not be chargeable to the
 Government.
 In such cases expenditure
 should not hereafter be
 made a book debit to
 irrigation repairs.
 I propose to instruct D^{rs}
 accordingly.
 What are your requirements
 as regards proper indication
 of the nature of such work
 by 15/12

List of relief works authorized by Government 3. 113

Authority	District	Name of work	Amount of probable Outlay	Remarks
Government Order No 2696 dated 6 th October 1876	Kurnool	Kambam	not known	
do do No 2698 dated 21 st October 1876		Lank	known	
do do No 125 dated 2 nd November 1876	Bellary	Cart road		
		through the Sundoor Valley	5,000	
do do No 29075	do	Irrigation repairs	not known	
do do No 2966 dated 2 nd November 1876	do	Road from Sundoor to Komalapur	15,000	
do do No 31035 dated 20 th November 1876	Nellore	Canal Works	50,000 monthly	
do do No 31335 dated 21 st November 1876	Pistina	Preliminary Expenses for starting if necessary relief works	not known	

W. H. n/r

London 10/10/1914

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PORT ST. GEORGE, 4TH DEC. 1876.

WITH REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. 90 DATED NOV
15TH. 1876, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REQUEST THAT I MAY FROM
TIME TO TIME BE FURNISHED WITH INFORMATION SHOWING EXACTLY
WHICH ARE THE WORKS, AND WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENT, THAT IS
TO BE CHARGED TO THE DISTINCT HEAD OF ACCOUNT UNDER IMPE-
RIAL IN CONNECTION WITH FAMINE RELIEF WORKS.

2. I ENCLOSE A LIST OF THE WORKS, THE EXECUTION OF WHICH HAS BEEN SANCTIONED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME; AND I SHOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW IF THIS LIST IS COMPLETE. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DRAW UP A SIMILAR LIST WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT. A LARGE NUMBER OF THE PRESENT ORDINARY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE DISTRESSED DISTRICTS, BUT I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNMENT PROPOSE WITH REGARD TO THEIR PAY.

3. SOME OF THE WORKS UNDERTAKEN AS FAMINE RELIEF WORKS
WILL PROBABLY BE PROJECTS ALREADY COMMENCED OR CONTINGENT

AS ORDINARY PUBLIC WORKS, AND WITH REFERENCE TO THESE, I SHOULD BE GLAD TO BE INFORMED HOW THE FAMINE RELIEF EXPENDITURE ON THESE WORKS IS TO BE SHOWN SO AS TO EXHIBIT FINALLY THE TOTAL COST ON THE PROJECT. THE EAST COAST CANAL IS SUCH A WORK, BUT THE POINT I HAVE BEEN RAISED WILL BE OF MORE IMPORTANCE WHERE PARTS OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS, FOR WHICH CAPITAL AND REVENUE ACCOUNTS ARE MAINTAINED, ARE TAKEN UP AS FAMINE RELIEF WORKS.

4. I SHOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE EARLY INSTRUCTIONS ON THESE POINTS, TO AVOID THE CONFUSION INSEPARABLE FROM BOOKING EXPENDITURE WITHOUT A CLEAR IDEA OF THE ULTIMATE RE-QUIREMENTS OF GOVERNMENT

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

Stonway-Jordan

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

286-10-76 No 2696 & 2698
 30-10-76 1907
 2-11-76 12
 3-11-76 2966
 15-11-76 90
 20-11-76 3103
 21-11-76 3133

P.W.D.
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 No 8824

FROM THE EXAMINER,
 P. W. ACCOUNTS,
 TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.
 P.W. DEPARTMENT

DATE 4TH DEC. 1906.
 RECD.

ENCLO. ONE. ✓

NO. 317. W.

REQUESTS TO BE FURNISHED
 WITH INFORMATION ANENT THE WORKS
 AND ESTABLISHMENT TO BE CHARGED
 TO THE HEAD 'IMPERIAL' IN CON-
 NECTON WITH FAMINE RELIEF WORKS

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No 3410

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 14 Dec/06
 Read the following:—

From
 The Exr. of P.W. Accts. (No. 317 Wd/11 Dec/06)

All orders in the
 Public Works Dept.
 sanctioning Famine Relief
 Works have been com-
 municated to the Examiner
 of Public Works Accounts.
 And it has been re-
 quested in separate Pro-
 ceedings that all orders
 issued in other Depart-
 ments be communicated
 to the Public Works
 Department. These also
 will on receipt be duly
 Communicated

W.E.
 [Faint handwritten notes and signatures]

communicated from
time to time to the Examiner.
The pay of
Officers and Subordinates
already on the permanent
Establishment of the
Public Works Department
who have been placed
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Salary bills submitted to the Examiner
separately in red ink, with the remark
'Chargeable to Famine Relief works' noted
against them.

what was the meaning of this
it being said - "most all
expended in work of the public
works in districts or sub-districts?
The answer is that it is not
entirely correct as the public
works of the district are not
entirely the same as the public
works of the sub-district. The
public works of the district are
the public works of the district
and the public works of the sub-district
are the public works of the sub-district.

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The general Expenditure head Famine Relief Works.

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A Works for which capital and revenue accounts are kept.

B Ordinary Agricultural works under the several mainheads.

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QMR

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tion grants.

under a separate
account in the Public Works
grants.

[Handwritten signature]
This must be done
by the D. & G. of the
works
referred

Dr.
Dist. Engineers ✓
Secy. P. W. Accts. ✓
Trib. Dept. ✓
Rev. Dept. ✓
Military Dept. ✓
Chief Eng. for Ind. ✓

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Decd 22/12/16

Proposed draft order

To Cash on hand

To

C.

For remarks

MM

W.

To W.

I have suggested a few
additions. If these are approved, the
G.O. satisfies all our wants.

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9/12

~~Transmitted to the~~
~~the authorities~~
~~the~~

Recd 18/12

No 337/38

In R.S.M. 518

Revised with
reference to additional
end of draft.

MM

1-12-30

1-13-30

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Govt. of Madras.

Public Works.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 11th Decr 1876, No. 3410

Nos. 337/8

Lammie Relief Works—

Passing orders on letter
from the Engineer P. N. S.
regarding adjustment of
charges on account of—

Office note—
in the other
Deptt. staff.

End in P. N. S.