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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNTS.

SIMLA, THE 14TH JUNE 1877.

READ the undermentioned papers regarding the mode of adjustment to be followed in respect to expenditure incurred for famine relief works:—

- Letter from the Bombay Government to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, No. 8 A—39, dated 10th January 1877, and enclosures.
- Letter from the Comptroller General, No. 196, dated 8th May 1877, and enclosures.
- Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 387 A.—G., dated 21st May 1877, and enclosures.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to decide that all outlay on public works executed for the purpose of relieving distress among the people arising from famine, whether supervised by the officers of the Public Works Department or by Civil officers, shall, in the first instance, be recorded in the accounts of the Public Works Department under a suspense head to be called "Famine Relief."

2. Of the whole outlay thus recorded, the portion which represents the value of the work done calculated at normal rates must be ultimately recorded as expenditure under the proper sub-divisions of the Service Head Public Works, Ordinary or Extraordinary, as the case may be, the remainder being transferred to the Service Head "Famine Relief."

3. The responsibility of determining, in each case, how much of such outlay shall be recorded as Public Works expenditure, and how much as expenditure under the head of Famine Relief, will rest upon the Public Works Department. But it is important that the Suspense Account to be kept in the Public Works Department should be cleared as quickly as possible, and no such refinements of calculations should be attempted or permitted as will cause any delay in the attainment of this object.

4. The Governor General in Council trusts to the Local Governments to issue such subsidiary orders as will secure this result.

5. As a rule, the Governor General in Council considers that experience shows, conclusively, that public works executed for relief purposes can be most conveniently and economically supervised by the professional officers of the Public Works Department; but if, in any case, this is found impracticable and the supervision of such works is entrusted to Civil officers, the arrangement must not be allowed to interfere with thorough obedience to the present order, and the Civil officers must act only as disbursers of the Public Works Department, submitting to that Department all accounts of their outlay.

6. This Resolution is to be applied immediately, and with retrospective effect, to the outlay now being incurred for the relief of the distress arising from the present Famine in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay.

ORDERED, that this Resolution be communicated to the Revenue* and Public Works Departments of the Government of India, to the Local Governments, to the Comptroller General, and to the Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Order thereon. 28 June 1877. 1877.

Communicated to the Public Works
Department and to the Revenue (Finance)
Department, ~~in which subsidiary order~~
~~will be found as required by law.~~

(True Extract.)

J. H. Mann
Chief Secretary.

The Public Works Department.

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MEMORANDUM.

REQUIRED for the Military Department:—Four more spare copies
of P. G. Public Works Department, No 483 W, dated 27th July
1877, for communication to departments concerned.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Military Department,
22nd August 1877.

To

The Registrar Public Works Depart.

Head Clerk.

J. H. Mann

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

27th July 1927

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Draft S.O. for approval of
the members of the Comm^{ce}

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By the Honble. Mr. Huddleston -

Mr. S. Thornhill. C.S.I. -

Col. Ford - R.L. - 24/7

Col. Mullins - R.L. - 24/7

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purpose of relieving
distress arising from

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Sir Royce

My dear Lord

This had better

come at once.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

27th 4 July 1977

Read the following:—

In supersession of
all previous orders on the
subject, His Excellency
the Governor in Council
directs that the following
procedure shall in future
be observed with regard
to all outlay on public
works executed for the
purpose of relieving
distress arising from

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famine.

2. Wherever the supervision of Famine Relief Works is entrusted to Officers of other departments than the Public Works Dept., such officers will obtain funds from the nearest Executive Officer of the Public Works Department, and they will account to the Examiner for all outlay from such funds on account of Famine Relief Works. The necessary forms of account will be supplied by the Executive Officer

from

from whom funds are obtained.

3. This order will take effect from the 1st September; and for any works which may on that date be in the hands of Civil Officers, funds must after that date be obtained from the nearest Public Works Executive Officer.

4. Officers who are already in account with the Examiner for advances made to them for works other than Famine Relief

Works.

Works must be careful to
Keep their Famine Relief
Works accounts quite
distinct from their accounts
relating to ordinary Public
Works. Applications to
Executive Officers for funds
should state distinctly that
the funds are required
for Famine Relief Works,
and the funds so obtained
are to be expended only on
public works executed for
the purpose of relieving
distress among the people
arising from famine, and must not
be diverted to the gratuitous relief of
the distressed, or other collateral objects.
All stocks of grain in the hands of
Revenue & other Civil Officers, will not

present, be accounted for to the Board of
Revenue. But actual
grain payments to laborers
will be shown in the ac-
counts rendered to the
Examiner as a receipt from
the Civil Department, the
receipt being cleared by a
pro tanto debit to works
per contra.

5. The arrangement at
present in force with re-
gard to the gratuitous
relief of the distressed
are not affected by the
order.

6. With regard to
under provision by Officers
of the Public Works Dept.
no modification of present
arrangements is necessary
as far as accounts and
provision of funds are

Concerned.

7. All outlay whether by Public Works or by Civil Officers will in the first instance be debited by the Examiner to the Public Works Suspense head "Same Relief," and the Examiner will see that this suspense head is relieved as rapidly as possible by charging off to the heads of service concerned the value of work done at normal rates and debiting the Civil Department with the ascertained excess. No details of excess so debited need be furnished to the Civil Department, as the responsibility

of determining the value of work done will rest entirely with the Public Works Dept.

8. On the completion of each work whether by Public Works Officers or by Civil Officers a completion report showing the actual value of work done as determined by the Public Works Officers will be submitted to the Examiner by the District Engineer concerned, and the Examiner will be guided thereby in apportioning the total outlay incurred.

9. The Examiner will take care that no debit is raised to any local

fund in place of the
total grant from that
fund for Public Works.
The difference of any
between the value of work
usually chargeable to
a Local Fund and the
Public Works grant from
that fund will be de-
ducted to Provincials.

10. Charges on account
of Tools and Plant will
remain in suspense
(“Famine Relief” suspense
account) until the closing
of the Famine Relief
Account.

11. The treatment of
the large stocks of
road-metal which have
been collected by relief
laborers will be dealt

with in a separate order.
12. The instructions already
issued in G.O. No. 66, W.
dated 15th May 1877, re-
garding the incidence
of establishment charges
are not affected by this
order.

13. The Examiners, in
communication with the
Accountant General, ^{Madras,} and
District Engineers, will
arrange for the proper
apportionment of all
outlay incurred before
the 1st September next.
The Accountant General,
Madras, will furnish
the Examiners with details
of expenditure (whether

in each or grain) in-
curred on Public works
by Officers of the Civil
Department and accounts
for directly to the Ac-
countant General and
District Engineers in com-
munication with the
Civil Officers concerned
will furnish as soon as
possible such information
as the Examiners may
require regarding the
value of work done.

14. The Examiners will
refer to District Engineers
and Executive Officers
any further subsidiary
instructions that may
be necessary to give
effect to these orders
and he will further

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submit as early as
possible an estimate
of the temporary Accounts
Establishment which
will be necessary to
deal both with the
Accounts of the current
Expenditure and with
the accumulation of
accounts of past Expendi-
ture which will now
be transferred to his
Office.

15. The Accountant
General, the Chief
Engineer and the Examiner
will form a standing
Committee for the settle-
ment of all doubtful
points relating to the
incidence of expenditure

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under these orders
 I am directed
 to forward
 to the
 Board of Revenue
 for their consideration
 the following
 proposals
 for the
 relief of
 the
 distressed
 population
 in the
 districts
 of
 the
 Madras
 Presidency
 in the
 year
 1877.

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Mad. Gen 2-8-77

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27th July/77 Acct
 Read the following:—

PROCEEDINGS IN THE
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN THE PUBLIC WORKS
 DEPARTMENT DATED JUNE 1877.
 COMMUNICATING RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT
 OF INDIA IN THE PUBLIC WORKS
 DEPARTMENT DATED JUNE 1877.

ORDER THEREON.

IN SUPPRESSION OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS ON THE SUBJECT, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DIRECTS THAT THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME SHALL BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITH REGARD TO ALL OUTLAY ON PUBLIC WORKS EXECUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELIEVING DISTRESS ARISING FROM FAMINE.

1. FAMINE RELIEF WORKS WILL HEREAFTER BE SUCH A COURSE IS PRACTICABLE AND CONVENIENT BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE DIRECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D.

WHENEVER IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO PLACE THE SUPERVISION OF FAMINE RELIEF WORKS TO OFFICERS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, SUCH OFFICERS WILL OBTAIN FUNDS FROM THE NEAREST AVAILABLE OFFICES OF THE P.W.D. AND THEY WILL ACCOUNT TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR ALL OUTLAY FROM SUCH FUNDS ON ACCT.

OF PATENT RIGHTS SHALL BE THE PROPERTY OF THE
COUNTRY FOR WHICH THE INVENTION IS
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PATENT
AND IS NOT OBTAINABLE.

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IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EXAMINER FOR ADVANCES MADE TO THEM FOR ANY OTHER THAN FAMINE RELIEF WORKS. MUST BE CAREFUL TO KEEP THEIR FUNDING RELIEF WORKS ACCOUNTS COMPLETELY DISTINCT FROM THEIR ACCOUNTS RELATING TO ORDINARY PUBLIC WORKS. APPLICATIONS TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR FUNDS SHOULD STATE DISTINCTLY THAT THE FUNDS ARE REQUIRED FOR FAMINE RELIEF WORKS, AND THE FUNDS SO OBTAINED ARE TO BE EXPENDED ONLY ON PUBLIC WORKS, AND MUST NOT BE DIVERTED TO THE GRATUITOUS RELIEF OF THE DISTRESSED, OR TO OTHER COLLATERAL OBJECTS. ALL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN THE HANDS OF REVENUE AND OTHER CIVIL OFFICERS WILL, AS AT PRESENT, BE ACCOUNTED FOR TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE. BUT ACTUAL GRAIN PAYMENTS TO LABORERS WILL BE SHOWN IN THE ACCOUNTS RENDERED TO THE EXAMINER, AND A RECEIPT FROM THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT, THIS RECEIPT BEING CLEARED BY A PROTANTIC DEBIT TO WORKS PER CONTRA.

5. THE AGREEMENTS AT PRESENT
IN FORCE WITH REGARD TO THE GLA-
TUITOUS RELIEF OF THE LISTED
ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER.

WITH REGARD TO YOURS UNDER
EXECUTION BY OFFICERS OF THE I.M.F.
NO MODIFICATION OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS
IS NECESSARY AT PRESENT.

AND PROVISION OF FUNDS ARE CONCERNED, BUT WITH A VIEW TO ENSURE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE RETURN, IN THE SHARE OF WORK DONE, FOR THE RELIEF GIVEN, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE OLDER AND LESS CAPABLE MEN AND WOMEN & THE CHILDREN WHO, THOUGH NOT CAPABLE OF A FULL DAY'S WORK, ARE NOT FIT SUBJECTS, FOR GRATUITOUS RELIEF, SHOULD, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BE SEPARATED FROM THE ABLE-BODIED, AND BE EMPLOYED ON SEPARATE WORKS, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE THEY SHOULD BE DRAFTED TO THE WORKS, IF ANY, UNDER THE CHARGE OF CIVIL OFFICERS.

7. ALL OUTLAY, WHETHER BY PUBLIC WORKS OR BY CIVIL OFFICERS WILL IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BE DEBITED BY THE EXAMINER TO THE P.W. SUSPENSE HEAD 'FAMINE RELIEF' AND THE EXAMINER WILL SEE THAT THIS SUSPENSE HEAD IS RELIEVED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, BY CHARGING OFF TO THE HEADS OF SERVICE CONCERNED THE VALUE OF WORK DONE AT NORMAL RATES AND DEBITING THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASCERTAINED EXCESS. NO DETAILS OF EXCESS SO DEBITED NEED BE FURNISHED TO THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT, AS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DETERMINING THE VALUE OF WORK DONE WILL REST ENTIRELY WITH THE P.W. DEPARTMENT.

8. ON THE COMPLETION OF EACH WORK ORDER BY P.W. OFFICERS OR BY CIVIL OFFICERS A COMPLETION REPORT SHEETING THE ACTUAL VALUE OF WORK DONE AS DETERMINED BY THE P.W. OFFICER, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXAMINER, BY THE DISTRICT ENGINEER CONCERNED, AND THE EXAMINER WILL BE GUIDED THEREBY IN AFFORTIONING THE TOTAL OUTLAY INCURRED.

9. IN CARRYING OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 7, THE EXAMINER WILL TAKE CARE THAT NO DEBIT IS RAISED TO ANY LOCAL FUND IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL GRANT FROM THAT FUND FOR PUBLIC WORKS. THE DIFFERENCE IF ANY BETWEEN THE VALUE OF WORK PROPERLY CHARGEABLE TO A LOCAL FUND AND THE P.W. GRANT FROM THAT FUND WILL BE DEBITED TO PROVINCIAL.

10. CHARGES ON ACCOUNT OF TOOLS
AND PLANT WILL REMAIN IN SUSPENSE

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Cobt. of 1877 *Public Works.*

To

District Engineers

By

For

Recd.

Excl.

G. O. 24th July 1877, No. 4832

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*Incidence of all outlay
on public works executed
in connection with the
famine*

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