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Government of Madras

Public Work DEPARTMENT

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FROM L.CONWAY-GORDON,

EXAMINER, P.W.ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 12. W. FORT ST.GEORGE, 20TH.APRIL 1877.

SIR,

IN CONTINUATION OF MY LETTERS NOS.I.W. AND 3.B, DATED RESPECTIVELY 4TH. AND 12TH. APRIL 1877, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD FOR THE INFORMATION OF GOVERNMENT A COPY OF A LETTER NO. 1727, DATED 17TH.MARCH 1877 FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS, AND ON THE SUBJECT TREATED OF IN THIS LETTER, TO REQUEST THAT I MAY RECEIVE AS EARLY AS IS PRACTICABLE, DEFINITE ORDERS WITH REGARD TO THE INCIDENCE OF THE EXPENDITURE ON FAMINE RELIEF WORKS DURING THE YEAR 1876-77.

2. AT PRESENT, THE COURSE ADOPTED BY THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN AS FOLLOWS:-

TO DEBIT FAMINE RELIEF FUNDS

A. THE EXTRA ALLOWANCES, OR BATTA, GRANTED TO MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR MADRAS PUBLIC WORKS ESTABLISHMENT, IN CERTAIN FAMINE DISTRICTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ORDERS NOS.2021,2284,52,2562,326,748, DATED 10TH.NOVEMBER 1876,4TH.DECEMBER 1876,7TH.DECEMBER 1876,28TH.DECEMBER1876,1ST.FEBRUARY 1877 AND 5TH.MARCH 1877 RESPECTIVELY.

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B. THE EXTRA BATTA ALLOWED TO ALL GOVERNMENT SERVANTS DRAWING A CERTAIN SCALE OF PAY WHEN THE PRICE OF FOOD GRAIN EXCEEDS A CERTAIN PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.O.NO.108, DATED 10TH.JANUARY 1877.

C. THE SALARIES, TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES, BATTA ETC. OF ALL OFFICERS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER PROVINCES ESPECIALLY FOR FAMINE RELIEF WORKS.

D. THE EXPENDITURE ON WORKS OR REPAIRS SPECIALLY ORDERED TO BE CARRIED OUT AS FAMINE RELIEF WORKS.

E. THE EXPENDITURE ON TOOLS AND PLANT SPECIALLY REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH FAMINE RELIEF WORKS.

3. I SHOULD BE OBLIGED BY RECEIVING DEFINITE ORDERS ON ALL THESE POINTS SERIATIM. FROM G.O. (FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT) NO.942, DATED 17TH.MARCH 1877 (RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NEARLY A MONTH AFTERWARDS, ON THE 10TH.APRIL) I UNDERSTAND THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL ALL EXPENDITURE COMING UNDER THE HEADS (A) AND (B) FOR FAMINE BATTA TO PUBLIC WORKS ESTABLISHMENTS IS TO BE DEBITED TO THE HEAD, TO WHICH THEIR PAY IS CHARGED. THIS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT AND THE TRANSFER OF THE WHOLE SUM WILL ACCORDINGLY BE CARRIED OUT IN THE BOOKS OF THIS OFFICE THUS RELIEVING FAMINE FUNDS IMPERIAL BY A PRO TANTO DEBIT TO PUBLIC WORKS PROVINCIAL ESTABLISHMENT. AT THE SAME TIME HOWEVER, I DEEM IT MY DUTY TO POINT OUT THAT I DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SUCH SAVINGS ON THE PROVINCIAL GRANT AS WILL ENABLE THESE CHARGES TO BE MET.

4. I HAVE NOW TO REQUEST DEFINITE ORDERS AS TO WHETHER THE EXPENDITURE UNDER THE HEAD (C) IS ALSO TO BE DEBITED TO PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

5. THE LETTER FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, A COPY OF WHICH I NOW ENCLOSE, DIRECTS THAT THE EXPENDITURE UNDER THE

HEAD (D), (AND ALSO BY ANALOGY I THINK UNDER THE HEAD (E)) IS TO BE CHARGED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE PUBLIC WORKS GRANT, IRRIGATION, IMPERIAL OR PROVINCIAL AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND ONLY THE EXCESS OVER NORMAL RATES EVENTUALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT. SHOULD GOVERNMENT APPROVE, THIS TRANSFER CAN ALSO BE DONE, SUBJECT TO THE SAME PROVISO BEFORE ALLUDED TO, I.E. THAT IF DONE, THE BUDGET GRANTS WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDED

6. IF THIS COURSE OF DEBITING ALL PUBLIC WORKS FAMINE RELIEF EXPENDITURE IN THE FIRST PLACE TO THE GRANT OF THE YEAR BE ACCEPTED, I VENTURE TO POINT OUT THE EXTREME NECESSITY FOR COMPLETING AN EARLY VALUATION OF ALL THE WORK DONE IN ORDER THAT THE ADJUSTMENT MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR 1876-77.

7. THE EXPENDITURE ON TOOLS AND PLANT WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE TREATMENT SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TO THAT ON WORKS AND REPAIRS, BUT THE POINT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT ONCE AND DEFINITELY DISPOSED OF.

8. I HAVE FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT I MAY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT AS TO THE EVENTUAL DISPOSAL OF THE LARGE EXPENDITURE ON P. W. WORKS AND REPAIRS WHICH HAS BEEN INCURRED IN THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT. MEASURES SHOULD AT ONCE BE TAKEN TO BRING THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS EXPENDITURE IN SUCH A FORM AS WILL ENABLE THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL AND MYSELF TO ARRIVE AT THE PROPORTIONS EVENTUALLY DEBITABLE TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UNDER THE SEVERAL HEADS OF SERVICE.

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I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

Conway-Gordon

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

EXD.A.F.

COPD.E.H.H.

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ENCLOSURE NO.ONE.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS, NO.1727, DATED 17TH.MARCH 1877.

IN REPLY TO YOUR DEMI OFFICIAL LETTER OF THE 3RD. INSTANT FORWARDING A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE AND OF THE RULES YOU PROPOSE FOR REGULATING EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF FAMINE RELIEF, I HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THAT I APPROVE OF THE RULES BUT I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED FOR ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC WORKS AND CIVIL DEPARTMENTS GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.681 OF THE 15TH.FEBRUARY IS NOT BEFORE ME, BUT IN MY OPINION, WHEN AS IN 2.2 OF YOUR CLASSIFICATION, PAYMENTS BY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS AND DISBURSERS ARE MADE FROM FUNDS OBTAINED IN THE USUAL COURSE ON LETTERS OF CREDIT, THEY SHOULD BE AUDITED BY THE EXAMINER, P.W.ACCOUNTS. THE ENTIRE AMOUNT WILL, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BE TREATED AS PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE AND ONLY AFTER THE EXCESS OVER NORMAL RATES IS FINALLY ASCERTAINED, WILL IT BE EVENTUALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT AS FAMINE RELIEF CHARGES.

2. YOUR FAMINE ADVANCE ACCOUNT WILL NEED CLOSE SCRUTINY. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THE RULE WHICH REQUIRES OFFICERS TO SUBMIT NOT LATER THAN THE 7TH.OF EACH MONTH BILLS FOR ALL EXPENDITURE UP TO THE END OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.

3. YOU STATE THAT SEPARATE RULES WILL BE ISSUED BY THE

BOARD FOR THE CHECK OF GRAIN EXPENDITURE, I SHALL BE OBLIGED IF YOU WILL SEND ME A COPY OF THE RULES SO ISSUED.

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FROM THE EXAMINER,

P. W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 12. W.

DATED 20TH. APRIL 1877.

RECD.

REQUESTING DEFINITE ORDERS WITH REGARD TO THE INCIDENCE OF THE EXPENDITURE ON FAMINE RELIEF WORKS DURING THE YEAR 1876-77.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts No 12 W. dated 20th April 1877

FOR ORDERS.

E A Ford Colonel RE
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Returns for P.W. & Imperial Famine & Scarcity Fund &c. as the ordinary head of account. As the ordinary duty of the Establishment is charged & is in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of State the Secretary to Government has decided that the Famine Establishment is to be charged to Imperial & P. W. orders.

C. Hamilton Secretary
Continue debiting Imperial

Famine Relief.

I assume that as regards D. of the Ex. inquiry is limited to P.W.D. officers.

D. & E. will be distributed to the heads specified in / Ex. charges appertaining to the Estimate dates for work done in connection. The Excess cost will be charged to Imp. & Local Funds.

Provincial will be credited to the extent of 25 p.c. on Expenditure on Imp. & Local Works for P.W. Supervision

The attention of all Officers concerned will be specially called to the importance necessity for obtaining work done.

I do not think the Govt will accept our G.O. 25 of 1875 in lieu of the 25 p.c.

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FOR ORDERS.

Yes - Pro. Govt confirmation. They are doing the same actual but as the transferees as above.

Yes. Pro. Govt

Govt modify the extent above admitted. The spirit of the G.O. is determined opposed to the apparent policy of the G.O.D.

No. 666 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15 May 77

Read the following:-

Letter from the Examiner Public Works Accounts } No. 72 IV dt 20th April 1877.

Expenditure coming under the heads A and B. will in accordance with G.O. No. 942 dated 17 March of the Financial Department be charged to the same head of account as the ordinary Establishment

2. Expenditure under C. will continue to be debited to Imperial Famine Relief.

3. Expenditure under D and E should be distributed to the heads of account to which the charges appertain - so far as Estimate rates for work done are concerned, the Excess cost being charged to Imperial Famine Relief. - It is remarked that Provincial will be entitled to twenty-five per cent on Expenditure

on

in Imperial and Local Works for the supervision of the Public Works Department.

4. The attention of all Officers is specially called to the emergent necessity for valuing work done.

5. The question of the incidence of expenditure on tools and plant has been decided in G.O. No 1425 of the 25th April 1877.

6. The point raised in Para 8 of the Examiners letter will be considered in the Revenue Department.

E.W. 14/5/77

L.P.W.A. ✓
F.E. ✓
~~F.P.~~ Rev. Dept. ✓
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To the Sec^t of P. W. A.

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Famine Relief Works

Orders regarding the incidence of Expenditure on —— during the year 1876-77

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