

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

9th March 1881, No. 409.

Famine Expenditure.

Read the following papers :—

No. 34. *From Captain D. M. CAMPBELL, R.E., Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, Coimbatore, dated Palmanér, 22nd January 1881, No. 3347.*

I have the honor to bring to your notice the undermentioned items of five famine dues of the late Wálajápet and Chittoor Ranges, and request that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to settle them :—

	RS.	A.	P.
(1.) Cemetery at Arkónam	114	14	9
(2.) Road from Lucknapally to Punganúr	254	14	1
(3.) Gunganery Channel	253	9	3
(4.) Doosi Mamundoor Low Level Sluice	170	11	10
(5.) Supply Channel to the Renuguntah Drinking Water Pond. .. .	289	13	6
Total ..	1,083	15	5

2. Why these claims were not settled at, or immediately after, the close of famine, I am not able to answer. Almost all of these came to my notice about seven or eight months ago, and since then inquiries have been made as to the correctness of them and other steps taken to ascertain the extent of work done and value payable. The long delay in doing this is due to the absence from the district of persons who had had anything to do with the work and especially to the confused state which the records had got into consequent on the amalgamation of several divisions into one. Now that these records have been nearly arranged and some references necessary traced out, I am in a position to forward the claims in question for sanction.

3. I give below the details of the five items under notice :—

Item No. 1, Cemetery at Arkónam.—During the late famine this work was ordered to be commenced by Lieutenant R. E. Hamilton, R.E., in his No. 1404 of 29th March 1878, and while in progress was stopped by his orders in April, and, having been re-commenced in the same month, was finally put a stop to without settling the account of the contractor at the time, apparently on a general order that a certain class of famine operations should cease. The report of the present Sub-Divisional Officer in the case is herein enclosed.

Item No. 2, Road from Lucknapally to Punganúr.—The accompanying copies of correspondence explain the matter in detail. The claim was forwarded by me to the Local Fund Board, but they would not settle it. I think they are right inasmuch as all famine liabilities form a provincial charge.

Item No. 3, Gunganery Channel Work.—A large estimate of Rs. 10,160 was executed under famine, and the money remaining unpaid is due to a deceased contractor.

This was adjusted first in November 1878 by credit to “deposit” and debit to the work, but this adjustment was reversed by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts in March 1879. The money is also under attachment by the Civil Court, to which it has to be remitted.

Item No. 4, Doosi Mamundoor Low Level Sluice.—The famine estimate for this amounts to Rs. 10,112. The contractor, to whom Rs. 170-11-10 is due, died and the money is attached by the Civil Court.

Item No. 5, Supply Channel to Renuguntah.—The famine estimate for this is Rs. 9,842, and the balance, Rs. 289-13-6, is now payable.

4. I personally admit the correctness of the claim of Item No. 1. Item No. 2 is admitted by the Famine Sub-Divisional Officer Vythinatha Iyer, now in Kistna, and certified by Assistant Engineer Ruthnasabapathy Pillay. Bill has been prepared for item No. 4 by Mr. Vincent, the late Vellore Divisional Officer, and items Nos. 3 and 5 are certified as correct by Mr. Ruthnasabapathy Pillay, so that all the claims have to be settled as early as possible.

5. In conclusion, I trust that, with the explanation given in paragraph 2, sanction may be obtained to pay the liabilities under notice.

True copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer with a request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the payment of these amounts and an allotment for Rs. 1,084 given to meet the expenditure.

All these claims have been carefully examined, and proper certificates for the work done are available.

There are also sanctioned estimates for all these works except No. 1, which it appears was ordered by Lieutenant Hamilton in 1878, under what authority it is now impossible to trace.

The delay in bringing them forward is to be regretted; the reason is the constant changes in North Arcot District since the famine.

COIMBATORE,
— January 1881.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

Referred to the Financial Department with a view to a grant being made under Provincial to meet the charges.

21st February 1881.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 379.

Referred to the Accountant-General for report whether it is necessary that the funds should be placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, or whether an order instructing him to debit the amount to the Provincial "famine reserve" in the current year's budget will be sufficient.

24th February 1881.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 35. From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 3rd March 1881, No. 843.

Book Department.

With reference to docket from the Chief Secretary, Financial Department, No. 379, dated the 24th February 1881, I have the honor to state that it will be necessary for Government to give a grant from Provincial funds to the Public Works Department to enable that department to defray the charge in question, as in the case of Rs. 10,626 referred to in paragraph 3 of my letter to Government, No. 777, dated 26th February 1881.

2. The papers received with the above docket are herewith returned.

No. 36.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1881, No. 409.

The Accountant-General will place the sum of Rs. 1,084 at the disposal of the Public Works Department. It will form a charge against the famine reserve provided in the Provincial budget for the current year (*vide* G.O., No. 54, dated 11th January 1881).

(True Extract.)

J. Davidson
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

No. 7756 of 21st March/81.

Communicated to
the Superintending Engr.
2^d Circle.

S.P.

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21-2- 426 ch

P.W.C. No. 1702.
Govt. of (1881) Madras
P.W. DEPT.
FINANCIAL.

To
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 9th.

Issued

Recd. 18th

SC-5
Encl. nil.

G.O., 9th March 1881, No. 409.

MARCH.
Nos. 34-36.

Famine Expenditure.—The Accountant-General to place the sum of Rs. 1,084, being famine dues of the late Walajapet and Chittoor Ranges in North Arcot District, at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

With order.
17756

(Exr. Wks. Form No. 30.)

Application for *rearrangement* of Budget appropriations
District
Head of Service *Special*
Fund *Consolidated*
System or *Special*
Main-head *Civil Buildings*

[Standing Order No. 22 of 1874.]

ESTIMATE.	Budget Item (if any).	Name of Work, &c.	EXPENDITURE.		Appropriation already made.	PROPOSAL.		SANCTION.	
			To end of last year.	During year.		Increase or reduction.	Appropriation as it will stand.	Increase or reduction.	Register No. up to date.
513.	6420	Constructing a ranging solitary cells at the District Jail at Bellary	6420	6420	12000	5	6420	1	5580 6420
514.	1800/181	Head Warden and Wardens' huts 207	1101	1308	1600	507	1101	2	500 1101

* Here enter "increase" or "rearrangement" as the case may be.
N.B.—The application must be submitted in duplicate, but the explanations need only be given on one copy. The other copy will be returned showing the modifications sanctioned, if any. Proposed reductions should be first detailed and totalled, and then proposed increases. The two totals must always agree.

18/2/81

Superintendent of Works
Engineer.
Secy. to Government.

RS

R No 1096 Encls 4
28/2/81

C. No 1175

No. 213 A

GOVT. } 188/. { P. W.
OF MADRAS. } { DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 25 February 1881.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

b.

Please let me know
if the sum of Rs 6080 sur-
rendered by the Super-
intending Engineer 1st Circle,
in the accompanying state-
ment, from Convict Labor
Fund, is added to the
Provincial Reserve, it
can be appropriated to
Provincial Works.

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No 1127 Dy. S.
3/3/81 Encls 4

TO W.

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,
TREATS THE CONVICT LABOR FUND AS A
SUB-SECTION OF PROVINCIAL FUNDS, AND
THEREFORE THE AMOUNT SURRENDERED

MAY

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MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO PROVINCIAL
WORKS WITH THE SANCTION OF THE GOVERN-
MENT IN THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dr
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OFFG. C.

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Financial - Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following *Memo.*

*Memorandum from the Public Works Dept. of
9th March 1881 No. 593. application for re-
-arrangement of Budget allotment. -*

Order thereon 19th March 1881 No. 478

Sanctioned

/ True Extract

(D. M. S.)

Under Secretary

*To The Public Works Dept. with Encls ✓
" Accountant General
" Inspector General of Sails*

S. W. C. No. 17
Govt. of {188/} Madras.
(Financial Dept.)

To *The S. W. C.*

Dated *19th*
Recd. *21* } *Mar 1881, No. 478*

Encl. Nos. in duplicate

*Survey rearrange-
ment of Budget
allotment*