

From

The Supg. Engineer
2^d Circle

No. 184

Dated 28 April/81.

Recd. 21 May.

SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction a re-
appropriation of Rs 255 on ac-
count of the famine repairs
to the Road from Lucknapally
to Punganur.

Disposal.

C.E. No. 1096 d/4th May/81

Transferred to the Fin-
ancial Department.

(By order)

By C.E. Hanson Capt. R.E.

Aq. Under Secy to Govt
S.D.

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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.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.
21st February 1881.

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.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.
24th February 1881.

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.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter

from the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 28th April 1881, no 184, thro the P. W. Dept.

Order thereon 10 Feb 1882. no 215 (Mis)

Ordered accordingly. Orders on this application were deferred until some enquiries were completed. The Accountant General will now place the sum mentioned at the disposal of the Public works department.

(True Extract)

C. P. Krishna Rao

Under Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department.

[Signature]

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

Dated March, 9th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

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

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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.

No. 775N/21 March/81.

Communicated to the Supg Engrs 2^d Circle.

Sgd/ J.P.

S.S. 2^d Circle

Sa: P.W.D.

P. M. C. No. 177
Govt. of {188 } Madras.

B. No 432 Wd 17th Feb 1882

To

Dated

188 , No.

Recd.

Nos.

Communicated to
the S. D. 4 Circle.

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B. No 432 Wd 17th Feb 1882

Chs 1096. 4.5.81
85 no 77510. 21.3.81.

Directly accepted
to place at the disposal
of S. D. 4 Circle certain
sum on account of
the famine repairs
to the road from
Sachinapally to
Pungam.

S. D. 4 Circle
Ear P. W. A.

Accepted 17-2-82- J. W. 2.

By order
Sd/- in Retrospect