

28TH MAY 1895, No. 423, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 1st November 1894, No. 926, Financial.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that the attention of the Government of India be invited to certain hardships occasioned by the operation of the rules regulating the grant of travelling allowances for short journeys performed in less than 24 hours.

READ—also the following paper:—

From the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Pay and Allowances—Travelling Allowances), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 11th May 1895, No. 2237-P.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 927, dated 1st November 1894, in which you invite the attention of the Government of India to certain hardships occasioned by the interpretation placed by the Account officers on the rules in the Civil Service Regulations which regulate the exchange of daily allowance for mileage in the case of short journeys performed in less than 24 hours.

2. As regards the case of inferior servants dealt with in paragraph 2 of your letter, I am to say that the Accountant-General, Madras, has not applied the rules correctly. The intention of Article 1177 of the Civil Service Regulations is that the *bond fide* railway fare actually paid by an inferior servant should be refunded by the State, and that in addition to the fare he should be granted any daily allowance to which he may be entitled under the general rules.

It therefore follows that inferior officers making railway journeys on two successive days involving an absence of less than 24 hours from head-quarters should receive single railway fare for each journey, *plus* one day's daily allowance, if they belong to the class of officers who are entitled to daily allowance.

3. With regard to the general interpretation of Article 29 read with Article 1170, discussed in the letter of the Government of Madras, I am to say that the view taken by the Accountant-General is opposed to the intention of the rules.

4. The proviso in Article 29 that a total absence from head-quarters of less than 24 hours is not counted as two days was introduced into the rule to prevent an officer, by arranging that midnight should intervene, drawing larger allowances for a short absence of less than 24 hours, than would have been admissible if the journey had been performed within the limits of a single calendar day. The interpretation now placed on the rule by the Accountant-General limits an officer drawing mileage allowances to less travelling allowance than would have been so admissible.

This was not the intention of the proviso in Article 29, which, to avoid any further difficulty of interpretation, has now been amended as follows:—"But an absence from head-quarters, which does not exceed 24 hours, is reckoned as one day at whatever hours the period begins and ends."

Copy, with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Public Works Department, to the Comptroller and Auditor-General, all Accountants-General, and Comptrollers for information.

ORDER—dated 28th May 1895, No. 423, Financial.

Communicated to the Public Works Department and the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" " (Revenue Settlement).
" Accountant-General.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following G.O., dated 3rd May 1895, No. 336, Public:—

Read—the following letter from the Registrar of the High Court, Madras, dated 29th March 1895, No. 925:—

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter, together with its enclosures (to be returned), dated the 24th ultimo, No. 151, from the District Judge, Vizagapatam, requesting that M.R.Ry. K. Ramalinga Sastri Garu, District Munsif of Chódavaram, in the Vizagapatam district, may be permitted to acquire, under the Dharkast rules, a few hundreds of acres of waste land in the Colair lake lankas in the Kistna district and to request that the Government will be pleased to state whether the District Munsif's prayer should be granted. The rule in question is rule 5 of the rules relating to the holding of landed property by Uncovenanted officers in Civil employ (printed in page 93 of the High Court's Rules of Practice in Civil Courts) which corresponds to Article 7, page 4 of the pamphlet, containing the rules regulating the personal conduct of public servants communicated with G.O., dated 8th February 1893, No. 102, Public. The District Munsif's application would appear to come within this rule, though he does not wish to purchase the land, for the rule was apparently framed to prevent Uncovenanted officers acquiring large quantities of land for agricultural profit during the time they are in Government employ and the term "some hundreds of acres" might be held to cover almost anything. A definite ruling is requested as to whether the rule should be taken to include dharkasts as well as purchases.

Order—dated 3rd May 1895, No. 336, Public.

The acquisition of the land is objectionable and cannot be permitted.

2. No. 7 of the rules regulating the personal conduct of public servants will be amended as follows: "Large acquisitions of land on the part of officers by purchase or otherwise," &c. The Revenue Department will be requested to issue the necessary erratum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

" Honourable the Chief Justice of the High Court (with C.L.).

ORDER—dated 30th May 1895, No. 325, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the following erratum
be issued to Rule 7 of the Rules for regu-
lating the personal conduct of public ser-
vants:—

In page 4 of the Public Servants' Manual, Rule 7—

For "Large purchases of land by officers,"

Read "Large acquisitions of land on the part of officers by purchase or otherwise."

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
„ the Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat.

Erd. C. M. Brisson.

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G.O., 30th May 1895, No. 325.

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Public Servants.

Issuing an erratum to Rule 7 of the Rules for regulating the personal conduct of —.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 3RD MAY 1895, No. 106.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Camp Shatiatope, 6th April 1895, No. 861-Ver. :—

I have the honour to submit the famine programme for 1895-96 in forms A, B and C appended to B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

2. In the programme provision has been made for 19 per cent. of the population of the district as shown below :—

Tindivanam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Tiruvannamalai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Cuddalore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Tirukkóyilúr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Vriddhachalam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Villupuram	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Kallakurchi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Chidambaram	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

3. The provision made in all the taluks except Vriddhachalam, Villupuram, Kallakurchi and Chidambaram is more than the minimum prescribed and much above that made last year, while in the remaining three taluks the contrary obtains, so that the district average falls short of the minimum by 1 per cent. The Tahsildars of the latter taluks will be directed to revise their lists so as to make provision for at least 20 per cent. of the population.

4. The works selected for famine relief cover an expenditure of over 38 lakhs and estimates are ready for works to the value of upwards of 32 lakhs.

5. Professional agency works cost more than 21½ lakhs, while the remaining works which could be carried out departmentally come up to more than 16½ lakhs.

6. The programme furnished by the Forest Department provided for three stone fencing works to the value of Rs. 13,035, but they have been excluded from the programme herewith submitted, having regard to B.P., No. 4, dated, 9th January 1893.

7. In addition to the works provided in the programme, certain additional irrigation works estimated to cost about 2½ lakhs and road works and forest line clearing, amounting to about half a lakh, have been suggested by the Public Works Department and by the Tahsildars. They are added to the list at the end with a view to utilize them should necessity arise.

RESOLUTION—dated 3rd May 1895, No. 106.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1895-96 received from the Collector of South Arcot will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The programme contains provision for the construction of ten new irrigation works to cost 1.21 lakhs; for repairs to existing works, 20.37 lakhs; for forest fencing works to cost .26 lakh; for the construction of nearly 320 miles of new roads and repairs to old roads to cost respectively 2.72 and 4.72 lakhs; for works for the improvement of drinking-water supply costing 3.29 lakhs and for other miscellaneous works to be executed with the aid of State loans. It also includes provision for such works as the construction of village chavadies, cattle pounds, removal of prickly-pear, &c. The total provision made amounts to Rs. 38,08,872 and the works are estimated

to be sufficient to provide employment for 19 per cent. of the total population of the district for a period of three months. The provision made is generally sufficient, and, in the case of those taluks in which it falls short of the prescribed minimum, the Collector has issued instructions to the Tahsildars concerned to increase the provision. The absence of any provision in the Chidambaram taluk for works to be executed by the aid of State loans requires explanation.

3. Estimates are reported to be ready for works costing Rs. 30,34,285 or 83.7 per cent. of the total provision excluding loan works for which no estimates are required.

4. At the end of statement A, a list of additional works is given, the probable cost of which amounts to Rs. 3,19,722 and not Rs. 2,75,908 as erroneously entered therein. Some of these works might be utilized for famine relief should any necessity arise.

5. The following omission and discrepancies are noticed in the statements submitted by the Collector:—

(1) The length of each of the new roads proposed is not given in statement A except for the Vriddhachalam and Cuddalore taluks. The omission should now be supplied.

(2) (i) From the entries in statement A against the Villupuram taluk, it appears that, out of the 185 minor irrigation works the repair of which is proposed, estimates are ready for works to cost Rs. 32,085; but from the taluk total given in the same statement, which is repeated in form C, it would seem that estimates are ready for all the minor irrigation works in the taluk to cost Rs. 63,627.

(ii) The numbers of new irrigation projects in the Tiruvannámalai and Tirukkóyilúr taluks appear from statement A to be 2 and 1 respectively; but in form C the number of such works in each of the taluks is given as 3.

The above discrepancies should be explained.

(3) The number of large irrigation works available for famine relief in the Chidambaram taluk is shown in statement A as 8, and all of them appear from statement B to be "existing" works; but in form C the number is given as 10, and 7 are shown as "new" works. These entries in form C being obviously incorrect, have been corrected in the Board's office.

(4) As the approximate cost of strengthening the bund between the two tanks on Mount Capper in the Cuddalore taluk exceeds Rs. 5,000, the item should, under the instructions conveyed in B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892, have been shown separately. The object of clubbing the work with miscellaneous works is not understood and should be explained.

(5) Works to be executed with the aid of State loans should be shown in statement A as well as in statement C; but no estimates need be made ready for such works. The entries relating to them in columns 28 and 29 of statement C have accordingly been struck out.

(6) The following errors are also noticed in statement B. They have been corrected in the Board's office. The Collector's office copy should also be corrected.

Particulars in statement B.	As entered in the statement.	As corrected by the Board.
Total number of Public Works Department works in repair	312	362
Number of Public Works Department works for which provision is made	128	129
Cost of Public Works Department works for which provision is made	Rs. 6,76,507	Rs. 10,92,529
Total number of works for which provision is made	1,768	1,769

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

APPENDIX.
ABSTRACT of programme of Famine relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1895-96.

Taluk.	1	2	3	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.				Irrigation works.				Forest fencing works.	
				Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total per cent. of population.	New.	Repairs.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Tindivanam	..	316	63,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	..	..	300 12,052 68,598 2,205 83,155	26	..	6 46 491 .. 542	4,500 1,80,780 3,25,839 .. 5,11,119	 11	 2,640 .. 2,640
Villupuram	..	302	60,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	..	..	1,455 27,735 21,012 2,000 52,202	17	..	30 1 185 .. 216	21,831 4,16,922 63,627 .. 5,01,480	 12	 5,280 .. 5,280
Tiruvannámalai	..	205	41,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	..	..	440 2,140 39,650 6,330 47,560	23	3	7 .. 307 .. 314	6,575 .. 1,40,425 .. 1,53,000	 25	 5,280 .. 5,280
Tirukkóyilúr	..	267	51,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	..	..	1,055 2,000 41,866 6,670 51,591	20	3	13 .. 209 .. 222	15,853 .. 84,635 .. 1,00,488	 1	 660 .. 660
Kallakurichi	..	240	48,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	..	..	350 .. 28,570 6,660 35,580	15	..	6 .. 177 .. 183	5,258 .. 80,900 .. 86,158	 14	 2,640 .. 2,640

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Famine Relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1895-96 submitted by the Collector of South Arcot.

MEMORANDUM.

Requested for reference the undermentioned papers:—

3 Spare copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records & Agriculture) No. 106 dated 3rd May 1895.

Wishful
under Secy to Govt P.W.D.

P. W. SECRETARIAT,

Che: dk, 18 June 1895.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. & Agri)

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