

Public Works (189) Department.

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G.O., No. 6432

DATED 8 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Credits: Communicating to officers concerned
letter from the Examiner requesting the issue of very
early advance fixing the limit up to which - may be
issued by him for ordinary & famine relief works
directing S.E.s to submit with the least possible delay
statements showing the requirements under "Famine Relief"
& for works undertaken without allotment of funds
and authorizing the Examiner ^{with necessary} to issue such credits
as may be applied for by the ^{of Famine Relief} Ex. Engineer concerned.

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Credits

Communicating to officers concerned letter from the Examiner requesting the issue of very early orders, fixing the limit up to which — may be issued by him for ordinary and famine-relief works, directing Superintending Engineers to submit, with the least possible delay, statements showing the requirements under "Famine relief," and for works undertaken without allotment of funds, and authorizing the Examiner, with remarks, to issue such credits as may be applied for by the Executive Engineers of famine divisions concerned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.

Account.

Read—the following paper:—

From E. A. DENNYS, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 30th June 1897, No. 327 A.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1992 D./B., dated 24th June 1897, I have the honour to again report to Government that letters of credit issued by me to the five famine divisions have, up to date, amounted to Rs. 34,84,300 resulting in a probable excess of Rs. 24,43,300 over the budget limit fixed for this Presidency by Government of India for "Famine-relief works," and of Rs. 14,10,863 over the total grants assigned by Local Government for these divisions from all sources.

2. As, however, these credits are intended for utilization on "Famine relief," as well as on ordinary works (including "Local Funds Works"), I am unable at present to state definitely what the excess has been, or is likely to be, over the actual grants for any class of works separately, the more so as neither the "Famine" budget estimates nor intimation of the "Special allotments" promised have yet been received.

3. In a communication just received (*vide* extract in margin) from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, that officer has instructed me to abstain from issuing further letters of credits to famine divisions without the distinct authority of the Local Government, in each case, or unless a limit is fixed by Local Government for regulating the issue of such credits.

In the meantime, you should issue no further letters of credit to famine divisions without the distinct authority of the Madras Government in each case, or you should ask the Government of Madras to fix the limits up to which you are to issue credits for ordinary and famine-relief works separately for these divisions. To enable you to check the issue of credits for both classes of works you should arrange to obtain from Executive Engineers the necessary information as to their requirements under each head.

Executive Engineers apply for funds for "Famine" purposes, and this, with Government at Ootacamund, and the frequency with which such applications are being received, would inevitably lead to most undesirable delays.

4. Under these circumstances, I beg to represent that, unless very early orders are issued for my guidance fixing the limit up to which credits may be issued by me for ordinary and famine-relief works in each of the divisions concerned, I shall be compelled to apply for orders of the Local Government every time that

ORDER—No. 1843 W., dated 8th July 1897.

Communicated to the officers concerned, with reference to the following Government Orders:—

No. 1663 W., dated 17th June 1897.

" 1664 W. " " " "

" 1817 W. " 5th July "

2. The budget estimate for 1897-98 under "33. Famine Relief" has been circulated to the officers of the department with G.O., No. 1639 W., dated 15th June 1897, and orders have been issued that no new relief works should be started without the special sanction of Government (*vide* G.O., No. 1767 W., dated 1st July 1897).

3. The Superintending Engineers concerned will submit, with the least possible delay, statements showing the requirements under "33. Famine Relief" called for in G.O., No. 1664 W., dated 17th June 1897. Similar statements in regard to ordinary works undertaken without allotment of funds should also be submitted.

4. There is no information to enable the Government to fix the limits within which credits may be issued, and it will be unsafe to stop further credits until such limits are prescribed. Definite orders of Government fixing the expenditure on famine relief and ordinary works will be passed on receipt of the information called for in paragraph 3 of these proceedings. In the meanwhile, the Examiner will, as already authorised in G.O., No. 1817 W., dated 5th July 1897, issue such credits as may be applied for by the Executive Engineers concerned.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with copies of the Government Orders quoted in paragraph 1.

" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

" Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following.

From the Examiner, P.W. Accounts, No 327A d/ 30th June 1897

No 1843 W 8th July 1897

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* H & disposal in No 6175 sent to Govt on 25-6-97

note * Examiner's report on Letters of Credit as regards Famine Relief Wzks. Returned to Madras on the 2nd July 1897

To

The Honourable the Chief Secy. for Govt of Madras.

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There has been some further consideration of the Rev. S.O. on which this P.O. is based and I imagine that the result will be that that Rev. S.O. will be cancelled. However, the rev. S.O. has done no harm. likely to do any harm.

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4 There is no information to enable ^{the} Government to fix the limits ^{within which} ~~regulating the issue of credits~~ ^{may be issued,} and it will be unsafe to stop further credits until such limits are prescribed. Definite orders of Government fixing the expenditure on Famine Relief and ordinary works will be passed on receipt of the information called for in para 3 of these Proceedings. In the meanwhile the Examiner will, as already authorized in G.O. No 1017 W dated 5 July 1897, issue such credits as may be applied for by the Executive Engineers concerned.

4 H Co disposal on chs 6175 sent to Govt
on 25-6-97

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I see no harm in the issue of this order which seems right enough as far as it goes. But how much money can be given is more than I know. Considering the number of women & children on the works the amount can hardly have exceeded 1 1/4 lakhs a day even after allowing for petty supervision - at this rate Rs 34,84,300 would pay 371,525 persons for 120 days, i.e. (say) from April 1 to July 31 - But the number of persons on the works cannot have exceeded 200,000, so we don't know that the credits already issued are intended to last until the end of July - I can't make it out. Y

RS
5/7/97

Issue of them
reply to this note.
6/7/97 W

Yours to Baflet issue

Pks
8/7/97

The G. E. I Circle

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The C. E. for Engrs with copies of the
G.O. quoted in para 11

- Excal, P. W. Accounts
- Financial Dept

G.O. No 1843 W d 18 July 1897

Note for the Honble Sir Henry Bliss, K.C.S.I.

With reference to the H. M.'s remarks at the close of the draft of G.O. No 1843 W dated 8th July 1897, it is submitted that the credit of Rs 34,84,300 reported by the Examiner is for expenditure under all heads of service both for ordinary and Famine Relief works. There is no information before Government to show what portion of this amount is for Famine Relief and the Examiner himself has not the requisite information. Vide para 2 of his letter.

2 The Examiner has since reported that additional credits to the extent of Rs 3,00,000 have been issued to the Vizagapatam and Kurnool Divisions thus raising the total amount to Rs 37,84,300 under ordinary and Famine Relief works. These credits should last till the end of July unless Executive Engineers submit further supplemental letters of credits.

3 On receipt of the information
Called

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Called for in para 3 of the order, we will be in a position to know definitely what the total requirements under "33. Famine Relief" will be.

My well - we can wait. But I should have thought that the ^{present} total grants for ordinary works in the particular Circles being known, it would have been easy to say roughly how much of the credits envisaged is for ordinary & how much for famine works.

BS
21/7/97

Await replies to
para. 3 of G.O. 1843 W
of 8.7.97
12/7/97 W.

B. G. see
12/24/7/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 6383

Order

From The Examiners
P. W. Accounts
Madras

327 A
No. 2000 2/97

Dated 30th June 1897

Received 1.7.97

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SUBJECT.

Famine Relief Works.
Refers to Accountant
Generals (P. W. S.) letter
as to the issue of
credit for ——— &
solicits orders of
Govt. thereon.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted, and the communication should be addressed to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, and not to any officer by name.

[E. No. 94.]
3,000—26-4-97.

FROM E. A. DENNY, Esq.,
EXAMINER OF P. W. ACCOUNTS, MADRAS,

To

Urgent

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

No. ^{327A}~~260773~~. Madras, 30th June 1897.

SIR,

x Cus 6175
sent to
on 25-6-97

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3. In a communication just received (vide extract in margin) from the Accountant General P.W.D., that officer has intimated

Extract from letter No.475 G.dated 24th.June 1897
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P.W.Accounts,Madras.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

E. A. Deering

Examiner, P.W. Accounts, Madras.

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