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[Despatch Abstract.]

Cash balances and Expenditure Govt of India
Resolution requesting that all possible steps be taken
to economise the cash balances and to postpone
all Govt transactions involving outlay in
India as far as possible till the beginning
of January 1898. Recorded with reference
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SUBJECT,

Cash balances & expenditure

Forwarding for information and guidance resolution of the Govt of India in the Finance and Commerce Dept. requesting that all possible steps may be taken to economise the Cash balances & to postpone all Govt. transactions involving outlay in India as far as possible till the beginning of Jan'y/98.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
General

Simla, 10th September 1897.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations and the officers noted in the margin for information and guidance.

In supersession of all previous orders on the subject attention is invited to the necessity for a careful examination of the programme of expenditure in view to the restriction of outlay from all funds administered by the Public Works Department.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay (General and Railway), Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Punjab, and Burma.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana and Baluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Director General of Military Works.
The Director General of Telegraphs.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph Department.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Assam.

By order,

W. M. M. M.

Offg. Deputy Secretary.

No. 3900-A., dated Simla, the 2nd September 1897.

RESOLUTION.—By the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

The Government of India desire to call the attention of the Local Governments and the Heads of Departments to the imperative necessity of so restricting the cash transactions of the Government as to reduce the outgoings from the Treasury in India, in the immediate future to the lowest possible limit.

2. In the programme of Ways and Means for the current year, as announced in the last Financial Statement, it was not possible to leave any margin of balances in the Treasuries; and, as explained in paragraph 210 of the Financial Statement, the programme of cash outlay during the year was so regulated as to involve the reduction of the cash balances to as low a level as was consistent with the requirements of the Government in the period of low balances, that is, September to December.

3. Since the estimate was framed, the cash balances have been adversely affected in several ways. The revenues have been somewhat less in the earlier months of the year than anticipated: the expenditure on Famine Relief has been more prolonged: it has been necessary to increase largely the amount of advances to cultivators; the disturbances on the frontier have necessitated increased military expenditure; and the state of the money market rendered it necessary to reduce the rupee loan from four to three crores. To meet these large demands large reductions have been made in the expenditure on the construction of railways and in the sales of Council Bills by the Secretary of State. But further measures of relief are still required to ease the severe strain upon the cash balances, and there is urgent necessity to husband the general resources as much as possible, in view to meeting the peremptory requirements of the situation.

4. His Excellency the Governor General in Council therefore requests that all possible steps may be taken to economise the cash balances: special efforts should be made to collect all revenue promptly on the due date, so far as the ability to pay it is not affected

by considerations arising out of the general scarcity: all expenditure not immediately and urgently necessary should be postponed till January next; and the same course should be, as far as possible, adopted in respect of all transactions which will involve cash outlay in India.

5. Very considerable movements of funds are likely to be required and will be effected in the usual way under the directions of the Provincial Account Officers. The Collectors of Districts should be requested to second the efforts of the Account Officers in every possible way, by promptly gathering in their balances from their sub-treasuries to their head-quarters, and by making the desired remittances as quickly as possible.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies of the Resolution be communicated to all Local Governments and Administrations, to the Departments of the Government of India, to all Heads of Departments subordinate to this Department, to the Comptroller and Auditor General, and to all Accountants General and Comptrollers.

To, *Secretary*
The Secretary to the Govt of Madras,
Public works Dept.

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