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3. The local audit office at Cuddapah, as at present constituted, consists of three hands; of whom the senior auditor has to be on circuit for nearly fifteen days in every month, while the other two look after the ordinary work of the office.

4. Being of opinion that the work relating to the audit of famine expenditure cannot be conducted efficiently and speedily by the above staff, in addition to their

routine work, I have, in anticipation of sanction, entertained two accountants—one on Rs. 35 and the other on Rs. 20—for specially attending to the audit of the bills relating to relief works, under paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 668, Press, dated 25th November 1896, and I have the honour to request that my action may be approved. The cost of this establishment should, I presume, be debited to Local Funds.

Resolution—dated 4th January 1897, Mis. No. 21.

Submitted to Government for sanction.

2. In his application submitted with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6435 of 1896, the Collector of Bellary asked for only one additional audit clerk, and the Board considers that, for the present, one clerk should suffice also in Cuddapah.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Cuddapah.

Order—Mis. No. 95, Revenue, dated 7th January 1897.

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department, with the remark that it was intended to place all Local Fund works also under the control of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

G.O., Mis. No. 201, Revenue, dated 14th January 1897.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 11th January 1897, Mis. No. 246 :—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 8th January 1897, Ref. No. 8206-Rev. :—

With reference to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 21, dated 4th January 1897, I have the honour to inform you that orders were issued to dispense with the services of the auditor on Rs. 20 at once and to request that sanction may be obtained for the retention of the auditor on Rs. 35, as a competent hand is necessary for auditing the bills. The pay due to the man dispensed with for the period for which he was retained will be disbursed to him.

Resolution—dated 11th January 1897, Mis. No. 246.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 21, dated 4th January 1897.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 201, Revenue, dated 14th January 1897.

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department in continuation of G.O., No. 95, dated 7th January 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

No. 185, Local and Municipal.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th February 1897. (Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

ORDER—No. 183, Financial, dated 22nd February 1897.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Collectors of Bellary and Cuddapah :—

“ 112. Appointment of special audit clerks for Famine vouchers sanctioned.”

2. The incidence of the charge will be determined by the principles laid down in G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897.

3. The suggestion in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6435, dated 11th December 1896, will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Local and Municipal Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.
„ Collector of Cuddapah.
„ Accountant-General.
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