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2. In reply I am to say in the first place that in pursuance of the orders issued in my letter, No. 1400-A, dated the 26th March 1897, the Government of India will take over as a charge against Imperial Revenues so much of the expenditure on famine relief in the current year as will leave the Provincial balance on 31st March 1898 at 10 lakhs of rupees, provided, however, that 5 lakhs of the famine relief expenditure is met from Local funds, as proposed both in the budget and in the revised estimates for 1897-98.

3. With reference to the budget estimates for the several heads mentioned in your letter, I am to say that the Government of India have, on a consideration of the remarks in your paragraph 3, decided to restore Rs. 49,000 out of the reduction of one lakh of rupees made in the provision for the combined Excise and Salt Departments. The budget estimate of the head "11. Forests" has already been settled in the Resolution of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 111-113 F—297-2, dated the 2nd February 1898, and it is now too late to consider the question of Forest establishment or of any change in the estimate of Forest expenditure for 1898-99 already settled.

4. I am to say as regards taluk gumastas and additional munsifs that, as the estimates work out to a deficit, after including expenditure on famine relief, it is not possible, if the famine expenditure is really incurred, to provide for new expenditure of the kind. If, however, the famine expenditure is not required or so much as 8½ lakhs are not spent and if the schemes for improvement in the position of gumastas and the additional Munsifs' courts are sanctioned during the year, there will be no objection to the necessary funds being obtained by re-appropriation from the grant for famine relief.

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Anantapur	01	01
Bellary	08	..
Cuddapah	28	34
Kurnool	18	07
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Chingleput	..	05
Nellore	35	..
North Arcot	..	38
Total	1.51	1.44

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