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Famine Estimates for 1898-99.

Passing orders on the revised —, and the expenditure in April 1898.

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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 29, Financial, dated 14th January 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the estimates of famine expenditure for 1898-99.

G.O., No. 205, Financial, dated 1st March 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Revenue Department letter from the Government of India stating, with remarks, that a provision of Rs. 8,50,000 will be made in the budget estimates for 1898-99 for famine expenditure; and requesting to be furnished with a general report in accordance with rule X, article 48, of the Famine Code.

G.O., No. 272, Financial, dated 15th March 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the distribution of the grant of 8.50 lakhs for 33. Famine Relief for 1898-99 will for the present remain as shown in the appendix to G.O., No. 29, Financial, dated 14th January 1898.

G.O., No. 296, Financial, dated 22nd March 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Proceedings, Revenue Department, passing orders on Proceedings, Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), communicating to certain Collectors, with remarks, G.O., No. 29, Financial, dated 14th January 1898, regarding the estimates of famine expenditure for 1898-99.

G.O., Nos. 301, 302, Financial, dated 23rd March 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Accepting, with remarks, the latest revised estimates of famine expenditure for 1897-98 submitted by the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

READ—also the following paper:—

G.O., No. 248, Revenue, dated 2nd May 1898.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 151, dated 21st April 1898:—

Resolution—No. 151, dated 21st April 1898.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898, and in modification of the estimate embodied in G.O., No. 21, Revenue, dated 11th January 1898, the Board begs to submit a revised estimate of famine expenditure for the current and remaining months of the year 1898-99.

2. It has not yet become necessary to open any relief works except in the Nellore district, and the Collectors of Kurnool and North Arcot are now the only Collectors who apprehend that relief to a small extent may have to be afforded in their districts during the current hot season.

3. Even the Collectors of Nellore and North Arcot apparently share the opinion of the other Collectors (except Kurnool) that no relief measures will be required during and after the South-West monsoon, should the rains of that monsoon prove favourable.

Such estimate as can now be framed must be based on the assumption that, during the current official year, the rainfall will be normal; but the Board finds it difficult to

accept the view that where distress exists to an extent requiring relief in May and June, no expenditure on relief will be called for in July and thereafter, if the South-West monsoon is up to the average.

4. The crops sown at the beginning of the South-West monsoon rains are not harvested till October; and allowing an absence from the relief works for a month or six weeks during the ploughing and sowing period, the subsequent three or four months, during which the early crops are growing, have to be tided over, and the Board would suppose it to be probable that the necessity for relief measures will not abate till the end of October.

5. The Acting Collector of Kurnool has alone framed his estimate in accordance with this view.

The following statement exhibits the estimates of the three Collectors:—

STATEMENT A.

| 33. Famine Relief.                                         | Nellore.         |         |                    |         | Kurnool.         |         |                    |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                                            | April.           |         | Succeeding months. |         | April.           |         | Succeeding months. |           |
|                                                            | Number expected. | Amount. | Number expected.   | Amount. | Number expected. | Amount. | Number expected.   | Amount.   |
| 1                                                          | 2                | 3       | 4                  | 5       | 6                | 7       | 8                  | 9         |
|                                                            |                  | Rs. 200 |                    | Rs. 600 |                  |         |                    | Rs. 3,500 |
| Salaries and establishment, 33-A ..                        | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..        |
| Relief works in charge of Civil officers, 33-B ..          | 1,600            | 4,000   | (d) 2,000          | 5,000   | ..               | ..      | (d) 1,500          | 5,000     |
| Weavers' relief, 33-C ..                                   | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..               | ..      | (e) 250            | 15,000    |
| Gratuitous relief, 33-D ..                                 | 120              | 300     | (b) 400            | 1,000   | ..               | ..      | (f) 750            | 3,000     |
| Miscellaneous, 33-E ..                                     | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..        |
| Relief works in charge of Public Works Department, 33-F .. | 2,400            | 6,000   | (c) 20,000         | 50,000  | ..               | ..      | (d) 6,000          | 20,000    |
| Total ..                                                   | 4,120            | 10,500  | 22,400             | 56,600  | ..               | ..      | 8,500              | 46,500    |

| 33. Famine Relief.                                         | North Arcot.     |         |                    |            | Total.           |         |                    |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                                            | April.           |         | Succeeding months. |            | April.           |         | Succeeding months. |           |
|                                                            | Number expected. | Amount. | Number expected.   | Amount.    | Number expected. | Amount. | Number expected.   | Amount.   |
|                                                            | 10               | 11      | 12                 | 13         | 14               | 15      | 16                 | 17        |
|                                                            |                  |         |                    | Rs. 2,750  |                  | Rs. 200 |                    | Rs. 6,850 |
| Salaries and establishment, 33-A ..                        | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..         | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..        |
| Relief works in charge of Civil officers, 33-B ..          | ..               | ..      | ..                 | (g) 15,000 | 1,600            | 4,000   | 3,500              | 25,000    |
| Weavers' relief, 33-C ..                                   | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..         | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..        |
| Gratuitous relief, 33-D ..                                 | ..               | ..      | ..                 | (h) 2,000  | 120              | 300     | 1,150              | 6,000     |
| Miscellaneous, 33-E ..                                     | ..               | ..      | ..                 | 400        | ..               | ..      | ..                 | 400       |
| Relief works in charge of Public Works Department, 33-F .. | ..               | ..      | ..                 | ..         | 2,400            | 6,000   | 26,000             | 70,000    |
| Total ..                                                   | ..               | ..      | ..                 | 20,150     | 4,120            | 10,500  | 30,900             | 1,23,250  |

(a) One thousand persons for each of the two months—May and June.

(b) Two hundred .. .. .

(c) Ten thousand .. .. .

(d) In May for 500 persons under (b) or (f).

" June " 1,000 .. .. .

" July " 1,000 .. .. .

" August " 1,000 .. .. .

" September " 1,000 .. .. .

" October " 1,000 .. .. .

" November " 1,000 .. .. .

" December " 1,000 .. .. .

" January " 1,000 .. .. .

" February " 1,000 .. .. .

" March " 1,000 .. .. .

" April " 1,000 .. .. .

" May " 1,000 .. .. .

" June " 1,000 .. .. .

" July " 1,000 .. .. .

" August " 1,000 .. .. .

" September " 1,000 .. .. .

" October " 1,000 .. .. .

" November " 1,000 .. .. .

" December " 1,000 .. .. .

(g) & (h) The Collector has not reported the numbers requiring relief. From the amounts reported by him, it appears that he has made provision for 3,000 persons on works and 400 on gratuitous relief in June and July.

The Collector of Nellore anticipates no expenditure after June. His provision of Rs. 2-8-0 per month per head for 10,000 relief-workers in May and June appears moderate; but the Board thinks that provision should be made for five months instead of for two only, for the reasons stated above. It would in like manner calculate that if relief measures become necessary in North Arcot, it will be for a period of at least five months.

The Board would therefore raise the Collector's estimates as shown in the following statement:—

STATEMENT B.

| 33. Famine Relief.                                             | Nellore. |                    | Kurnool. |                    | North Arcot. |                    | Total. |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
|                                                                | April.   | Succeeding months. | April.   | Succeeding months. | April.       | Succeeding months. | April. | Succeeding months. |
|                                                                | RS.      | RS.                | RS.      | RS.                | RS.          | RS.                | RS.    | RS.                |
| Salaries and establishment .. ..                               | 200      | 1,500              | ..       | 3,500              | ..           | 6,800              | 200    | 11,800             |
| Relief works in charge of Civil officers ..                    | 4,000    | 12,500             | ..       | 5,000              | ..           | 37,500             | 4,000  | 55,000             |
| Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works .. .. | ..       | ..                 | ..       | 15,000             | ..           | ..                 | ..     | 15,000             |
| Gratuitous relief .. ..                                        | 300      | 2,500              | ..       | 3,000              | ..           | 5,000              | 300    | 10,500             |
| Miscellaneous .. ..                                            | ..       | ..                 | ..       | ..                 | ..           | 400                | ..     | 400                |
| Total, Civil works ..                                          | 4,500    | 16,500             | ..       | 26,500             | ..           | 49,700             | 4,500  | 92,700             |
| Relief works in charge of Public Works Department .. ..        | 6,000    | 1,25,000           | ..       | 20,000             | ..           | ..                 | 6,000  | 1,45,000           |
| Total, 33. Famine Relief ..                                    | 10,500   | 1,41,500           | ..       | 46,500             | ..           | 49,700             | 10,500 | 2,37,700           |

The figures are conjectural and must be taken for what they are worth, which is very little.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.  
" " " of Kurnool.  
" " " of Anantapur.  
" " " of Cuddapah.  
" " " of North Arcot.

Order—No. 248, Revenue, dated 2nd May 1898.

Transferred to the Financial Department with the following remarks:—

(i) 33 B. and F.—The Board's estimate of the numbers likely to come on relief and of the period for which provision has to be made is accepted, but the estimate of the probable cost is not based on any uniform principle. Following the instruction in section 9 (2) of the Famine Code, the wages of a relief-worker should be taken at Rs. 2-8-0 a month in all districts.

(ii) 33 C.—The cost of relieving 253 weaver units for one month is given as Rs. 15,000, which gives an average of Rs. 60 per unit. It is presumed that the figure 15,000 is a mistake for 1,500.

(iii) 33 D.—The cost of gratuitous relief per person per month is taken as Rs. 2-8-0 in Nellore and as Rs. 4 in Kurnool. It should be taken at Rs. 2-8-0 in the latter district also.

(iv) It appears from the foot-notes (g) and (h) to statement A that the provision proposed by the Collector of North Arcot is for the months of June and July, and the Board proposes to make provision for August and September also. But instead of doubling the Collector's figures, it raises them in the ratio of 2: 5.

2. A revised estimate prepared in the Government Office is appended to these proceedings.

| 33. Famine relief.                                         | Nellore. |                    | Kurnool. |                    | North Arcot. |                    | Total. |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
|                                                            | April.   | Succeeding months. | April.   | Succeeding months. | April.       | Succeeding months. | April. | Succeeding months. |
|                                                            | RS.      | RS.                | RS.      | RS.                | RS.          | RS.                | RS.    | RS.                |
| A. Salaries and establishment .. ..                        | 200      | 1,500              | ..       | 3,500              | ..           | 5,500              | 200    | 10,500             |
| B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers ..             | 4,000    | 12,500             | ..       | 5,000              | ..           | 30,000             | 4,000  | 47,500             |
| C. Relief to people employed, &c. ..                       | ..       | ..                 | ..       | 1,500              | ..           | ..                 | ..     | 1,500              |
| D. Gratuitous relief .. ..                                 | 300      | 2,500              | ..       | 1,875              | ..           | 4,000              | 300    | 8,375              |
| E. Miscellaneous .. ..                                     | ..       | ..                 | ..       | ..                 | ..           | 400                | ..     | 400                |
| Total, Civil ..                                            | 4,500    | 16,500             | ..       | 11,875             | ..           | 39,900             | 4,500  | 68,275             |
| F. Relief works in charge of Public Works department .. .. | 6,000    | 1,25,000           | ..       | 15,000             | ..           | ..                 | 6,000  | 1,40,000           |
| Total ..                                                   | 10,500   | 1,41,500           | ..       | 26,875             | ..           | 39,900             | 10,500 | 2,08,275           |

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.  
" Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

READ—also the following papers:—

Statement showing the expenditure incurred under "33. Famine Relief" in the month of April 1898.

| Districts.        | Salaries and establishments. | Relief Works in charge of Civil Officers. | Weavers' relief. | Gratuitous relief. | Miscellaneous. | Total.      |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
|                   | RS. A. P.                    | RS. A. P.                                 | RS. A. P.        | RS. A. P.          | RS. A. P.      | RS. A. P.   |
| Ganjām .. ..      | 162 11 11                    | 1 8 0                                     | 19,210 2 5       | 2 12 0             | 69 0 0         | 18,982 10 6 |
| Vizagapatam .. .. | .. ..                        | .. ..                                     | 1 0 5            | 14 5 6             | .. ..          | 15 5 1      |
| Gōdāvari .. ..    | 1 0 4                        | .. ..                                     | .. ..            | 249 7 5            | .. ..          | 250 7 9     |
| Nellore .. ..     | 380 14 1                     | 1,966 7 1                                 | 42 13 3          | 21 14 4            | .. ..          | 2,447 5 2   |
| Cuddapah .. ..    | 180 9 4                      | .. ..                                     | .. ..            | 100 0 0            | .. ..          | 201 8 3     |
| Anantapur .. ..   | 101 2 2                      | 5 5 2                                     | .. ..            | 39 12 8            | .. ..          | 56 0 4      |
| Bellary .. ..     | 17 2 6                       | .. ..                                     | 0 8 0            | 37 12 6            | .. ..          | 21 2 0      |
| Kurnool .. ..     | 358 13 1                     | 58 12 0                                   | 75 5 5           | 12 13 1            | .. ..          | 211 14 7    |
| North Arcot .. .. | 10 2 4                       | .. ..                                     | .. ..            | .. ..              | .. ..          | 10 2 4      |
| Tanjore .. ..     | 1,039 10 10                  | .. ..                                     | .. ..            | .. ..              | .. ..          | 1,039 10 10 |
| Presidency .. ..  | 583 1 9                      | .. ..                                     | .. ..            | .. ..              | .. ..          | 583 1 9     |
| Total ..          | 2,833 3 8                    | 1,900 13 11                               | 19,242 2 2       | 278 13 6           | 69 0 0         | 14,717 14 1 |

N.B.—The figures represent unaudited expenditure.

No. 8—Famine Expenditure.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to Official Memorandum No. 2059, dated 5th October 1897.

FORT ST. GEORGE,  
10th May 1898.

(Signed) T. H. BIGGS,  
Accountant-General.

Statement showing approximately the Expenditure under "33. Famine Relief Works"—Provincial in charge of Public Works Department during April 1898 (official year 1898-99).

| Districts.          | Civil Buildings. | Communications. | Miscellaneous Public Improvements. | Irrigation. | Construction of Railways. | Establishment. | Tools and Plant. | Total.     |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| Cuddapah .. .. .    | Rs. ..           | Rs. 84 ..       | Rs. ..                             | Rs. ..      | Rs. ..                    | Rs. 6 ..       | Rs. 510 ..       | Rs. 600 .. |
| Anantapur .. .. .   | .. ..            | .. ..           | .. ..                              | .. ..       | .. ..                     | 65 ..          | 88 ..            | 153 ..     |
| Bellary .. .. .     | .. ..            | .. ..           | .. ..                              | .. ..       | .. ..                     | 250 ..         | 88 ..            | 338 ..     |
| Nellore .. .. .     | .. ..            | 750 ..          | .. ..                              | 23 ..       | .. ..                     | .. ..          | 104 ..           | 877 ..     |
| Vizagapatam .. .. . | .. ..            | .. ..           | .. ..                              | .. ..       | .. ..                     | 71 ..          | 6 ..             | 77 ..      |
| Total .. .. .       | .. ..            | 834 ..          | .. ..                              | 23 ..       | .. ..                     | 392 ..         | 796 ..           | 2,045 ..   |

Note.—The figures given above are those furnished by the Executive Engineers concerned. The necessity for the outlay in the above cases, except in that of the Nellore division, is not altogether apparent. Further information will be called for, and on receipt a separate report made, if necessary.

No. 589-A—B.

Duplicate.—Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to Memorandum from that department, No. 2059, dated 5th October 1897.

(Signed) E. A. DENNYS,  
Examiner, Public Works Accounts,  
Madras and Coorg.

11th May 1898.

G.O., No. 278, Revenue, dated 16th May 1898.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 175, dated 12th May 1898:—

Resolution—No. 175, dated 12th May 1898.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 33, Financial, dated 5th January 1898, and in continuation of B.P., No. 151, dated 21st April 1898, the Board begs to submit a statement showing the actual expenditure in April and the probable expenditure in the subsequent months of the current official year, under "33. Famine Relief."

2. The probable expenditure now reported relates to famine-relief measures necessitated by the failure of the last north-east monsoon and is confined to the Nellore district. The other two districts, North Arcot and Kurnool, for which estimates were entered in B.P., No. 151, dated 21st April 1898, have been excluded, as the Collectors of those districts are of opinion, as reported in B.P., No. 169, dated 4th May 1898, that no relief measures will be necessary in their districts unless the south-west monsoon fails.

3. Estimates of famine expenditure which will have to be incurred in the event of a failure of the south-west monsoon, will be submitted to Government shortly.

4. In regard to Nellore, the Collector's estimates for May and June are as shown in the subjoined statement:—

|                                                     | May.             |         | June.            |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
|                                                     | Number expected. | Amount. | Number expected. | Amount. |
| 33-A. Salaries and establishments.                  | ..               | Rs. 200 | ..               | Rs. 200 |
| 33-B. Relief works under Civil officers .. .. .     | 1,500            | 3,750   | 1,500            | 3,750   |
| 33-D. Gratuitous relief .. .. .                     | 80               | 200     | 120              | 300     |
| 33-F. Relief works under Public Works Department .. | 1,500            | 3,750   | 2,000            | 5,000   |

The Collector provides for 3,000 workers in May and 3,500 workers in June; but, considering that the Collector's anticipation that the numbers on relief works will increase about the end of April has not been realized, and that the number on works reported for the first week in May was only 977, it would seem sufficient to provide for 1,500 and 2,000 workers for the current and the ensuing month respectively.

In venturing to take this sanguine view, it should be premised that a sharp rise in prices, from whatever cause, may operate to bring large numbers on to the relief works within a very short time. At present, however, the tendency of prices is fortunately downwards.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Nellore.  
" " of Kurnool.  
" " of North Arcot.

#### APPENDIX.

| 33. Famine Relief.                                                     | Detailed account number. | Nellore.                           |                         |                                          |               | Other districts.                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                          | Outlay in the month of April 1898. | Estimates for May 1898. | Estimates for the remainder of the year. | Total outlay. | Outlay in the month of April 1898. |
| 1                                                                      | 2                        | 3                                  | 4                       | 5                                        | 6             | 7                                  |
|                                                                        |                          | Rs.                                | Rs.                     | Rs.                                      | Rs.           | Rs.                                |
| Salaries and establishments .. .. .                                    | 33-A                     | 381                                | 200                     | 200                                      | 781           | 2,452                              |
| Relief works in charge of Civil officers .. .. .                       | 33-B                     | 1,966                              | 1,750                   | 2,000                                    | 5,716         | 65                                 |
| Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works .. .. .       | 33-C                     | ..                                 | ..                      | ..                                       | ..            | 19,242                             |
| Gratuitous relief .. .. .                                              | 33-D                     | 100                                | 200                     | 300                                      | 600           | 378                                |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                                                  | 33-E                     | ..                                 | ..                      | ..                                       | ..            | 69                                 |
| Total, Civil department .. .. .                                        | ..                       | 2,447                              | 2,150                   | 2,500                                    | 7,097         | 17,164                             |
| Relief works in charge of the Public Works Department officers .. .. . | 33-F                     | 877                                | 2,000                   | 3,000                                    | 5,877         | 1,168                              |
| Total, 33. Famine Relief .. .. .                                       | ..                       | 3,324                              | 4,150                   | 5,500                                    | 12,974        | 15,996                             |

| 33. Famine Relief.                                                     | Other districts—cont.   |                                          |               | Total.                             |                         |                                          |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                        | Estimates for May 1898. | Estimates for the remainder of the year. | Total outlay. | Outlay in the month of April 1898. | Estimates for May 1898. | Estimates for the remainder of the year. | Total outlay. |
|                                                                        | 8                       | 9                                        | 10            | 11                                 | 12                      | 13                                       | 14            |
|                                                                        |                         |                                          | Rs.           | Rs.                                | Rs.                     | Rs.                                      | Rs.           |
| Salaries and establishments .. .. .                                    | ..                      | ..                                       | 2,452         | 2,833                              | 200                     | 200                                      | 3,233         |
| Relief works in charge of Civil officers .. .. .                       | ..                      | ..                                       | 65            | 1,901                              | 1,750                   | 2,000                                    | 5,651         |
| Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works .. .. .       | ..                      | ..                                       | 19,242        | 19,242                             | ..                      | ..                                       | 19,242        |
| Gratuitous relief .. .. .                                              | ..                      | ..                                       | 378           | 278                                | 200                     | 300                                      | 222           |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                                                  | ..                      | ..                                       | 69            | 69                                 | ..                      | ..                                       | 69            |
| Total, Civil department .. .. .                                        | ..                      | ..                                       | 17,164        | 14,717                             | 2,150                   | 2,500                                    | 10,067        |
| Relief works in charge of the Public Works Department officers .. .. . | ..                      | ..                                       | 1,168         | 2,045                              | 2,000                   | 3,000                                    | 7,045         |
| Total, 33. Famine Relief .. .. .                                       | ..                      | ..                                       | 15,996        | 12,672                             | 4,150                   | 5,500                                    | 3,022         |

Order—No. 278, Revenue, dated 16th May 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Approved and transferred to the  
Financial Department.

2. It is presumed that the expenditure for April shown under "other districts" consists of adjustments of the expenditure incurred in the past year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

„ the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,  
Land Records and Agriculture).

G.O., Mis. No. 2311, Revenue, dated 27th May 1898.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 3192, dated 19th May 1898, on G.O., No. 278, Revenue, dated 16th May 1898:—

Resolution—Mis. No. 3192, dated 19th May 1898.

Recorded.

2. The presumption in paragraph 2 of the Government order is correct.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,  
Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 2311, Revenue, dated 27th May 1898.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 1st June 1898, No. 281.

Telegram from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd June 1898.

ORDER—No. 500, Financial, dated 3rd June 1898.

The revised estimates of famine expenditure in 1898-99 as approved by the Revenue Department in the foregoing papers amount, as shown below, to 2.19 lakhs for three districts and 13 for Nellore alone, against the provision of 8.50 made in the sanctioned budget of the year:—

| Budget estimates.                   | Present estimates.                                                           |                                                           |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                     | G.O., No. 248, Revenue, dated 2nd May 1898—Nellore, Kurnool and North Arcot. | G.O., No. 278, Revenue, dated 16th May 1898—Nellore only. |
|                                     | LAKHS.                                                                       | LAKHS.                                                    |
| Salaries and establishments .. .. . | 42                                                                           | 11                                                        |
| Relief works .. .. .                | 2.34                                                                         | 52                                                        |
| Weavers' relief .. .. .             | 45                                                                           | 01                                                        |
| Gratuitous relief .. .. .           | 71                                                                           | 09                                                        |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .               | 13                                                                           | 00                                                        |
|                                     | 4.05                                                                         | 73                                                        |
| Public Works Department .. .. .     | 4.46                                                                         | 1.46                                                      |
| Total .. .. .                       | 8.50                                                                         | 2.19                                                      |

2. The actual expenditure in Nellore in April was Rs. 3,324 against an estimate of Rs. 10,500; the fall being due to the fact that owing to harvest operations, the numbers on relief did not reach the figure originally anticipated.

3. In districts other than Nellore adjustments of past expenditure carried out during the month resulted in a net minus entry of Rs. 15,996. The largest adjustment (—Rs. 19,242) occurred under 33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works, and represents mainly the value of cloths sold. It would appear from these figures and from the statements furnished by the Accountant-General and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, that expenditure for which there is no allotment has been booked in some districts. The attention of the Revenue Department will be drawn to the matter.

4. The Board and the Accountant-General should exhibit the gross expenditure under each head in future statements, showing recoveries separately.

(True Extract.)

To the Revenue Department.  
„ Public Works Department.  
„ Accountant-General.