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[Despatch Abstract.]

Examine Engineer, Proceeding Financial Dept.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders in regard to the obtaining and provision of funds for famine relief purposes and laying down the method in which the expenditure already incurred should be dealt with.

Order—No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898.

In paragraph 10 of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, it was decided that all questions relating to famine finance should be dealt with in the Financial Department. The procedure in regard to famine expenditure that prevailed during 1897 indicates that there has been serious misapprehension as to the scope of this order and that the Famine Commissioner and Collectors have not sufficiently recognized their positions as controlling authorities. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires, therefore, to impress on all Collectors that they are primarily responsible as controlling authorities for famine expenditure, and that they must not, except under circumstances of very great urgency, work without grants. The Board of Revenue is responsible for ensuring that grants are obtained by Collectors in sufficient time and that these are properly spent and accounted for. The Financial Department will continue to pass final orders on applications for grants received through the Revenue Department. In cases of urgency where time is of importance, Collectors may telegraph direct to the Financial Department, but such telegrams should invariably be supplemented by immediate applications in proper form through the Board of Revenue.

2. The Revenue Department and the Board of Revenue should maintain proper registers of sanctions, both of allotments and expenditure generally and of works and establishments in detail.

3. The Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts now submit to Government the actual expenditure of each month early in the succeeding month. These officers will be requested to furnish the Board of Revenue at the same time with a duplicate copy of the statements and the Board will arrange to receive by the 5th of each month telegraphic intimation from Collectors of all affected districts of their probable requirements under each minor head for the current month and the remainder of the official year. These estimates and actuals should be tabulated in the recognized budget forms in the Board's office and should be submitted, after revision, if necessary, to the Revenue Department for transmission to the Financial Department with its remarks. The consolidated estimate should reach the Financial Department by

the 10th of the month. By this means the Government will be placed in possession of a revised estimate of famine expenditure each month. The Revenue Department will be requested to issue such instructions as may be considered necessary to make these estimates complete as to the exhibition of numbers on relief and likely to come on relief.

4. The cause of the fluctuating nature of the accounts and estimates furnished by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will doubtless be brought to light by the enquiries which have recently been initiated as to the course of Public Works expenditure on famine in 1897, but it is essential that the Revenue and Public Works Departments should look into this matter carefully in view of ascertaining whether further detailed instructions are necessary.

5. The Accountant-General will be requested to draw up a definite set of rules for the regulation of famine finance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. E. COUCHMAN,
for Chief Secretary.

ORDER—No. 181 W., dated 21st January 1898.

Communicated to the officers of the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., No. 535 W., dated 24th February 1897.

As regards paragraph 4, the remarks of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, already called for in the undermentioned orders, will be awaited :—

G.O., No. 71 W., dated 11th January 1898.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

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Order No.33, dated 15th January 1898.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read the following paper:

Again G.O. No. 133, Financial, dated 25th February 1907, relating to the expenditure on the relief of famine, and laying down the method in which the expenditure should be incurred.

Order No. 133, dated 13th January 1908.

In paragraph 10 of G.O. No. 133, Financial, dated 25th February 1907, it was decided that all questions relating to famine relief should be dealt with in the Financial Department. The procedure in regard to famine expenditure that prevailed during 1905 indicated that there has been serious misapprehension as to the scope of this order and that the Finance Commissioner and Collectors have not sufficiently recognized their positions as controlling authorities. It is accordingly the Governor in Council desires therefore to impress on all collectors that they are primarily responsible for controlling expenditure for famine expenditure, and that they must not, except under circumstances of very great urgency, seek relief from the Board of Revenue in regard to expenditure that is incurred by Collectors in sufficient time and that they are properly responsible for the same. The Financial Department will continue to assist them.

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(True Extract)

McConnell

for Chief Secretary.

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To

- The Revenue Department.
- Public Works Department.
- Board of Revenue. (Revenue Settlement)
- Accountant-General.
- Collectors of all Districts.

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6. The Revenue Department and the Board of Revenue should maintain proper registers of sanctions, both of relief works and expenditure generally, and of works and establishments in detail.

7. The Accountant-General and the Minister of Public Works Accounts are asked to Government the actual expenditure of each month early in the succeeding month. These figures will be requested to furnish the Board of Revenue and the same time with a duplicate copy of the statements and the Board will arrange to receive by the 10th of each month duplicate information from collectors of all districts. Districts of their own volition may also send minor details of their work to the Board of Revenue for the year. These estimates and accounts should be submitted in the prescribed form in the Board's Office and should be submitted, after revision if necessary, to the Revenue Department for transmission to the Financial Department with the accounts. The consolidated estimate should reach the Financial Department by the 10th of the month. By this means the Government will be placed in possession of a revised estimate of famine expenditure each month. The Revenue Department will be requested to issue such instructions as may be considered necessary to make these estimates complete as to the expenditure of money on relief and famine work on relief.

8. The cause of the famine in the districts, Public and Private, and other causes, should be kept in mind by the Board of Revenue and the Financial Department, and the Board of Revenue will be requested to report to the Board of Public Works Accounts the results of their inquiries.