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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Expenditure. From, Financial Dept., directing, with remarks, that the allotments required for — in the Nellore & in the current year as well as the estimate of expenditure on relief measures in the Markapur Taluk of the Kurunool & in the estimate contained in G.O. No. 1090, Financial, dated 30 December 1897, Comd to officers concerned.

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Famine Expenditure.

Directing, with remarks, that the allotments required for — in the Nellore district in the current year as well as the estimate of expenditure on relief measures in the Markapur taluk of the Kurnool district be added to the estimate contained in G.O., No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897; and addressing the Government of India on the subject.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Distributing, in supersession of all previous orders, the estimates of famine expenditure for 1897-98 in the Civil and Public Works Departments.

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

ABSTRACT.—Accepting, with remarks, the estimate of charges under 33. Famine Relief for 1898-99.

READ—also the following paper:—

G.O., No. 2, Revenue, dated 4th January 1898.

Read—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 10,009, dated 17th December 1897.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Collector of Nellore, No. 4137-Ver., dated 11th December 1897.

I have the honour to apply for sanction for an allotment of Rs. 1,250 for opening a test-relief work near Udayagiri in the Udayagiri taluk. Of the amount applied for, Rs. 250 is required for a kitchen. I request that the orders of the Board may be communicated by wire.

There has been no rain in the taluk since my letter, No. 3986-Ver., dated 4th December 1897, and prices are now as follows:—

	For the week ending.	
	4th December 1897.	11th December 1897.
Rice (2nd sort) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Cholam .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Ragi .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Cumbu .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
	13-60	11-90
	13-12	11-48

As reported in my letter above referred to, some work was provided by me from local funds in removing prickly-pear close to the village of Udayagiri; but it failed to attract any labourers until the 1st instant. There were on the 6th December the following persons on the work:—

Details of caste of labourers.	Residence.	For the week ending.			
		Males.	Females.	Children.	
				Males.	Females.
Muhammadans	Udayagiri .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Madigais	Do. .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Malas	Ganugapentapalli	23	13	29	15
	Sakunlapalli	21	48	22	..
	Udayagiri	1	..	1	22
	Do. .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sudras	Cherlopalli .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
	Venkatrowpalli	20	22	2	..
	.. .. .	11	18	25	16
	.. .. .	1	8	5	3
Total .. .. .	.. .. .	77	113	84	55

The wages have been given at the following rates:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Male adults	0	1	6
Female adults	0	1	0
Children between 12 and 15 years	0	1	0
„ 7 and 12 „	0	0	9

The work was not intended as actual test-relief work and should not have been so shown in the last season report, nor was it intended to allow it to reach such large dimensions.

The task set has been as follows:—

	SQ. YDS.
Male adults	6
Female adults	3
Children between 12 and 15 years	1½
„ 7 and 12 „	1

It is sufficiently clear that test-relief work is now necessary. I propose to commence as a test work the breaking of metal on the Udayagiri-Sitaramapuram road near Udayagiri and am now on my way from here to Udayagiri where I shall personally make all arrangements.

I would have addressed the Board earlier, but up to the time of leaving Nellore for this taluk had received no information from Udayagiri to lead me to the belief that work was required. The Deputy Collector, M.R.Ry. T. Gopalasami Iyer, is not energetic enough for the work he will now have to do, and I have to-day received from him an application for privilege leave on the ground of ill-health which I am forwarding. Whether or not the leave is granted, I trust some one else may be sent to relieve him.

From the same officer, Ref. No. 2627-Ver., dated 13th December 1897.

I have the honour to report that I have been for the past week on tour in the Kanigiri taluk and also in a part of the Podili division, and that I consider it advisable to start test relief works at the following places:—

Kanigiri taluk	{ Nandanavanam.
Podili taluk	{ Pamur.
	{ Peddarikatla.

The season has been exceedingly unsatisfactory throughout the Kanigiri taluk, especially the west and south-west. The following statement of the cultivation and outturn of crops will show this better than anything else. The chief standing crops are aruga, horse-gram, castor-oil and cotton. The aruga has already withered almost everywhere, the cotton is in a very poor condition, while castor-oil and horse-gram are still fair:—

Name of the crop.	Total cultivation.	Outturn of harvested crops in annas.					Estimate of standing crops in annas.				
		12.	8.	4.	0.	Total.	12.	8.	4.	0.	Total.
	ACS.										
Pady	561-31	..	..	..	..	..	322-8	231-23	8-0	..	561-31
Jonna	9,042-6	2-68	74-34	257-72	403-14	737-88	..	1,997-94	6,306-24	8,304-18	..
Sazza	10,652-74	764-37	5,150-44	4,378-47	359-40	10,652-74	..	..	..	..	..
Ragi	661-48	..	7-90	2-23	42-54	52-67	..	41-5	565-76	2-00	608-81
Aruga	12,369-25	..	..	..	4-00	4-00	..	2,226-36	10,138-89	12,365-25	..
Others	12,686-00	..	168-82	1,089-84	668-96	1,927-62	..	5,364-50	5,393-79	10,758-38	..
Cotton	3,802-29	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,672-39	130-00	3,802-39	..
Indigo	482-66	133-23	235-54	64-42	12-00	445-19	..	28-96	8-51	37-47	..
Oil seeds	7,261-12	..	..	..	..	..	1,857-13	4,956-55	447-44	7,261-12	..
Gingelly	199-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	1-42	198-16	199-58	..
Tolacco	10-89	..	..	..	..	..	..	10-59	..	10-89	..
Topes	414-26	13-97	28-23	19-62	2-36	64-18	11-86	42-82	221-98	72-42	350-8

Very little labour is anywhere available, practically, the only labour is the transplanting of ragi under wells and the thrashing of sazza, but this gives work to only a small proportion of the labouring classes, and from what I have observed I am satisfied it is necessary to start the two relief works in the taluk I have proposed.

At Nandavanam, the work I intend to start is repairing the big tank, a major irrigation work, for which an estimate of Rs. 4,450 has already been sanctioned. This will be executed under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

At Pamur, which is in the Kālahasti Zemindari, I propose to have the metal broken for three miles of the Kanigiri-Pamur road still unformed. The formation of the road will later on serve as a relief work.

I visited Pedda Arikatla in the Podili taluk from Kanigiri as it is one of the poorest tracts in the district, and there is in the village and in the neighbouring village of Chinna Arikatla and Irsalagindam a large population of Malas and Madigaïs. Here too, as in the case of the Kanigiri taluk, I found no labour was available, and a test-work is required for the same reasons as at Nandavanam and Pamur.

The test relief to be started will be the breaking of metal for Kanigiri—the Chinna Arikatla road. I have made arrangements for the erection of kitchens, and everything will be ready to start work in a few days. I request the sanction of an allotment of Rs. 4,000 for the works, of which Rs. 800 will be for the kitchens.

Resolution—Mis. No. 10,009, dated 17th December 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the request that Rs. 5,250 may be placed at the disposal of the Collector for opening test-works in the localities named.

2. The Famine Commissioner considers that the hard and fast rules of the Famine Code are not called for at the present stage, and is of opinion that the intermediate system of works described in G.O., No. 430, Revenue, dated 3rd June 1897, which will now be communicated to the Collector, may be adopted with advantage.

3. Attention is solicited to the Collector's request for an active Divisional officer.

4. The Collector will be requested to number the paragraphs of his letters.

5. A copy of the Proceedings of the Famine Commissioner No. 693, dated 1st November 1897, will be forwarded to the Collector.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 10,143, dated 22nd December 1897.

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, Ref. No. 953 G.B.-Ver., dated 17th December 1897:—

In continuation of this office letters No. 4137-Ver., dated 11th December 1897, and Ref. No. 2627-Ver., dated 13th December 1897, I have the honour to request the Board's sanction for starting another test relief work near Narravada, in the Udayagiri taluk, as I found in my recent tour there that there is considerable demand for labour in the part of the country surrounding that village. An allotment of Rs. 1,250 may be sanctioned for the present, Rs. 1,000 for the work and Rs. 250 for a kitchen.

2. In this office letter, No. 4137-Ver., dated 11th December 1897, I requested sanction for an allotment of Rs. 1,250 for breaking metal on the Udayagiri-Sitaramapuram road and an attached kitchen. However, on visiting Udayagiri on the 13th instant, I found that the work of removing prickly-pear would be suitable for the present for a test-work, while it will be advisable to locate a kitchen permanently at Udayagiri.

I accordingly stayed at Udayagiri until the 15th instant, and started the test-work with the kitchen. My Assistant, Mr. Campbell, has been left to supervise the work. The work will be executed from the allotment applied for for the road work. Later on I propose moving the work to five miles north of Udayagiri on the Sitaramapuram-Udayagiri road should the number on the work increase considerably. The number at work on the 15th was 851.

3. I am preparing a complete list of works proposed to be taken up as relief works during the next few months, and shall submit a formal application for allotment and funds in the course of a day or two. In the meantime, I request that the Board will be pleased to accord its sanction for the allotment I have applied for.

4. In anticipation of sanction, I have ordered the different works to be opened and allotted sums as shown below:—

	Amount [to be] allotted.
	RS.
1. Udayagiri prickly-pear work	200
2. Kitchen at Udayagiri	200
3. Metal-breaking at Pamur	200
4. Kitchen at Pamur	200
5. Metal-breaking at Narravada	200
6. Kitchen at Narravada	200
7. Metal-breaking at Pedarikatta	200
8. Kitchen at Pedarikatta	200
9. Nandanavanam tank	200
10. Kitchen at Pedarikatta	200

The estimates in all the above cases are ready and full particulars as to the amounts of the estimates and those expected to be spent during the next few months will be furnished in the application for allotment.

Resolution—Mis. No. 10143, dated 22nd December 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the request that an allotment of Rs. 1,250 may be placed at the Collector's disposal for opening a test-work near Narravada in the Udayagiri taluk.

2. The Collector's action in opening the test-works specified in paragraphs 2 and 4 in anticipation of sanction may be approved, as also his proposal to move his test-work at Udayagiri, five miles further north, on the Sitaramapuram-Udayagiri road, in case the numbers on the work should increase considerably.

3. The Collector's attention will be drawn to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 10009, dated 17th December 1897, wherein the introduction of the intermediate system of works is suggested.

Order—No. 2, Revenue, dated 4th January 1898.

The opening of test-works at Udayagiri, Narravada, Pamur, Nandanavanam and Pedankatla is sanctioned, and the action of the Collector in directing them to be opened in anticipation of sanction is approved. The suggestion of the Famine Commissioner that the works be carried out on the intermediate gang piece-work system is also accepted; this will render the grant of gratuitous relief to dependants unnecessary at the present stage. The Collector should be instructed accordingly by wire.

2. The Collector should also be called upon to submit immediately a detailed estimate of the amounts required for famine relief in the next few months classified according to budget heads in the recognized budget form. Meanwhile, the Financial Department will be requested to make a provision by re-appropriation of Rs. 50,000 for Nellore in the revised estimate of 100 lakhs under 33. Famine Relief now being recast in that department.

3. The request of the Collector in the last paragraph of his letter of the 11th December is noted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
" Financial Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" up to the end of December 1897.

District.	Salaries and establishments.				Relief works in charge of Civil Officers.				Weavers' relief.			
	Up to the end of November 1897.	In December 1897.	Total to the end of December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.	In December 1897.	Total to the end of December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.	In December 1897.	Total to the end of December 1897.	
1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Ganjām ..	31,606 13 2	1,849 10 0	33,456 7 2		21,174 0 3	..	21,174 0 3		2,34,924 10 4	2,251 2 10	2,32,673 7 6	
Vizagapatam ..	13,539 13 1	561 1 9	14,100 14 10		18,103 13 9	4 4 0	18,099 9 9		73,588 13 8	97 4 3	73,491 9 5	
Górávari ..	1,274 8 11	160 5 2	1,434 14 1		6 15 0	..	6 15 0		..	..	..	
Kistna ..	65 7 9	..	65 7 9		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Cuddapah ..	11,323 2 7	1,318 11 1	12,641 13 8		..	..	..		3,82,914 6 4	394 7 5	3,83,308 13 9	
Anantapur ..	23,514 0 9	2,261 0 5	25,805 1 2		18,424 12 2	139 15 11	18,564 12 1		37,500 6 0	115 12 0	37,615 2 0	
Bellary ..	31,009 4 2	515 15 1	31,525 3 3		12,384 12 11	668 17 3	11,716 1 8		1,02,316 1 7	5,215 15 3	99,102 2 4	
Kurnool ..	36,701 0 6	8,547 2 11	40,248 3 5		20,411 1 5	..	20,411 1 5		2,14,926 5 3	438 7 10	2,14,488 3 5	
North Arcot ..	47 4 0	16 2 1	63 6 1		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Tanjore ..	..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Salem ..	8 11 4	..	8 11 4		..	..	..		..	..	..	
South Canara ..	8 0 0	..	8 0 0		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Malabar ..	460 2 8	206 12 5	666 15 1		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Bangalore ..	216 10 8	..	216 10 8		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Presidency ..	991 10 8	236 13 9	1,228 8 5		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Trichinopoly ..	7 14 5	..	7 14 5		..	..	..		..	..	..	
Nellore ..	..	47 6 9	47 6 9		..	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0		..	..	..	
Total ..	1,50,804 8 8	10,721 1 5	1,61,525 10 1		90,505 7 6	767 0 8	91,272 8 2		10,46,170 11 2	5,490 4 9	10,40,680 6 5	

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" up to the end of December 1897—cont.

District.	Gratuitous relief.				Miscellaneous.				Total.			
	Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ganjām	RS. 4,64,275	A. 11 10	P. 34 14 7	RS. 4,64,310	A. 10 5	P. 1,699 0 10	RS. 4,64,310	A. 10 5	P. 1,699 0 10	RS. 4,64,310	A. 10 5	P. 1,699 0 10
Vizagapatam	RS. 1,25,959	A. 9 5	P. 471 11 7	RS. 1,25,959	A. 9 5	P. 471 11 7	RS. 1,25,959	A. 9 5	P. 471 11 7	RS. 1,25,959	A. 9 5	P. 471 11 7
Godāvari	RS. 24,178	A. 5 8	P. 7,653 15 10	RS. 24,178	A. 5 8	P. 7,653 15 10	RS. 24,178	A. 5 8	P. 7,653 15 10	RS. 24,178	A. 5 8	P. 7,653 15 10
Kisna	RS. 1,12,869	A. 3 2	P. 80 14 9	RS. 1,12,869	A. 3 2	P. 80 14 9	RS. 1,12,869	A. 3 2	P. 80 14 9	RS. 1,12,869	A. 3 2	P. 80 14 9
Cuddapah	RS. 94,967	A. 15 11	P. 723 14 9	RS. 94,967	A. 15 11	P. 723 14 9	RS. 94,967	A. 15 11	P. 723 14 9	RS. 94,967	A. 15 11	P. 723 14 9
Anantapur	RS. 2,50,058	A. 2 2	P. 320 1 4	RS. 2,50,058	A. 2 2	P. 320 1 4	RS. 2,50,058	A. 2 2	P. 320 1 4	RS. 2,50,058	A. 2 2	P. 320 1 4
Bellary	RS. 2,88,853	A. 8 8	P. 2,027 4 8	RS. 2,88,853	A. 8 8	P. 2,027 4 8	RS. 2,88,853	A. 8 8	P. 2,027 4 8	RS. 2,88,853	A. 8 8	P. 2,027 4 8
Kurnool	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
North Arcot	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Tanjore	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Salem	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
South Canara	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Malabar	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Bangalore	RS. 183	A. 5 4	P. 100 0 0	RS. 183	A. 5 4	P. 100 0 0	RS. 183	A. 5 4	P. 100 0 0	RS. 183	A. 5 4	P. 100 0 0
Presidency	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Trichinopoly	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Nellore	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..	RS. ..	A. ..	P. ..
Total	RS. 13,61,355	A. 14 2	P. 9,574 14 9	RS. 13,61,355	A. 14 2	P. 9,574 14 9	RS. 13,61,355	A. 14 2	P. 9,574 14 9	RS. 13,61,355	A. 14 2	P. 9,574 14 9

NOTE.—The figures in column "up to the end of November 1897" represent audited expenditure, but those in column "in December 1897" represent unaudited expenditure.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to Official Memorandum, No. 2059, Financial, dated 5th October 1897.
 Fort St. George,
 10th January 1898.

(Signed) F. C. HARRISON,
 Accountant-General.

No. 62, FINANCIAL, 25th JANUARY 1898.

Statement showing the Expenditure under "33. Famine Relief Works" in charge of Public Works Department, Provincial, during, and to end of, December 1897 in the official year 1897-98.

Districts.	Civil Buildings.				Communications.				Miscellaneous Public Improvements.				Irrigation.			
	Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1. Anantapur	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 6,55,885	4,857	6,40,742	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 62,503	551	63,054	..
2. Bellary	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 19,77,885	2,316	19,80,201	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 85,960	157	86,117	..
3. Cuddapah	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 6,82,653	1,758	6,84,411	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 2,30,947	14	2,30,961	..
4. Ganjām	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 1,59,359	406	1,59,765	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 44,715	16	44,731	..
5. Godāvari (Eastern)	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 125	..	125	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 6,824	78	6,902	..
6. Kurnool	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 18,28,081	13,149	18,41,230	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 77,647	270	77,917	..
7. Madras (Public Works Stores)	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 1,69,756	..	1,69,756	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 20,859	783	21,642	..
8. Vizagapatam	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 54,53,619	22,488	54,76,107	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 5,29,455	1,869	5,31,324	..
Total	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 125	..	125	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 5,29,455	1,869	5,31,324	..

Districts.	Construction of Railways.				Establishment.				Tools and Plant.				Total.			
	Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.		Up to the end of November 1897.		In December 1897.	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1. Anantapur	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 34,804	37,405	35,740	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 7,68,932	8,564	7,77,496	..
2. Bellary	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 58,839	66,682	1,16,575	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 22,39,239	12,722	22,51,961	..
3. Cuddapah	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 44,803	46,717	21,732	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 3,80,185	3,858	3,84,043	..
4. Ganjām	RS. 43,341	..	..	..	RS. 17,215	17,789	6,665	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 3,06,184	1,010	3,07,194	..
5. Godāvari (Eastern)	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 2,065	70,776	24,552	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 6,824	78	6,902	..
6. Kurnool	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 68,711	70,776	1,05,434	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 19,98,991	15,685	20,14,676	..
7. Madras (Public Works Stores)	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 11,176	11,515	5,717	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 1,09,256	3,823	1,13,079	..
8. Vizagapatam	RS. ..	..	..	..	RS. 2,35,548	2,59,914	3,16,415	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 66,17,929	47,555	66,65,484	..
Total	RS. 43,341	..	..	..	RS. 2,35,548	2,59,914	3,16,415	..	..	..	..	..	RS. 66,17,929	47,555	66,65,484	..

REMARKS.—The expenditure shown in this statement for December 1897 has been specially obtained by wire from the Executive Engineers and is therefore approximate.
 * The figure shown against the Kurnool district includes a sum of Rs. 82,704 for which credit is anticipated from the Civil Department.

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

(Signed) E. A. DENNIS,
 Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

10th January 1898.

No. 62, FINANCIAL, 25th JANUARY 1898.

From the Accountant-General, No. 11-Famine, dated 10th January 1898.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th January 1898.

The Treasury Officer, Nellore, provides in his resource estimate for expenditure on account of famine in the current and two ensuing months Rs. 1,38,000, of which Rs. 24,000 appertains to the Public Works Department and Rs. 1,14,000 to the Civil. I have added the latter to the revised estimate of Rs. 27,15,000 passed in G.O., No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897, but request I may be informed whether this figure is approximately correct. I beg to suggest that the Public Works amount be added to their estimate if considered correct.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, dated 13th January 1898.

Telephonic message to the Accountant-General, dated 13th January 1898.

G.O., No. 20, Revenue, dated 11th January 1898.

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897, submitting to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 10143, dated 22nd December 1897, letter from the Collector of Nellore submitting list of works proposed to be opened in Nellore to meet distress and the probable estimate of expenditure.

Order—No. 20, Revenue, dated 11th January 1898.

With the proceedings read above, the Board of Revenue submits a list of works available for the relief of distress in Nellore and an estimate of the expenditure likely to be incurred under 33. Famine Relief in the district in the current and the next official year. The tracts where test works have been opened or will soon have to be opened are the taluks of Udayagiri, Kandukur, Kanigiri and Atmakuru and the zamindari divisions of Podili and Darsi. The aggregate population of these portions of the district is 634,000; but there is no clear information as to the distribution or the intensity of the anticipated distress throughout the areas named. It is expected that relief measures will have to be gradually extended and continued to next July.

2. The list of works submitted with the above proceedings is approved, but the estimates called for the following remarks:—

33-A.—The estimate of Rs. 18,556 given by the Collector under this head includes provision for a Special Assistant to the Collector, two Deputy Collectors and five Deputy Tahsildars for six months; and the Board raises it to Rs. 19,400 by adding provision for extra accountants. Extra accountants will no doubt be required, but the Government does not think that a Special Assistant Collector will be needed in a light district like Nellore. Nor will there be any necessity to appoint an extra Deputy Collector for the Sub-Collector's division, a Special Deputy Tahsildar for Darsi or a second clerk for the Collector's office till distress becomes more pronounced than it is at present. The provision made for these three officers in the current year's estimate will therefore be omitted. On the other hand, the estimate should provide for the entertainment of some circle inspectors as village relief may possibly become necessary later on in Udayagiri and Kanigiri. The estimate for establishments and its distribution between the current and the next official year will then stand as noted on the margin. The salary of paymasters is debitable to the Public Works Department.

	1897-98.	1898-99.
33-A.	RS.	RS.
Paragraph 5 (e) of Collector's letter	1,216	2,432
Ten circle inspectors for four months	..	2,400
33-G.	..	..
Paragraphs 5 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (h) of Collector's letter and paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings modified as above ..	2,056	4,112

33-B.—The Collector's estimate of 3.8 lakhs for relief works, which makes provision for 4 per cent. of the population of the affected tracts will be cut down to 3 lakhs, and this amount distributed between the current and next official year in the ratio of 1 to 2. Further, as only petty works will be carried out by the Civil Department, all but half-a-lakh of this amount will be transferred to 33-F.

33-C.—The sum of Rs. 50,000 shown under this sub-head is the Collector's estimate for loans which are not famine expenditure and are not debitable to "Famine Relief." The amount will be excluded from the statement.

3. The estimates revised in accordance with the above observations and aggregating Rs. 3,16,148 will be transferred to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).

" Financial Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

APPENDIX.

ESTIMATE of probable Expenditure under 33. FAMINE in the Nellore district.

Items.	Total estimates.	Estimate for	
		1897-98.	1898-99.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
33-A. Salaries and Establishments	6,048	1,216	4,832
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers	50,000	15,000	35,000
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	..	..	..
33-D. Gratuitous Relief	10,000	5,000	5,000
33-F. Miscellaneous	100	..	100
Total, Civil Department	66,148	21,216	44,932
33-F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department	2,50,000	75,000	1,75,000
Total, FAMINE RELIEF	3,16,148	96,216	2,19,932
33-G. Expenditure debitable to other service heads	6,168	2,056	4,112
Grand Total	3,22,316	98,272	2,24,044

ORDER—No. 62, Financial, dated 25 January 1898.

The allotments required for famine expenditure in the Nellore district in the current year as well as the estimate * Paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 29, Financial, dated (Rs. 50,000) of expenditure on relief measures in the Markapur taluk of the Kurnool district will be added to the estimates contained in G.O., No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897. The Revenue Department will be requested to furnish details of the latter amount according to minor heads.

2. The estimates as now revised stand as follows:—

	Civil Department.	Public Works Department.	Total.
Actuals to end of November	26.55	66.18	92.73
Estimates for remaining months of year	1.31	1.43	2.74
Total	27.86	67.61	95.47

The details are shown in the appendix to these proceedings.

3. The Accountant-General will be requested to explain the *minus* entries in his statement for December 1897 as well as the remark of the Examiner at the foot of his statement for the same month.

4. The Government of India will be addressed.

[Here enter Letter No. 63, Financial, dated 25th January 1898.]

(True Extract.)

McConnell

for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department. ✓

Spine copies will follow.

Districts.	33-A. Salaries and Establishment.			33-B. Relief Works in charge of Civil Officers.			33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works.			33-D. Gratuitous Relief.		
	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ganjām ..	Rs. 31,606	Rs. 3,100	Rs. 34,706	Rs. 21,174	Rs. ..	Rs. 21,174	Rs. 2,34,925	Rs. 100	Rs. 2,35,025	Rs. 4,64,276	Rs. 850	Rs. 4,65,126
Vizagapatam ..	13,540	1,842	15,382	18,104	..	18,104	73,589	65	73,654	1,25,969	100	1,26,069
Godavari ..	1,275	..	1,275	7	..	7	..	..	..	24,178	..	24,178
Kurnool ..	36,701	4,300	41,001	20,411	..	20,411	2,14,926	2,000	2,16,926	2,88,854	..	2,88,854
Nellore ..	..	1,216	1,216	..	15,000	15,000	..	..	..	..	5,000	5,000
Bellary ..	31,009	800	31,809	12,385	..	12,385	1,02,316	20	1,02,336	2,50,058	700	2,50,758
Anantapur ..	23,544	1,060	24,604	18,424	..	18,424	37,500	10,000	47,500	94,968	20,000	1,14,968
Cuddapah ..	11,323	..	11,323	..	10,000	10,000	3,82,915	..	3,82,915	1,12,869	1,000	1,13,869
Other Districts ..	1,806	..	1,806	..	..	..	..	..	..	184	..	184
Public Works Stores ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,50,804	12,318	1,63,122	90,505	25,000	1,15,505	10,46,171	12,185	10,58,356	13,61,356	27,650	13,89,006

Districts.	33-E. Miscellaneous.			Total, Civil Department.			33-F. Relief Works in charge of Public Works Department.			Grand Total, Civil and Public Works Departments.		
	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.	To the end of Novem-ber.	For the remaining months of the year.	Total.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ganjām ..	RS. 1,699	RS. 420	RS. 2,119	RS. 7,53,680	RS. 4,470 * 4,000	RS. 7,58,150 * 4,000	RS. 3,06,184	RS. 1,700	RS. 3,07,884	RS. 10,59,864	RS. 6,170 * 4,000	RS. 10,66,034 * 4,000
Vizagapatam.	587	..	587	2,31,789	2,007	2,33,796	2,12,170	7,700	2,19,870	4,43,959	9,707	4,53,666
Godāvāri ..	—20	..	—20	25,440	..	25,440	6,824	100	6,924	32,264	100	32,364
Kurnool ..	1,295	..	1,295	5,62,187	6,300 † 50,000	6,18,487	19,98,991	—56,439	19,42,552	25,61,178	— 139	25,61,039
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	21,216	21,216	..	75,000	75,000	..	96,216	96,216
Bellary ..	..	..	..	3,95,768	1,520	3,97,288	22,39,259	} 50,000	30,58,191	26,35,027 9,43,560	} 82,580	36,61,167
Anantapur ..	192	..	192	1,74,628	31,060	2,05,688	7,63,932					
Cuddapah ..	2,127	..	2,127	5,09,234	11,000	5,20,234	9,80,135	8,000	9,88,135	14,89,369	19,000	15,08,369
Other Districts.	58	..	58	2,048	..	2,048	..	..	..	2,048	..	2,048
Public Works Stores ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,05,434	56,500	1,61,934	1,05,434	56,500	1,61,934
Total ..	5,938	420	6,358	26,54,774	1,27,573 * 4,000	27,82,347 * 4,000	66,17,929	1,42,561	67,60,490	92,72,703	2,70,134 * 4,000	95,42,837 * 4,000

* For adjustment in the Civil Department.

† Details not available.