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It seems necessary in the
P.W. Dept. The Chief Engineer's
copy of the order has not passed
through the office. It was

Questions drawn up by the Famine Commission. probably sent from the

Issuing instructions regarding the manner in which information, with reference to certain
—, should be furnished, and requesting the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, to nominate one
or two gentlemen to give evidence before the Commission on certain points.

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Chamber of Commerce, Madras

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—series of questions drawn up by the Famine Commission.

ORDER—No. 68, Revenue, dated 3rd February 1898.

Miscellaneous.

The Government resolves to issue the following instructions with reference to the questions Nos. 50, 51, 58, 64—66, 68 and 69 in section I under "Relief Works," that are marked as questions which may be answered by one officer specially deputed by the Local Government for the purpose or in regard to which information may be embodied in the final famine report of the province. Much of the information required by these questions will be furnished in the final famine report of the Presidency, which, it is understood, is now almost completed, but if it is not in the exact form required by the questions, the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement will embody the information in the separate communication, which he proposes to submit regarding the permanency, utility and comparative cost of the works executed by famine labour.

(ii) The questions Nos. 124-126, 131 and 132 in section V require an expression of opinion, and they will best be dealt with in connexion with the report called for by the Government of India in its resolution embodied in G.O., No. 953, dated 16th November 1897. The Commissioner of Revenue Settlement will be requested to consult the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, on the subject matter of these questions and to submit a report to Government so as to enable it to reply to the Government of India. If these two officers do not agree in their views, they should submit separate reports.

2. It appears from the foot-note at page 40 of the list that questions regarding the grain trade are intended for witnesses put forward by the Chamber of Commerce and for experts specially invited by the Commission. The Madras Chamber of Commerce will be requested to be so good as to nominate one or two gentlemen who possess the requisite knowledge and can speak with authority on the subject matter of the questions indicated. Each witness so nominated should be asked to be good enough to submit beforehand a written statement of the evidence which he is prepared to offer.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

„ the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Madras Chamber of Commerce,
paragraph 2 only, with list of questions and
copy of G.O., No. 47, dated 28th January 1898.

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