

Public Works (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Military Officers on famine duty: Pres.
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Resolution laying down the procedure to be
adopted in regard to the disbursement and
adjustment of the pay and allowances of
military & military works officers & men
employed on famine duty, Comd to Officers of the P.W.D.

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Pay and Allowances of Military Officers on Famine Duty.

Recording resolution of the Government of India laying down the procedure to be adopted in regard to the disbursement and adjustment of the pay and allowances of Military and Military Works officers and men employed on famine duty.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Accounts and Finance—Adjustments, &c.), dated Calcutta, 26th February 1898, No. 985-A.

Read—again

Resolution in this department, No. 1876-A., dated the 24th April 1897.

Read—also

Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the address of the Revenue and Agriculture Department, No. 633 T.R.—(Fam.), dated the 23rd June 1897, and letter in the Military Department, No. 3159 M.W., dated the 2nd November 1897.

Resolution.—In the resolution in this department read in the preamble it was laid down that the pay and allowances including deputation and travelling allowances of Military Commissioned, Non-commissioned and Warrant officers and soldiers employed in famine districts, or on work connected with famine, should be issued in the Military Department, but that any special allowances and any extra charges incurred in the Military Department in consequence of the absence on famine duty of any Military officer from his proper work should be debited by the Military Department against the Civil Department and charged to the head "33. Famine Relief." By the orders issued in the letter in the Military Department of 2nd November last, No. 3159 M.W., the above ruling has been extended to officers and subordinates attached to the Military Works Department.

2. It was intended by the orders cited above that the pay and allowances admissible, of all kinds, should be actually disbursed, in the cases referred to, by the department from which the officers concerned were transferred for famine duty; but it appears that the practice observed in this respect has not been uniform, disbursements having been made from civil treasuries in some provinces, throughout the whole period of the famine. And it has been represented to the Government of India that the disbursement of pay by the Military Department instead of from the civil treasury of the district in which the officer concerned is employed on famine duty is likely in many instances, especially when officers have been transferred from a distant province, to cause considerable delay and inconvenience.

3. These circumstances were not brought to the notice of the Government of India till the famine was nearing its close, and it was considered undesirable to issue orders at a late period which would have the effect of reversing arrangements which were in the main working satisfactorily. But now, the famine-relief operations necessitated by the failure of the rains in 1896 having come to an end, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the procedure to be observed in future should be clearly laid down. His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that when an officer of any of the classes specified in the first paragraph of this resolution is employed on famine duty in the Civil Department, the Account officer of the Military or the Military Works Department shall report to the Civil Accountant-General or Comptroller concerned the military or departmental pay and allowances to

which the officer is from time to time entitled; and the Treasury officer of the district in which the officer is employed shall then disburse to the officer the full amount admissible to him, consisting of (1) the pay and allowances certified as admissible by the Military or Military Works Account officer, (2) the additional pay or allowances such as deputation and travelling allowances which the officer would not have received but for his employment on famine duty. The former will be passed on by the Civil Account officer to the Military or the Military Works Account officer concerned for audit and adjustment, while the latter will be adjusted by the Civil Account officer as a final civil charge under the head "33. Famine Relief."

4. In the same way, when such officers are employed on famine duty under the Public Works Department, the Military or Military Works Accounts office should inform the Public Works Examiner as to the officer's pay and allowances, and the Examiner will arrange to disburse the whole of the pay and allowances admissible, adjusting the portion debitable to the head "33. Famine Relief" in his accounts, and passing on the remainder to the Military or Military Works Department, as the case may be.

5. Any additional charges actually incurred in the Military or Military Works Department in consequence of the absence of an officer on famine duty in the Civil or the Public Works Department should be passed on by the Military or Military Works Accounts Department to the Civil or Public Works Accounts officer, as the case may be, for adjustment under the head "33. Famine Relief."

Order.—Ordered, that this resolution be communicated to all Local Governments and Administrations, to the Departments of the Government of India, to the Comptroller and Auditor General, and to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers (except the Comptroller, Post Office).

(Signed) J. B. BRUNYATE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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(True Extract.)

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for Chief Secretary.

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To the Local and Municipal Department.
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" Revenue Department.
" Public Department.
" Accountant-General.

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