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Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2678 *W*

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Famine In pendence — accepting
Ins. Incl. Dept. of Superintendence
to the Remarks, the Minutes of
and '33 Famine Relief" for Sept 98 Comm
in called to the officers concerned.

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Accepting, with remarks, the estimates of expenditure under "33. Famine Relief" for September 1898.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., No. 550, Revenue, dated 23rd September 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 344, dated 13th September 1898.

Resolution—No. 344, dated 13th September 1898.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 33, Financial, dated 5th January 1898, and G.O., No. 466, Revenue, dated 23rd August 1898, the Board begs to submit a statement showing the actual expenditure up to the end of August 1898, and the probable expenditure in the current month under "33. Famine Relief."

2. The figures of actual expenditure are adopted from statements furnished by the Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. These statements were received only on the 10th and 12th current, respectively. In G.O., No. 466, dated 23rd August 1898, the Government directed that when submitting the estimates for each month, the differences, if any, between the actuals and the estimates for the previous month should be explained. This the Board finds impossible, without a reference to the Collectors concerned. Any satisfactory explanation for the variations between the actuals for August now reported by the Account departments and the estimates furnished last month by the Collectors, can only be given by the latter. The statements received from the Accountant-General and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will now be communicated to the Collectors concerned, with the request that all noticeable variations between the figures shown therein, and the estimates framed by them for August 1898, may be explained, and the reason for incurring expenditure, where no estimates have been submitted, may be reported at a very early date.

3. Famine relief operations are in progress only in the Nellore district, and in no other district are they likely to be required during the current month. In Nellore, provision is made for the relief of 500 persons on works, and 25 persons gratuitously. The cost of relief works has been calculated at Rs. 3 per head per mensem including contingencies. The provision made under "33-A. Salaries and Establishments" for Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur is to meet the cost of the establishments still retained in weavers' depots, where the whole stock of cloths has not yet been disposed of. For Kurnool, a sum of Rs. 500 has been provided under "33-C. Weavers' Relief", in order to meet contingent charges, such as house-rent, cost of carriage of cloths from the depots to the place of delivery, &c., which have been incurred, or are likely to be incurred during the current month, in connection with the storage and disposal of the cloths remaining to be disposed of in that district.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 3607, dated 2nd September 1898, a list of establishments at present employed in connection with famine relief is herewith submitted.

5. The Board begs to represent the impracticability of submitting these monthly estimates in print as required by Government by the 10th of each month. The Account officers do not send in their statements before the 10th and the compilation and printing take about five days. It is requested that the 15th may be fixed as the due date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Dy. Director, L. R. and Agri.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two statements.

Enclosures.

ENCLOSURES.
STATEMENT of monthly Famine Estimates for September 1898.

Famine relief.	Detailed Account No.	Nellore.						Kurnool.		
		Estimated expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Gross expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Estimate of expenditure in August 1898.	Expenditure in August 1898.	Estimate for September 1898.	Total outlay (columns 4 and 7).	Recoveries.	Estimated expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Gross expenditure up to the end of August 1898.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Salaries and establishment	33A	Rs. 2,615	Rs. 2,629	Rs. 100	Rs. 114	Rs. 125	Rs. 4,764	Rs. 986	Rs. 1,501	Rs. 1,783
Relief works in charge of Civil officers	33B	3,006	3,006	..	..	..	3,006	..	..	..
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works.	33C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gratuitous relief	33D	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	33E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Civil Department		6,180	6,144	150	114	175	6,319	975	1,598	1,922
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department	33F	7,278	7,038	1,500	1,260	1,500	8,538	..	3,343	1,607
Grand Total, Famine Relief		13,458	13,182	1,650	1,374	1,675	14,857	975	1,745	3,529

Famine Relief.	Detailed Account No.	Kurnool—cont.						Bellary.		
		Estimated expenditure in August 1898.	Estimate for September 1898.	Total outlay (columns 11 and 14).	Recoveries.	Estimated expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Gross expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Estimate of expenditure in August 1898.	Estimate for September 1898.	Total outlay (columns 18 and 21).
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Salaries and establishment	33A	Rs. 274	Rs. 22	Rs. 1,805	Rs. 189	Rs. 96	Rs. 123	..	Rs. 28	Rs. 129
Relief works in charge of Civil officers	33B	..	..	..	59	..	..	..	..	..
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	33C	43	500	639	164	..	..	..	..	..
Gratuitous relief	33D	..	..	..	168	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	33E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Civil Department	33F	317	592	2,444	580	96	123	..	28	138
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department		166	..	1,607	4,784	2,854	3,813	..	959	3,813
Grand Total, Famine Relief		483	522	4,051	6,364	2,950	3,936	..	987	3,951

STATEMENT of monthly Famine Estimates for September 1898—cont.

Famine relief.	Detailed Account No.	Anantapur.						Other Districts.		
		Estimated expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Gross expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Estimate of expenditure in August 1898.	Expenditure in August 1898.	Estimate for September 1898.	Total outlay (columns 25 and 28).	Recoveries.	Estimated expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Gross expenditure up to the end of August 1898.
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Salaries and establishment	33A	Rs. 544	Rs. 552	..	Rs. 8	Rs. 7	Rs. 559	Rs. 5	Rs. 1,692	Rs. 1,920
Relief works in charge of Civil officers	33B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	33C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gratuitous relief	33D	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	33E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Civil Department		551	559	..	8	7	566	17,852	3,048	3,342
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department	33F	2,874	3,995	..	1,116	..	3,995	5	1,077	6,721
Grand Total, Famine Relief		3,425	4,554	..	1,124	7	4,561	17,857	4,125	10,063

Famine relief.	Detailed Account No.	Total.						Recoveries.		
		Estimated expenditure in August 1898.	Estimate for September 1898.	Total outlay (columns 32 and 35).	Recoveries.	Estimated expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Gross expenditure up to the end of August 1898.	Estimate of expenditure in August 1898.	Estimate for September 1898.	Total outlay (columns 39 and 42).
		34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Salaries and establishment	33A	Rs. 219	Rs. 1,920	Rs. 298	Rs. 298	Rs. 6,448	Rs. 7,007	Rs. 100	Rs. 643	Rs. 7,167
Relief works in charge of Civil officers	33B	..	..	..	..	3,010	3,010	..	..	3,010
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	33C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gratuitous relief	33D	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	33E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Civil Department		281	3,342	89,422	89,422	11,473	12,090	180	719	12,809
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department	33F	481	6,721	5,187	5,187	10,740	23,174	1,509	1,500	24,674
Grand Total, Famine Relief		762	10,063	94,609	94,609	22,213	35,264	1,650	2,219	37,483

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G.O., No. 723, 23rd August 1898.

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communicated to the
Examinees officers concerned.

AUGUST. 2. The attention of the Examiner
is drawn to para 4 of the order.

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Examined P.W. Accounts.

Famine Expenditure.

Passing orders on the statements of — for June 1898 submitted by the Accountant-General
and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 500, Financial, dated 3rd June 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the revised famine estimates for 1898-99 and the expenditure in April 1898.

G.O., No. 570, Financial, dated 30th June 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Board of Revenue, the Accountant-General, and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts to include in future statements of famine expenditure, commencing with those for June 1898, a column under each minor head showing the latest estimate accepted by Government for each district, and stating that the gross expenditure should be reported, recoveries being shown separately.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Accountant-General, dated 8th July 1898, No. 10-Famine Expenditure.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 9th July 1898, No. 3554.

With reference to G.O., No. 500, Financial, dated the 3rd of June 1898, I have the honour to request information as to whether Rs. 73,000 is to be considered as the present estimate of famine expenditure in the Civil Department in 1898-99 for the districts of Nellore, Kurnool and North Arcot.

In the order Rs. 2,19,000 is shown as the revised estimate of Civil and Public Works Department expenditure approved of by the Revenue Department for the three districts, and Rs. 13,000 for Nellore alone. But from the particulars given in the memorandum under "Present estimates" the figure 2.19 appears to include the provision for Nellore also. Moreover as, in Board's Proceedings, No. 175, dated 12th May 1898, printed in the order, no provision was made for districts other than Nellore, it is not clear why Rs. 2,19,000 is shown as the present estimate of Civil and Public Works Department expenditure.

From my statement of famine expenditure for June 1898, it will be observed that some expenditure is being incurred in districts other than Nellore, and it is requested that allotments may be made to cover this expenditure.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras and Coorg, dated 11th July 1898, No. 847—A-B.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, dated 9th August 1898, No. 3891.

ORDER—No. 723, Financial, dated 23rd August 1898.

The Accountant-General will be informed that paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 500, Financial, dated 3rd June 1898, recapitulated the facts and figures as placed before Government from time to time. In paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 151, dated 21st April 1898, it was stated that the Collector of Nellore anticipated no expenditure after June, while in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings, No. 175, dated 22nd May, the Board intimated that no relief measures would be necessary in North Arcot and Kurnool unless the south-west monsoon failed. The Government accepted these views in G.O., No. 278, Revenue, of 16th idem.

2. The only estimate against which actual expenditure can be incurred must therefore be held to be the sum of '13 * allotted for the Nellore district for April, May and June. This has been subsequently revised in G.O., No. 578, Financial, dated 5th July 1898, as follows:—

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* Civil Department	07
Public Works Department	06
Total	13
Civil Department	04
Public Works Department	05
Total	09

3. The bulk of the grant of 8.50 lakhs under 33. *Famine relief*, although nominally apportioned among districts in G.O., No. 272, Financial, dated 15th March 1898, should be treated as practically in reserve with Government, and neither the Board of Revenue nor Collectors should authorize any expenditure from the district allotments without the specific orders of Government.

The total recoveries in the first three months of the year aggregate 2.07 lakhs. Under the orders of the Government of India, recorded in G.O., No. 184, Financial, dated 24th February 1898, a portion of these recoveries should apparently be credited to Imperial. It appears therefore to be incorrect to deduct the amounts from the charges debited in 1898-99 to 33. *Famine relief—Provincial*. The Accountant-General will be requested to report on the point.

4. The Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts will be requested to submit future statements of famine expenditure in print, and the Superintendent of the Government Press will treat these papers as urgent. The Examiner will be requested to recast his statement for June 1898, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in G.O., No. 570, Financial, dated 30th June 1898. The statements of recoveries and actual expenditure should be kept separate.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Superintendent, Government Press.