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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Expenditure.

Peros: Rev: Dep'tt, appointing Mr. C. Benson,
By: Director of Land Record & Agriculture, & Mr.
the Honble Mr. W. J. H. LeFane J. C. S., Secretary
& President respectively of a committee
of experts for the consideration of the questions
of famine accounts & returns and of the
regulation of famine finance. Committed to
the Officers concerned, with remark.

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G.O., No. 284, 1st May 1899.

MAY.

Famine Expenditure.

Agreeing with the Board of Revenue that the question of the regulation of famine finance should be considered by a committee of experts, together with the question of famine accounts and returns, and stating that the committee will hold its sittings in Madras under the presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, I.C.S.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 452, dated 12th December 1898 :—
 Read—G.O., No. 590, Revenue, dated 11th October 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on Board's Proceedings submitting the report of the Famine Conferences held at Madras in December 1897 and at Waltair in January 1898.

Resolution—No. 452, dated 12th December 1898.

Communicated to all Collectors for information.

2. It is presumed that the orders of the Government of India on the recommendations of the Famine Commission may be awaited before any attempt is made to revise the Famine Code of this Presidency.

3. The attention of all Collectors will be drawn to the instructions given in paragraph 25 of the Government Order regarding the preparation of famine relief work programmes, the co-operation of the Public Works Department being sought with a view to including a larger number of irrigation projects in these programmes.

4. With reference to paragraph 42 of the Government Order, it will be pointed out that the Special Deputy Collector was appointed for charge of the weavers' relief operations in the Deccan Districts only and that by the time that he had completed his investigations in these districts, relief operations in Ganjam and Vizagapatam had been almost brought to a close. Weaving operations in Vizagapatam were conducted on a very limited scale. The Collector of Ganjam has submitted a revised task-table based on the experience of the last year, and this is now under the consideration of the Board along with certain reports of the Special Deputy Collector regarding task-tables proposed for the Deccan Districts.

5. With reference to paragraph 44 of the Government Order, it is presumed that the question of the regulation of famine finance discussed in Board's Proceedings, No. 5740-A., dated 23rd September 1898, should be considered by the Committee of Experts, at the same time that it is discussing famine accounts and returns. The Board considers that the Committee should include officers deputed by the Accountant-General, and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, as well as two or three officers of the Public Works Department who have had practical experience in the organisation of relief works, and of not less than four officers who were engaged in carrying out relief during the recent distress. The latter should be of rank not lower than that of Divisional-officer, and should be nominated by the Collectors of the Deccan Districts and Ganjam. The Board would also depute the Deputy Director of Land Records and Agriculture to serve on the Committee, as he has had considerable experience in dealing with famine reports and returns, and with the demands of the Government of India for statistical information. These officers might meet in Madras and the sittings of the Committee should probably not last longer than a week.

6. The instructions conveyed in paragraph 51 of the Government Order regarding the revision of the normal and scarcity rates from time to time have been noted by the Board, and will be attended to in due course. As yet prices have, in no part of the Presidency, returned to their normal level.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
 Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ all Collectors.

ORDER—No. 284, Revenue, dated 1st May 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Government agrees with the Board of Revenue that the question of the regulation of famine finance should

be considered by a committee of experts, together with the question of famine accounts and returns. The committee will hold its sittings in Madras under the presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, I.C.S., and will consist of the following officers :—

The Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, I.C.S., President.
 The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
 The Accountant-General.
 H. A. Stuart, Esq., I.C.S.
 E. A. Elwin, Esq., I.C.S.
 C. Benson, Esq.
 The Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 A Superintending or Executive Engineer (to be named by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department).

2. Mr. LeFanu will make early arrangements for holding the committee in communication with the other members. The files of correspondence relating to the questions to be discussed by the committee will be forwarded to him.

(True Extract.)

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

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

„ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
 „ the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, I.C.S.
 „ the Accountant-General.
 „ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 „ the Public Works Department.
 „ the Financial Department.
 „ H. A. Stuart, Esq., I.C.S.
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G.O., No. 444, 12th July 1899.

JULY.

Famine Expenditure.

Appointing Mr. C. Benson, Deputy Director of Land Records and Agriculture, as Secretary to the Committee nominated for considering the question of famine accounts and returns and the regulation of famine finance, and stating that the sittings of the Committee will begin at Madras on the return of the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, the President of the Committee, from furlough.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 284, Revenue, dated 1st May 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Agreeing with the Board of Revenue that the question of the regulation of famine finance should be considered by a Committee of experts, together with the question of famine accounts and returns, and stating that the Committee will hold its sittings in Madras under the Presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, I.C.S.

ORDER—No. 444, Revenue, dated 12th July 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Government is pleased to appoint Mr. C. Benson, Deputy Director of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras, as Secretary to the Committee nominated in the order read above for considering the question of famine accounts and returns and the regulation of famine finance.

2. The sittings of the Committee will begin at Madras on the return of the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, the President of the Committee, from furlough.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. A. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

„ the Hon'ble Mr. W. J. H. LeFanu, I.C.S.
„ the Accountant-General.
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