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Distress in certain districts.

Communicating to Board of Revenue telegrams
measures taken for relieving — on account of the
requesting them to furnish the required detailed in

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the Government of India approving
able character of the season, and
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Read the following papers :—

No. 263. From R. H. HOLLIER, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 14th October 1876, No. 3438.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1080, dated 11th August 1876, asking for a grant of Rs. 41,000 from the Imperial revenues for relief works authorised to be undertaken, to provide employment for the able-bodied poor in certain districts of the Madras Presidency where distress prevails from the unfavorable character of the season.

2. In reply, I am directed to inform you that the works are no doubt locally useful and such as would sooner or later be undertaken partly from Provincial and partly from Local Funds. The distress, too (estimating its severity and extent by the amount of expenditure required for its relief), was of a character which brings it within the category of unforeseen contingencies or of the local demands for relief, which cannot be met from Imperial, but may be provided for from Provincial or Local Funds. The Governor-General in Council regrets accordingly that he is not able to accede to the application for a special grant from Imperial Funds.

Copy forwarded to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, and to the Accountant-General, Madras for information.

No. 263-A. Telegram from the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, Simla, dated Fort St. George, 24th October 1876.

CONDITION of Kurnool, Cuddapah, and Bellary Districts very bad and daily becoming more gloomy. If northeast monsoon should not set in favorably within 15 days gravest results. Distress approaching famine will probably ensue in these districts, and great distress in some other districts. Present state of grain-market causes us great anxiety. Prices have naturally reached famine rates. Following measures have been taken:—Relief works opened wherever distress prevails. Food distributed to aged and children given in some cases, and local officers being aided by additional temporary officers. Member of the Board of Revenue visiting all districts most distressed. Very heavy imperial expenditure is inevitable.

No. 263-B. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 25th October 1876.

Your telegram of yesterday. The President in Council has received with much concern the accounts of distress in condition of Kurnool, Cuddapah, Bellary, and other districts, and fully approves measures taken by Madras Government. His Honor wishes to receive at the earliest practicable date separate statements regarding each taluq in the distressed districts showing its area, population, Government realisable revenue in 1875-76, ratio of proportion of early to late cultivation, average annual rain-fall, actual rain-fall this season, ordinary price of staple food of the taluka at this season, actual present price of the same, probable extent of failure of crops, and amount, if any, sanctioned for relief works and other reliefs.

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1876, No. 1523.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the telegram received from the Government of India be communicated to the Board of Revenue with the request that they will furnish the detailed information required.

(True Extract)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

No. 197.

From Madras,

„ Chief Secy. to Govt.

To Colombo,

„ Governor of Madras,

GOVERNMENT of India reply to our message as follows:—Your telegram of yesterday; the President in Council has received with much concern the accounts of distressed condition of Kurnool, Cuddapah, Bellary, and other districts, and fully approves of measures taken by Madras Government. His Honor wishes to receive at the earliest practicable date separate statements regarding each taluq in the distressed districts showing its area, population, Government realisable revenue in 1875-76, rough proportion of early to late cultivation, average annual rain-fall, actual rain-fall this season, ordinary price of staple food of the taluka at this season, actual present price of the same, probable extent of failure of crops, and amount, if any, sanctioned for relief works and other reliefs. Telegram ends.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th October 1876.

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Bot. of 1873 & 1874.

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From Book of ...
dated 25 Oct 1874

original, for the
the Chief ...

Vide of 6 28 October 1874
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
The Govt. of India. Finl
Dept. of 14 Octr 1876.

No. 3438.

Also Telegram from
Govt of India. R.A.C.
of 25 Octr 1876.

Order Thereon.

Ordered that the
following telegram
be despatched to
the President in
Council at Simla

"Commerce telegram
of 25 regarding dis-
tress in districts re-
ceived. Also Financial
letter of 14 declining
to

I thought it was proposed
not to send this one
further telegrams
apparently explaining
matters

to sanction any Im-
perial aid -

Position of affairs
apparently misap-
prehended -

Distress wide spread
intense and increas-
ing -

Relief works indis-
pensable to save
life -

No provincial or
local funds available
for purpose -

Imperial funds must
be used to extent
necessary -

L.R.

6/1/53
G.O.
Comd to the Board of Rev.
Telegram from Govt of India
approving measures taken
in connection with the distress
prevailing in Bellary, Hassan
& Channarayana.

Obt. of 1873 Address.

To

Dated
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
the Government of India
Financial Department
dated 14. October 1876 -

No 3438.

Also Telegram to
Ditto - of 24. Octr/76.
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Order thereon 28. October 1876 No 1523

Ordered that
the telegram received
from the Government
of India be communi-
cated to the Board
of Revenue with the re-
quest that they will
furnish the detailed
information required
by the Government of
India. - E.P.

To
Msc Mr Board of Revenue
Sep-28-10/76
Oct-3-11/76

Revenue 1876 Dept.

No 4431

From
The Govt of India.
Financial Dept.

Dated 14. October 1876

Recd 26. do

No 3438.

Stating that the Governor General
in Council cannot accede to the
application for a grant of Rs 41,000
from the Imperial revenues for
relief works to be undertaken in
certain districts of the Madras
Presidency where distress prevails
from the unfavorable character
of the season

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Local No.

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To (Station)

Madras

From (Station)

Simla

No.

Words

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(Madras time.)

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.—

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To (Person)

Madras

From (Person)

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your telegram of yesterday. the
 president in council has received
 with much concern the accounts
 of distressed condition of Kurnool
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 of measures taken by Madras
 government. His honour wishes
 to receive at the earliest practicable
 date separate statements regarding
 each taluk in the distressed districts
 showing its area population
 government realisable

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MADRAS 25-10-73

Telegraph Master.

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FROM (Station)

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(Madras time.)

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To (Person)

FROM (Person)

Revenue in 1875-76 Rough
 proportion of early to late
 cultivation average annual
 rainfall actual rainfall
 this is an ordinary price of
 staple food of the taluka at
 this season actual present
 of the cause probable effect of
 failure of the crops, and amount
 of money sanctioned for relief
 works and other reliefs —

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Received 14/10/80

N^o 44430

Telegram

From
The Govt of India
Revenue & Dept.

Dated 25th Oct 1876
Recd. 26.

Council

26/10

Order to be made in Council
that the sum of Rs. 4,100
be granted for the relief of
the poor in certain districts
of the Madras Presidency
where distress prevails from
the unfavourable character
of the season.

Sir,
The 14th October 1876

12/10

N^o 3438
11/523

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras
Financial Department

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter N^o 108, dated 11th August 1876, asking for
a grant of Rs. 4,100 from the Imperial Treasury
for relief work authorized to be undertaken,
to provide employment for the able bodied
poor in certain districts of the Madras Presi-
dency where distress prevails from the un-
favourable character of the season.
2- In reply I am directed to state that the works
are no doubt locally useful, and such as would
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be provided for from Provincial or Local Funds.
The Governor General in Council reports accordingly
that he is not able to accede to the application for
a special grant from Imperial funds.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. B. Murray
Assistant Secretary to the
Government of India

Copy

Copy forwarded to the Dep. Secy of the
Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce and to the
Assistant General, Madras, for information.

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