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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th April 1877, No. 1337.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 235 From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Official Chief Secretary to Government, dated 6th April 1877, G. No. 13.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 22nd ultimo, No. 1020, in which the expenditure on ten works is objected to, and directions are given to the Accountant-General not to pass the charges incurred on the said works. In their Order of the 5th ultimo Government were pleased to authorize to pass the expenditure incurred in works 3, 6, 7, and 10.

2. WORK I.—Removing the salt efflorescence from the surface of the ground, which has been taken up for a sewage farm, was undertaken on the advice of Mr. Robertson of the Government Farm, as being suitable, easy work for the more weakly applicants for relief, and a very necessary preliminary to bringing the land under cultivation. Accordingly I ordered it to be carried out, and shown separate in the accounts, as it was work that was difficult to estimate, and likely to prove expensive owing to the low condition of the coolies set on it. As it is an item in the reclamation of the land for forming a sewage farm, I trust that Government will be pleased to authorize the Accountant-General to pass the charge for this work.

3. WORKS 2, 3, 8, and 9.—Removing prickly-pears in Chetput, in Otary Nullah, in Perambore Chucklypaliam, and on both sides of the Railway Bridge, are proper charges against the Imperial Revenue. The lands on which the prickly-pear grows being Government waste, or land made over to the Railway Company, or the bed of a nullah which has hitherto been considered to be under Government conservancy, it seemed to me a good opportunity for getting rid of what has long been a grievous nuisance to the public. I cannot see how the Municipality can be expected to carry out these works on Government lands any more than if the lands belong to private individuals. Pending the receipt of further orders from Government, I shall not stop these works or works of this kind, and I trust that Government will, on perusing my explanation, be pleased to pass the charges which have been already incurred. In the event of their being unable to consider these works as famine relief works, I would suggest that the Public Works Department be directed to complete them, as the prickly-pear in question is most undoubtedly a public nuisance.

4. WORKS 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 are for deepening certain tanks and making a road in the People's Park. The tanks will be of great use to the public, should it become necessary to make them available during the impending water famine. With the tanks prepared as they will be, pot-wells can be sunk in great numbers, and, as the springs in the Park are generally good, a good supply of water

April 1877, No. 1337.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Chief Secretary.

Sturges
Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL.

To
The ACTING PRESIDENT of THE
MONTREAL COMMISSION.

No. 236 238

Dated April, 21st.

Amount - 28

Recd. - 30

G.O. 236 238 1877, No. 1884.

APRIL.

Nos. 236-238.

Foreign Passes. The expenditure incurred on
the works described in G.O. dated 22nd March
1877, No. 1029, up to 6th April 1877, sanctioned,
and sanction also accorded to the further ex-
penditure needed for deepening the locks in the People's
Park, Montreal.

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