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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

23rd February 1877, No. 685.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 396. *From the Hon. T. C. HOPE, C.S.I., Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Camp Delhi, 28th December 1876, No. 4-T.*

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 4987, dated the 30th ultimo, relative to the grant of grain compensation and batta to certain inferior servants employed in districts where the staple grain is sold under ten seers, I am directed to refer to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 3297, dated the 19th instant, which will enable His Excellency the Governor in Council to dispose of the case.

2. I am at the same time to request that all recent sanctions accorded for the grant of such concession may be revised under the above-mentioned Resolution.

No. 5-T.

(By order.)

(Signed) T. C. HOPE,
Addl. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 397. *From Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th December 1876, No. 5904.*

With reference to G.O., No. 2451, dated 27th December 1876, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.

2. The state of scarcity which the rates laid down by the Government of India were intended to meet would seem to be something very different from the absolute famine now prevailing in Madras. I do not know the exact difference between the "seer" of Northern India and the Madras "measure," but I suppose that ten seers would be equal to about seven Madras measures, whereas the prices now ruling in the districts of this Presidency are from four-and-a-half to five-and-a-half measures of second sort rice and from five to six measures of ragi or other dry grain (this last being in many places unprocurable). Horse gram sells at five measures per rupee. Even these prices do not represent what people have to pay who buy small quantities by retail. Moreover prices will continue to rise. Rupees 6-8-0, which appears to be considered sufficient for subsistence in times of scarcity in Northern India, will not suffice to subsist a third-class Constable in many districts of Madras even in prosperous years.

3. With regard to the Police in particular the necessity of keeping them strong and healthy, and, as far as possible, contented during this season of terrible pressure

cannot be too strongly urged. A tremendous strain of extra work has fallen upon them owing to the prevalence of crime, the enormous increase of prisoners, the incessant escorts of treasure and grain, and other purposes of famine relief. Constant movement entails additional expense and greater difficulty in procuring supplies. Cholera, the invariable accompaniment of famine, prevails throughout the country, and, unless means are afforded to the Police of keeping themselves fairly well fed and contented in mind, they will be not only more liable to disease but quite unable to perform the arduous work which is now expected at their hands. Those who have seen all that the Police have been doing since the famine commenced, and who can even dimly discern what awaits us in the ensuing months of burning drought, will know what a calamity it would be if the efficiency of the force should be suffered to decline from want of proper subsistence. If once the men lose strength and spirits they cannot regain them at such a season.

4. The extra allowances granted to the Police in Famine Districts are shown in the margin. With regard to the European	
Extra travelling allowance to Deputy Inspectors-General and Superintendents	Rs. 100
Do. do. Assistant Superintendents	80
Extra horse allowance to Inspectors, Rs. 5 to 13	10
Do. do. Sub-Inspectors	5
Do. do. first-grade Head Constables	5
Extra batta to European Chief and Head Constables	5
To all lower grades	2

ing all mensem one only is in receipt of more than rupees 16 per mensem, viz., grade Head Constable on Rupees 20, but I would strongly urge that this limited number of Police officers should not be excluded from all relief at such a time. The extra Famine allowances have already been granted to eleven districts. They must probably be shortly extended to at least five more. Should it be necessary to continue them for six months longer the extra cost may be roughly estimated at 2½ lakhs. It may prove necessary to increase the allowances or to extend the period of receipt. Whatever the cost may be the money will be well laid out if it succeeds in maintaining the efficiency of the Police Force at this dire crisis. Native soldiers are now drawing from Rupees 3-8-0 to Rupees 4 as compensation for dearness of food although they have not the same pressure of extra work as the Police. The policeman just now is as valuable as the soldier, and should, I submit, be as well cared for.

No. 397-A. From Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th January 1877, No. 42.

I have the honor to explain, with reference to paragraph 4 of my letter dated 30th December 1876, No. 5904, that the estimated cost of extra batta, viz., 2½ lakhs only included the probable amount required for the eleven districts to which the benefit has already been granted.

2. When the extra Famine allowances are shortly extended to the remaining five districts where great distress is prevailing the total of the estimated additional expense may be roughly estimated at between 3½ and 4 lakhs.

No. 398. From the Hon. T. C. HOPE, C.S.I., Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calcutta, 20th January 1877, No. 78.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government quoted marginally, I am directed to invite attention to paragraph 2 of my letter, No. 4-T, of the 28th ultimo, requesting that all previously accorded sanctions for the grant of grain batta may be revised in accordance with the orders of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 3297, of December 19th.

No. 399. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 1551 (Miscellaneous).

Read memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 30th January 1877, No. 218, requesting Board of Revenue to expedite their reply to G.O., dated 27th December 1876, No. 2451, Financial Department.

The Board beg to refer to their Proceedings, dated 4th January 1877, No. 29, addressed to the Revenue Department, through which the G.O., dated 27th December 1876, was referred to the Board.

2. The whole subject has since been disposed of by G.O., dated 5th January 1877, No. 41, Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

No. 400. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1877, No. 685.

The Government of India having directed the revision of all previous sanctions for Famine batta to public servants with reference to the Government of India Order of 19th December 1876, embodied in the Order of this Government, dated 5th January 1877, No. 41, the Governor in Council directs that from 1st March the rate of Famine batta be adjusted in all Departments except the Police in accordance with the Government of India scale.

2. The duties of the Police Department are so different from those of other Departments and so arduous, and the necessity for maintaining the men in good physical condition is so imperative, that the Governor in Council considers it advisable to maintain in their case the special rates of batta sanctioned for them by this Government which more nearly approach to the Sepoys' rice compensation than does the Government of India scale.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,

Chief Secretary.

To all Heads of Departments.
" the Inspector-General of Police.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Under Secretary

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G.O., 23rd February 1877, No. 683.

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Nos. 386-400.

Private Relief.—Instructions issued for the adjustment of the rate of famine batta, in all Departments except the Police, in accordance with the Government of India scale, from 1st March 1877.

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Commissioner of the District

4th March 77.