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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

4th July 1877, No. 1831.

Famine Relief—Expenditure.

Read the following paper:—

No. 27. *Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 14th June 1877, No. 1169.*

Accounts.

Read the under-mentioned papers regarding the mode of adjustment to be followed in respect to expenditure incurred for Famine Relief Works:—

Letter from the Bombay Government to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 8-A—39, dated 10th January 1877, and enclosures.
Letter from the Comptroller-General, No. 196, dated 8th May 1877, and enclosures.
Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 387 A—G, dated 21st May 1877, and enclosures.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to decide that all outlay on public works executed for the purpose of relieving distress among the people arising from famine, whether supervised by the officers of the Public Works Department or by Civil officers, shall, in the first instance, be recorded in the accounts of the Public Works Department under a suspense head to be called "Famine Relief."

2. Of the whole outlay thus recorded, the portion which represents the value of the work done calculated at normal rates must be ultimately recorded as expenditure under the proper subdivisions of the Service Head Public Works, Ordinary or Extraordinary, as the case may be, the remainder being transferred to the Service Head "Famine Relief."

3. The responsibility of determining, in each case, how much of such outlay shall be recorded as Public Works expenditure, and how much as expenditure under the head of Famine Relief, will rest upon the Public Works Department. But it is important that the Suspense Account to be kept in the Public Works Department should be cleared as quickly as possible, and no such refinements of calculations should be attempted or permitted as will cause any delay in the attainment of this object.

4. The Governor-General in Council trusts to the Local Governments to issue such subsidiary orders as will secure this result.

5. As a rule, the Governor-General in Council considers that experience shows, conclusively, that public works executed for relief purposes can be most conveniently and economically supervised by the professional officers of the Public Works Department; but if, in any case, this is found impracticable and the supervision of such works is entrusted to Civil officers, the arrangement must not be allowed to interfere with thorough obedience to the present order, and the Civil officers must act only as disbursers of the Public Works Department, submitting to that Department all accounts of their outlay.

6. This Resolution is to be applied immediately, and with retrospective effect, to the outlay now being incurred for the relief of the distress arising from the present famine in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay.

ORDERED that this Resolution be communicated to the Revenue* and Public Works Departments of the Government of India,

* Original papers returned.

to the Local Governments, to the Comptroller-General, and to the Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 28.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1877, No. 1831.

Ordered that the above Resolution of the Government of India be communicated to the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

2. The Governor in Council resolves to request

Mr. Thornhill, Member of the Board of Revenue;

Colonel Foord, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department;

Colonel Mullins, R.E., Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department;

The Accountant-General;

The Examiner of Public Works Accounts;

to form themselves into a Committee, over which the Hon. Mr. Hudleston has agreed to preside, for the purpose of determining how, most speedily and accurately, to give effect to the decision of the Government of India; and of carrying out the requisite adjustments.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" G. Thornhill, Esq., C.S.I.
" Colonel Foord, R.E.
" Colonel Mullins, R.E.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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Famine Relief.—*Expenditure.*—Resolution of Government of India regarding the mode of adjustment to be followed in respect to expenditure incurred for Famine Relief Works, communitated, and a Committee appointed to determine how, most speedily and accurately, to give effect to the decision of the Government of India.

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To the Board of Revenue C.D. 10 July 1877