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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

16th January 1877, No. 140.

Specie.

Read the following papers:—

No. 185. *From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 30th December 1876, No. 1654.*

Resource Department.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter just received from the Bellary Collector for consideration and orders. It will be seen that I am asked to send to Bellary, "so as to reach the Bank at Bellary in the early part of next week," no less a sum than twelve lakhs of Rupees in coin and in addition two lakhs of currency notes.

2. My financial position at present is as follows:—

	RS.
Balance in Bank including copper on 23rd	35,24,000
Just received from Calcutta, small silver	4,00,000
Total ..	39,24,000
Liabilities—	
Remittance to Nellore	3,00,000
Do. to Cuddapah	4,00,000
Secretary of State's Bill ordered to be paid	2,00,000
Payment to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.	4,00,000
Balance ..	13,00,000
Balance ..	26,24,000

I was expecting eight lakhs in silver before the close of the holidays by the S. S. *Dacca*, but news has just reached me of her wreck off Bimlipatam, so that that money cannot be counted upon for some time to come, at all events even if it be ever recovered.

3. I hope, however, to have 8½ lakhs lodged in the Bank from the Mofussil in the early part of next month.

4. I have therefore including this amount available for all demands Rs. 34,74,000 say on the 1st week of January, and as during the first few days of the month five lakhs of Rupees are spent in paying Civil, Military and Public Works demands, I can only count upon Rupees 29,74,000 for other than these payments. It is clear, therefore, that so large a sum as fourteen lakhs cannot be spared immediately for Bellary, and I submit that this mode of indenting for large sums of money without any previous warning is most unfair upon me, as it is impossible if this kind of thing goes on to foresee from week to week what may be required and consequently to keep the Treasury in proper working order. I have ordered the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank to send off five lakhs to Bellary forthwith, and I trust that Government will be pleased to require an explanation from the Collector of Bellary as to his present excessive demand for funds before calling on me to forward more money.

5. It will be observed that I have not in the above exposition of my financial position allowed for any further amount being sent to Nellore, but I presume as the Collector's application was for nine lakhs, I shall have to send him more, than the three lakhs already ordered off, and I beg that timely notice may be given me if Government desire a further remittance to be made to that district.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From B. A. BLAKE, Esq., Deputy Collector of Bellary, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Bellary, 29th December 1876, No. 1337.

With reference to G.O., No. 1993, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to make such arrangements as will ensure this Treasury being supplied with funds as per memorandum noted in the margin, amounting to Rs. 12,00,000, so as to reach the Bank here in the early part of next week.

Whole Rupees.	Two Anna pieces.	Half Anna pieces.	Quarter Anna pieces.	Total.
10,50,000	50,000	50,000	40,000	12,00,000.

2. I annex a memorandum showing the amount that is required for a month's expenditure in each taluq on Famine Relief Works, and for feeding feeble persons and children alone, as calculated upon present circumstances; but it is quite probable, as reported by several of the Tahsildars, that the expenditure on the above account will rise considerably in about a week or ten days. The memorandum shows also the sum wanted for current expenditure.

3. It is desirable that there should be no delay in the Bank here obtaining the funds now applied for, as remittances will have to be despatched hence to the taluqs in next week, in order to reach the Tahsildars in time, to prevent inconvenience being experienced in paying the famine coolies, the distance to some taluqs being great.

4. There is in the Bank here at present only Rupees 1,52,809-7-5, including small silver and copper coins.

5. If small silver and copper coins are not available to the extent now applied for, I request that whole Rupees may be sent to make up the deficiency, so that I may obtain the full amount of the remittance now applied for.

6. If currency notes are available, I request that the Treasury here may be supplied with fifty thousand Rupees worth of each of the four higher values, making in all two lakhs of Rupees worth. This I request may be sent independently of the specie remittance as the amount can be used to replenish those treasuries in which the estimated expenditure may rise, as is expected it will.

7. It is desirable to send to the taluqs at once enough funds to meet a month's expenditure, so that inconvenience might be avoided, in the event of the famine work expenditure rising suddenly, and also to obviate the necessity for applying frequently for Police guards.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Memorandum showing a Month's Expenditure in paying Famine Relief Works and in feeding feeble persons and children, as calculated on the 29th December 1876.

	RS.
1. Bellary	2,13,000
2. Hospett	48,570
3. Koodlighee	51,000
4. Hadgally	36,810
5. Hurpanhully	23,760
6. Alloor	79,800
7. Adonie	1,44,300
8. Gooty	76,680
9. Tadpatry	25,260

	RS.
10. Raidrug	23,160
11. Anantapore	42,180
12. Darnavaram	36,270
13. Pennacondah	63,000
14. Hindupur	1,28,010
15. Madacsera	60,000
Total	1,51,000
For current expenditure	1,50,000
Total	12,01,800

No. 2325.

Referred to the Collector of Bellary for early explanation.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

30th December 1876.

No. 186. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1877.*

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 29th December 1876, No. 1337, asking for a remittance of specie and currency notes to the extent of twelve lakhs, and endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th December 1876, referring to the Collector of Bellary letter from Accountant-General of the same date, expressing his inability to meet the above demand, for explanation.

Read also the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1877, No. 4.

With reference to the accompanying letter addressed by the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, No. 654, dated 30th ultimo, forwarded to me for explanation, I have the honor to state that the requisition contained in the enclosure to the letter, which is also herewith sent, for funds sufficient to meet one month's demands, was made in accordance with the orders of Government, No. 1933, dated 11th ultimo, and that the amount asked for in specie is exactly the sum which is required for one month to pay Famine Relief coolies, to meet expenditure for feeding feeble old persons and children (both calculated upon the amount which is now expended daily), and to meet a portion of the current expenditure of this month, as shown in the memorandum annexed to this office letter which forms an enclosure to the letter under reference.

2. It is desirable in order to obviate the necessity for applying frequently for Police escort and to save the unnecessary expenditure which is attendant on sending remittances frequently to the taluqs, to despatch in one remittance to each taluq a month sufficient money to meet a whole month's expenditure, especially as the distance from Bellary to several of the Taluq Treasuries is so great, as to take from five to eleven or twelve days for the remittance carts to reach their destination.

3. In my letter of the 14th ultimo, No. 125, to the Chief Secretary to Government, I explained the circumstances under which applications for large remittances had been made, and intimated that the requirements of the district for one month, according to the circumstances then existing, were nearly ten lakhs of Rupees, and that the Accountant-General should be prepared to meet such demands; but since then the

expenditure on account of Relief Works has increased considerably and, as mentioned in this office letter to the Accountant-General referred to above, there is every probability of further increase in the monthly expenditure on the above account, but of which no estimate can now be made, as there are no means of ascertaining how soon and to what extent the number of coolies may rise in each taluq. This and the fact of several extra officers and servants being employed on account of the Relief Works, renders it necessary that the Accountant-General should be prepared by the end of this month to meet a larger demand than the present one for next month's expenditures.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's demands for coin do not seem to be in excess of his requirements.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th January 1877.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., R.D.

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1877, No. 140.

The Governor in Council does not complain of the amount of the demand but of its inconsiderate abruptness. To send on a Saturday a requisition for fourteen lakhs of Rupees and Notes to be delivered "in the early part of the following week" is utterly unreasonable, and the Collector must arrange to give the Accountant-General more timely notice, bearing in mind that very large demands are now made on that officer from all parts of the country, and that large remittances have to be obtained from Calcutta to meet them.

2. The Board of Revenue will urge the importance of these forecasts on all Collectors.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Garstin
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

- " Board of Revenue.
- " Accountant-General.
- " Collector of Bellary.

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Specie.—The Board of Revenue to urge upon all Collectors the importance of giving the Accounts and General timely notice when making large demands for specie on account of Revenue Revenue.

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