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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 2091.

Famine Commission.

Read the following paper:—

No. 137. *From C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 15th November 1878, No. 11,666 (Miscellaneous).*

I am directed to report, for the sanction of Government, the arrangements made for the compilation of statistics required by the Famine Commission.

2. On the receipt of G.O., dated 5th August 1878, No. 1374, the Board in consultation with Mr. Ballard arranged for the preparation of the following statements:—

- (1.) Statement showing the area of cultivation in each district for as many years as possible.
- (2.) Statement showing the area of cultivation by taluk for the last ten years.
- (3.) Statement showing the acreage of different kinds of crops by taluk for the last eight years.
- (4.) Statement showing the prices of food-grains monthly for as many years as possible by district, the prices given in the old returns being all reduced to seers of 80 tolas for a rupee.
- (5.) Statement showing the prices of food-grains for the several stations in the Presidency in which prices are recorded, in seers of 80 tolas for a rupee for the last five years.
- (6.) Statement showing the prices of all articles of export and import at the port of Madras monthly from 1836 compiled from the records of the Price Current Office.
- (7.) Statement of population, cattle, ryots, ploughs, &c., compiled from the old records for as many years as possible.
- (8.) Statement of rainfall for each station monthly for the last eight years.
- (9.) Statement of rainfall for each section of a district for as many years as possible.

3. As the work was emergent and there was no time for a previous reference, the Board entertained in anticipation of sanction the following establishment for compiling the statistics:—

- Two clerks—one on Rupees 40, and one on Rupees 25—for preparing Statements (8) and (9).
- Three clerks—one on Rupees 40, and two on Rupees 25—for preparing Statements (1), (2), and (3).
- Three clerks—one on Rupees 50, and two on Rupees 25—for preparing Statements (4) and (5).
- One clerk on Rupees 50 for preparing Statement (7).
- Two clerks on Rupees 25 each for preparing Statement (6).

Two clerks on Rupees 25 each, and } for employment in the record-room to
Two attenders on Rupees 8 each } select papers for compiling the statements and other information required in
the preparation of replies to the famine questions.

The four clerks on receipt of Rupees 40 and 50 were entertained on the 15th, the two record clerks and attenders on the 21st, and the remaining seven clerks on Rupees 25 on the 29th of August 1878.

4. All the returns except Statement (6) have been completed, and the following establishment has been dispensed with from the 1st instant :—

Two clerks on Rupees 25 each, and one attender for taking out records.
Three clerks on Rupees 25 each.

5. It is found necessary to retain the services of the remaining eight clerks and one attender for a month or six weeks longer; the two clerks on Rupees 50 and two on Rupees 40 being required till the replies to the questions are completed for compiling statements submitted by Collectors, correcting proofs of statements which are being printed, and rendering general assistance to the officer appointed for the preparation of the replies; and the remaining four clerks for two months for the completion of Statement No. 6, which Mr. Ballard considers desirable.

6. The Board have also promised a fee of Rupees 150 for the use of the records of the Price Current Office from which Statement No. 6 is being compiled.

7. In conclusion, I am to request the sanction of Government for the disbursement of the salaries of the clerks and for the payment of the fee to Mr. Pereyra for the use of the Price Current Office records. A statement is annexed showing the cost incurred up to the 1st instant.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement.

Number.	Date of Appointment.	Amount due up to 31st Oct. 1878.
Two Clerks each on Rupees 50 per mensem	15th August 1878.	RS. A. P. 254 13 4
Two " " 40 " "	" " "	203 13 10
Seven " " 25 " "	29th " "	366 14 8
Two " " 25 " "	21st " "	117 11 10
Two Attenders " 8 " "	15th " "	40 12 4
Total ..	..	984 2 0
Add remuneration to Mr. Pereyra for the use of the Price Current Office Records ..	..	150 0 0
Grand Total ..	..	1,134 2 0

MADRAS,
15th November 1878.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th November 1878.

(Signed) LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 2091.

His Grace the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of the salaries of the clerks employed for the preparation of the statistics required by the Famine Commission, and of the fee of Rupees 150, to Mr. Pereyra, for the use of the Price Current Office records.

(True Extract.)

G. A. Ballard
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" G. A. Ballard, Esq.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Revenue Department.
" the Revenue (Famine) Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Dept

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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated November, 25th

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G.O., 25th November 1878, No. 2091.

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