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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers :—

No. 192A. From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th March 1877, No. 989.

With reference to Official Memorandum, No. 88, dated 24th March 1877, requesting that the advance of Rupees 5,000 shown under Mysore in the daily statements of Famine Grants, dated 14th instant, may be explained, I have the honor to state that this represents the amount of credits for famine relief-works issued on the Bangalore Division by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, in February 1877, and was wrongly shown in the statement. The amount of credits from December 1876 to February 1877 advised by the Examiner and included in the daily statements from this office of 9th January, 15th February, and 14th March 1877, aggregate, inclusive of the above sum, to Rupees 4,97,825. They will be removed from the statement of this date, since the disbursements by Public Works Officers from funds placed at their disposal on letters of credit are dealt with entirely in the Public Works Department. This was decided by the Comptroller-General in his letter, No. 1,727, of 17th March 1877, copy whereof is herewith sent, and information regarding them should be obtained from the Examiner.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Officiating Comptroller-General, to L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 17th March 1877, No. 1,727.

In reply to your demi-official letter of the 3rd instant, forwarding a copy of your letter to the Board of Revenue, and of the rules you propose for regulating expenditure on account of famine relief, I have the honor to state that I approve of the rules, but I am not certain that I clearly understand the procedure proposed for adjustments between the Public Works and Civil Departments. G.O., No. 681, of the 15th February, is not before me, but in my opinion when, as in 3 2 of your classification, payments by Public Works Officers and disbursers are made from funds obtained in the usual course on letters of credit, they should be audited by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. The entire amount will, in the first instance, be treated as Public Works expenditure, and only after the excess over normal rates is finally ascertained will it be eventually transferred to the Civil Department as famine relief charges.

2. Your famine advance account will need close scrutiny. I hope you will be able to enforce the rule which requires officers to submit, not later than the 7th of each month, bills for all expenditure up to the end of the preceding month.

3. You state that separate rules will be issued by the Board for the check of grain expenditure. I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of the rules so issued.

FORWARDED TO THE EXAMINER Public Works Accounts for his remarks.
(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George,
4th April 1877.

No. 192B. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 4th April 1877.

The instructions of the Comptroller-General appear to be in accord with those issued by the Provincial Accountant-General and by myself.

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2. As far as the Public Works Department is concerned, things are working smoothly, except that in several cases Revenue Order, No. 681, of 15th February 1877, has been held to apply to Public Works Executive Officers in charge of divisions, who are already placed in funds by the Examiner of Accounts.

3. Civil Officers are also in some cases disbursing the salaries, travelling allowances, &c., of members of the regular Public Works Establishment contrary to the orders of the Provincial Accountant-General contained in his Circular No. 13,599, dated 15th March 1877.

4. Were an order to issue in the Revenue Department on these two points, nearly all the difficulties in regard to famine finance now remaining in this department would disappear.

No. 192C. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1877, No. 1,370A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

2. G.O., No. 681, of the 15th February 1877, was not intended to apply to Range Officers, or, as they are called by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Executive Officers in charge of divisions, so far as relates to their being kept in funds for carrying out relief-works, inasmuch as it was not contemplated that they would be in executive charge of such works.

3. The pay, allowances, batta, &c., of members of the regular Public Works Department Establishment Bengal or Madras, or be Civil Officers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. A. F. Goodall.

Er. No. 1727

Comptroller General's Office
Calcutta, the 17th March 1877

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From, The Comptroller General

To, The Accountant General
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your semi-official letter of the 3rd instant forwarding a copy of your letter to the Board of Revenue and of the rules you propose for regulating expenditure on account of Famine Relief I have the honor to state that I approve of the rules but I am not certain that I clearly understand the procedure proposed for adjustments between the Public Works and Civil Department Government Order No 681 of the 15th February is not before me, but in my opinion when as in 3.2 of your classification, payments by Public Works Officers and disbursers are made from funds obtained in the usual course on letters of credit, they should be audited by the Examiners of Public Works Accounts. The entire amount will in the first instance be treated as Public Works Expenditure and only after the excess over normal rates is finally ascertained, will it be eventually transferred to the Civil Department as Famine Relief charges.

Your Famine advance account will need close scrutiny. I hope you will be able to enforce

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REVENUE
THE BOARD OF REVENUE
Calcutta
Dated 17th March 1877
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I have &
 / Sgm dft Waterfield
 Off Comptroller General
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Off Deputy Account Genl

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CONTRARY TO THE ORDERS OF THE
 PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
 CONTAINED IN HIS CIRCULAR NO.
 18,599 DATED 15TH. MARCH 1877.

3. WERE AN ORDER TO ISSUE
 IN THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT ON

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OF MADRAS.

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(DEPT.)

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 4TH. APRIL. 187

OFFICE NOTE.

To

THE ADDITIONAL SECY. TO GOVT.

REVENUE DEPT.

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3. CIVIL OFFICERS ARE ALSO IN SOME CASES DISBURSING THE SALARIES TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES, ETC OF MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR P. W. ESTABLISH-

With order

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No. 989

Fort Saint George,
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Additional Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant

S. H. Jones
Accountant General

Compt. H. H.

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