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Famine Estimates.

Passing orders on the — framed by the several departments concerned, calling for more accurate estimates, and addressing the Government of India on the financial position of the Government of Madras after providing 22·07 lakhs for famine relief.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., No. 750, Revenue, dated 26th December 1896.

Abstract.—Communicating revised orders of the Government of India regarding the classification of charges under "*33. Famine Relief.*"

G.O., No. 12, Revenue, dated 8th January 1897.

Abstract.—Communicating orders of the Government of India regarding the ordinary budget system being applied to the control of famine expenditure, requesting information regarding the extra grants made or anticipated from Local and Provincial balances, and calling for early proposals for the necessary grants from Imperial, if Local or Provincial balances are not available.

Letter from the Accountant-General, No. 333, dated 28th January 1897.
" " " " 351 " 30th " "
" " " " 354 " 1st February "

Office-note to the Revenue, Local and Municipal, and Public Works Departments, No. 271, dated 2nd February 1897.

From R. A. GAMBLE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 2nd February 1897, No. 550-A.

I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will inform the Government of India by a letter, which will reach me on the 1st of March, what figures the Government of Madras finally, on the latest information then available, recommend to be entered in the revised estimates for 1896–97 and the budget estimates for 1897–98 for expenditure under 33. Famine Relief, the figures being distributed between the Civil and the Public Works Departments. I am to explain that the Government of Madras will not be held bound to restrict their expenditure within the figures furnished, if unfortunately greater expenditure should be found to be necessary. The Government of India desire to enter in the estimates the most probable and not the maximum possible figures. Any alteration in the figures entered in the letter may be communicated by a telegram on the 1st of March.

2. I am also to request that, on the 10th February, you will inform the Accountant-General of your province what figures he should enter in his revision on that date of the estimates based on information available on that date, in order that the figures he enters in resubmitting the estimates may be as nearly correct as may be.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras.

Office note from the Revenue Department, dated 3rd February 1897.
Office note from the Public Works Department, No. 739-C., dated 5th February 1897.
Office note from the Local and Municipal Department, No. 3, dated 9th February 1897.
} Furnishing estimates of Famine expenditure for the current and ensuing years.

G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897.

Abstract.—Passing orders in regard to the obtaining and provision of funds for famine relief purposes and laying down the method in which the expenditure already incurred should be dealt with.

Letter from the Accountant-General, No. 453, dated 9th February 1897.

Abstract.—Submitting the information collected by him, and offering observations as to ways and means for meeting famine expenditure.

Telephonic messages to the Accountant-General, dated 10th and 11th February 1897.

Memorandum to the Accountant-General, No. 382, dated 12th February 1897.

Telegrams to the Collectors of famine districts, dated 13th February 1897.

Statement from the Accountant-General, dated 13th February 1897.

Order—No. 164, Financial, dated 18th February 1897.

The Government observes that the estimates of Famine expenditure for the current and ensuing years, embodied in the papers read above and reproduced in Appendix A to these proceedings, appear to have been framed with reference to the *maximum* outlay anticipated in each department and not to the probable *actual* expenditure as required by the Government of India. The Government considers that it will be sufficient for the present to provide in the Civil and Public Works estimates the amounts shown in Appendix B,—the redistribution of the figures as between the Civil and Public Works departments, as well as the correct classification of details, being left for future determination when the final issues of the Civil estimates are printed.

2. Meanwhile, the Accountant-General will be requested to communicate any further information he may have to the Collectors of the affected districts, who have already been instructed to hold an immediate consultation with the Superintending Engineers and the District Boards concerned, and forward to the Accountant-General, without fail before the 22nd instant, a more accurate forecast of famine expenditure for the current and ensuing years, classified strictly in accordance with the form prescribed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Government of India Resolution in G.O., No. 750, Revenue, dated 26th December 1896, and the principles laid down in G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897. The Accountant-General will then arrange to furnish a consolidated statement in the same form for the consideration of Government. The figures finally approved will be forthwith communicated to the Collectors concerned, who should then telegraph to Government before the 27th February any changes considered to be absolutely necessary.

3. All famine outlay incurred from and after the 1st February 1897 will, for the present, be recorded in the Provincial accounts, the question of readjustment by means of Contributions as between Provincial and Local being reserved for future consideration on the closure of the famine accounts.

4. The Accountant-General estimates that with a provision of 8·07 lakhs under *33. Famine Relief*, the revised estimates of expenditure under Local and Provincial services will probably exceed the sanctioned allotments of the current year by 3·56 * lakhs; re-appropriations are therefore impossible and the sanction of the Government of India will be obtained for an extra grant from Local and Provincial balances † to meet the excess now anticipated, the bulk of which can be met from the surplus of 2·80 in the Provincial balance over the prescribed minimum.

1896-97. Expenditure.	Sanctioned grant.	Latest revised estimate.	Probable excess.	Estimated closing balance.
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Local	124·07	126·84	2·77	41·17
Provincial	342·93	343·72	·79	22·80
Total ..	467·00	470·56	* 3·56	† 63·97

5. For 1897–98, it is estimated that the closing balance under Incorporated Local funds will be reduced from 44·17 at the beginning of the current year to 37·24, although no more than ·75 has been provided for famine outlay. The Provincial closing balance is expected to stand at *minus* 5·16 lakhs, assuming that the approximate estimate of 14·00 for famine relief will prove sufficient and that no more than 8·43 will be assigned as the Imperial contribution for the year. This small assignment was originally proposed by the Government of India, when Provincial finances were considered to be in a most flourishing condition and before any impending scarcity was apprehended. Even if the full amount (28·60), applied for by this Government as the irreducible minimum under purely normal conditions, were sanctioned, the estimated closing balance would stand at 15·01, or five lakhs below the prescribed minimum. Several local boards in the affected districts expect to close with deficits, which must be made good from Provincial revenues. Considering therefore the large famine outlay in the two years of 22·07 and the probable loss under Land Revenue (Provincial) of over 8 lakhs,—which are by no means maximum figures,—the reduction of the Imperial assignment by even so small a sum as 3·94 (32·54—28·60), at the commencement of the next contract period, cannot but be regarded as a serious embarrassment, and the Government of India will again be addressed regarding the gloomy aspect of the financial position under existing abnormal conditions.

[Here enter letter No. 165, Financial, dated 18th February 1897.]

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
„ all departments of the Secretariat.
„ Collectors of Famine districts.
Editors' Table.

Rev

Encl. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

DEPARTMENTAL estimates of Famine expenditure compared with the Accountant-General's figures and the amounts now adopted.

33. FAMINE RELIEF.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.						Revised estimate, 1896-97.						Figures now adopted.
	Revenue Department.	Public Works Department.	Local and Municipal Department.		Accountant-General.		Revenue Department.	Public Works Department.	Local and Municipal Department.		Accountant-General.		
			Provincial.	Local.	Provincial.	Local.			Provincial.	Local.	Provincial.	Local.	
Civil Officers—													
Salaries and Establishments.													
Ganjam	·13	..	..	..	* ·31	..	·13	..	..	..	* ·12	..	·30
Vizagapatam ..	·30	..	..	..	6·63	..	·30	..	..	..	·80	..	1·50
Godâvari and Kistna	·05	..	..	..	A ..	..	·05	..	..	..	A ..	..	·50
Bhadrachalam ..	C ·15	..	..	..	..	..	C ·15	..	..	..	C ..	..	·10
Anantapur	·05	..	..	..	1·10	·35	·03	..	..	..	·15	..	·50
Bellary	·05	..	..	..	·90	·31	·07	..	..	..	·32	..	1·00
Kurnool	1·06	..	..	..	·38	..	·16	..	..	..	·28	..	·60
Cuddapah	1·35	..	..	..	1·60	..	·41	..	..	..	1·20	..	1·50
Total ..	2·45	..	..	·86	10·92	..	1·28	..	..	·47	2·24	..	6·00
Public Works Department—													
Salaries and Establishments.													
I Circle. { Ganjam ..	..	D ..	..	..	..	..	..	D ..	..	..	..	..	D
{ Vizagapatam ..	·20	..	..	..	2·29	..	·20	..	..	..	·33	..	1·50
II Circle. { Kistna ..	·15	..	..	..	..	..	·15	..	..	..	..	..	·50
{ Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godâvari (Bhadrachalam) ..	·02	·02	..	..	..	..	·02	·02	..	..	..	..	·10
Anantapur	·25	G 1·68	..	..	1·20	..	·28	G 1·68	..	..	·28	..	1·68
Bellary	·30	..	..	..	2·50	..	·67	..	..	..	1·67	..	·25
Kurnool	1·60	1·16	1·06	..	·50	..	·33	1·16	·66	..	·33	..	·50
Cuddapah	·40	·55	·50	..	·50	..	·34	·55	·34	..	·34	..	·50
Total ..	3·50	·60	·40	..	·50	..	1·67	·60	·25	..	·17	..	2·57
Total ..	6·30	B 4·69	F 1·96	..	6·99	..	3·42	B 2·00	F 1·73	..	3·42	..	·50
	9·05	4·69	5·55	·86	17·91	H 17·91	6·66	2·00	3·98	1·34	6·66	H 17·91	8·00
Total—													
Salaries and Establishments.													
Ganjam	·13	..	..	..	·31	..	·12	..	..	..	·12	..	·30
Vizagapatam ..	·60	..	..	..	8·92	..	1·13	..	..	..	1·13	..	3·00
Godâvari and Kistna ..	·20	..	..	..	1·10	·35	·15	..	..	..	·15	..	1·00
Bhadrachalam	·15	..	..	..	·90	·31	·30	..	..	..	·30	..	1·68
Anantapur	·20	..	..	..	·38	..	·08	..	..	..	·08	..	·35
Bellary	·25	1·16	1·06	..	1·60	..	·82	1·16	·66	..	·32	..	1·00
Kurnool	2·31	·55	2·50	..	2·50	..	2·09	·55	1·67	..	2·09	..	3·57
Cuddapah	2·10	·60	·50	..	·50	..	1·51	·60	·33	..	1·51	..	1·10
Total ..	7·20	2·00	3·98	1·34	6·99	H 17·91	6·66	2·00	3·98	1·34	6·66	H 17·91	2·00
	16·05	6·69	9·53	2·20	24·90		13·08	4·00	7·71	2·68	13·08		14·00

* Excluding Ganjam establishment which is shown in next line.
A.—Including salaries and establishment.
B.—Exclusive of ·05 shown against Municipal funds by the P.W.D.
C.—For flood damages.
D.—Exclusive of establishment charges.
E.—Including ·50 already given for roads from Provincial, but utilised for famine relief works.
F.—Styled Local Fund relief works, but not included in the programme of ways and means.
G.—Minor Irrigation works.
H.—Reduced by 4·91 in the covering letter.

APPROXIMATE Estimates of Famine expenditure roughly distributed under the several heads prescribed by the Government of India.

	Ganjam.	Vizagapatam.	Godávari and Kistna (Bhadrachalam).	Anantapur.	Bellary.	Kurnool.	Cuddapah.	Total.	Ganjam.	Vizagapatam.	Godávari and Kistna (Bhadrachalam).	Anantapur.	Bellary.	Kurnool.	Cuddapah.	Total.
	Budget Estimate, 1897-98.								Revised Estimate, 1896-97.							
23. FAMINE RELIEF.																
Civil Officers.																
1. Salaries, establishments and contingencies	·05			·02	·05	·05	·03	·20	·05			·02	·05	·05	·03	·20
2. Relief works in charge of Civil Officers—																
(a) Communications	·35	·05		·05	·45	·23	·10	1·43	·45			·15	·45	·23	·10	1·43
(b) Miscellaneous Public Improvements.																
(c) Irrigation	·05				·01	·05	·01	·08	·01			·01	·01	·05	·01	·08
4. Relief to people employed otherwise than on famine relief (Relief to wavers) ..	·20				·05	·10	·08	·14	·05				·05	·10	·04	·14
5. Gratuitous relief—																
(a) Given in Government institutions ..	·25			·05	·10	·05	·02	·51	·12			·04	·10	·05	·02	·51
(b) " at the houses of the people ..																
(c) " in other ways																
6. Miscellaneous—																
(a) Flood damages	·15			·01	·01	·01	·01	·04	·03			·01	·01	·01	·01	·04
(b) Others *																
Total, Civil Officers ..	·85	·05		·13	·67	·49	·25	2·26	·70			·23	·67	·49	·25	2·34
Public Works Department.																
3. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department—																
(a) Communications	·20	·15		·05	·25	·05	·05	·75	·20	·15		·05	·25	·05	·05	·75
(b) Miscellaneous Public Improvements.																
(c) Irrigation	·02				·02			·04	·02				·02			·04
(d) Construction of Railways																
Total, Public Works Department ..	·27	·15		·05	·27	·05	·05	·79	·27	·15		·05	·27	·05	·05	·79
Grand Total, 23. FAMINE RELIEF ..	·47	·20		·18	·94	·54	·30	3·05	·97	·15		·28	·94	·54	·30	3·13

* Details should be furnished as in the Accountant-General's circular.

† Including ·75 for Local Fund works. ‡ Wholly Provincial.

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