

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 18

DATED 11.1.97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that there is no objection to the utilization of Municipal Funds for relief works, and that such works, though municipal, should be started and paid for by Govt at first and their normal value charged to the Municipal Council afterwards.

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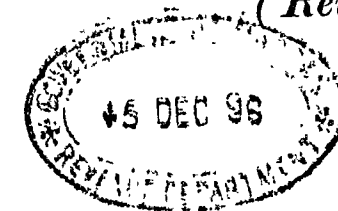
CURRENT No. 8899

From

The Board of Revenue

(Rev. Sett., L. R. & Agri.).

Readers



Order

No. 6201 this.

Dated 4th December 1896.

Received 5-12-96

Registered 5-12-96

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, letter from the Collector of Bellary, requesting sanction for an allotment of Rs 7500 to effect clearance of prickly pear within the limits of the Bellary Municipality as a test relief work.

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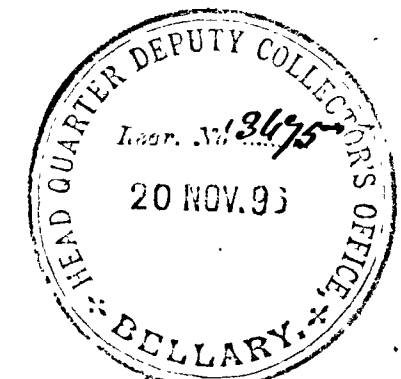
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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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From
Mkky. D. Krishnaiah Charlu Gann
Chairman, Municipal Council
Bellary

No. 652

Order.

Dated 17th Novr/96

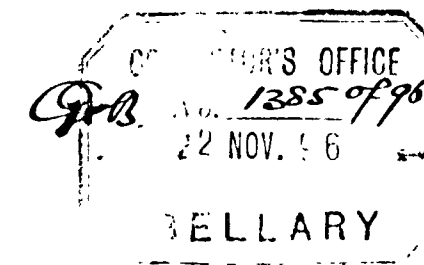
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SUBJECT.

Clearance of Prickly pear
within the Municipal limits:-
Requesting sanction for the
Expenditure of Rs 7500 for the
as a famine Relief work.

I think a test relief work
will shortly be necessary in
Bellary. Tell the Board to
ask for an allotment with
Sanction to Board of relief
work. I am sure the Municipal
Council will be able to do it.

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Municipal Commission Office
Dellary
From Mr. D. Krishnamachari
Chairman Municipal Council
Dellary

To The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras.

Submitted Sir, Thro. the Revenue Officer in
charge of

I have the honor to state that
in consideration of the present
bad season and of the high price
of food grains now prevailing
in this town, the Collector Sug-
gested under Section 33 of the
New famine Code, to stop all
expenditure except what is ab-
solutely necessary and to
devote a substantial sum for
giving employment to the la-
boring classes in the town
and to propose such works as
will meet the urgency.

2 In reply I proposed
the cutting, burning and re-
moving of the prickly pear
overgrown

overgrown within municipal limits at a cost of Rs 7500/- and this was also approved of by him.

3. The required estimate for this work was prepared and sanctioned by the Council as a famine relief work on 29th February 1896. And the approval of the Sanitary Board also was obtained in June last.

4. The amount allotted for the work can be met from the provision made in the current year's budget under Grant I. (B) proposing all the works mentioned under this head as noted in the margin which will give Rs 5200/- and the balance to be met from the General Savings.

5. I therefore request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the expenditure at an early date to enable the work being commenced without delay.

6. Copy of the resolution is herewith forwarded.

I have the honor to be

Yours most Obedt Servt.

Chairman Delegate

1. Construction of Public Latrines.	Rs 6000
2. — do — of Urinals.	200
3. — do — of a dispensary in Canal Bazar.	3000
4. — do — to the cost of spread at Special collection in Bazar.	1000
Total	5200

Extract from Proceedings of the Bellary Municipal Council dated 17th November 1896.

Present (The President Strength being 24)

1. Mr. P. Rama Row Garu B.A. Chairman Delegate.
2. Mr. K. Abdool Sattar Saib.
3. Mr. H. Rungarow Garu.
4. Mr. Khader Gatcha Saib.
5. Mr. D. Krishnamachari Garu.
6. — do — G. Kristappa Garu.
7. — do — H. Balaji Singh Garu.
8. — do — J. Kumpaya Garu.
9. — do — K. Sreenivasa Row Garu B.A.
10. — do — H. Gopalwami Garu.
11. do. V. Kusturi Chetty Garu.

19. Read letter Ref. on G & B no 1385 dated 11 November 1896 from the Collector of Bellary requesting that the sanction of Government may immediately be applied for for the clearance of quickly bear as a famine work.

Sanction of the Government be applied for urgently.

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The Expenditure to be met from the allotments provided in Budget for

For 1896-97 for the following works.

1. Construction of Public Nalmed Poon.
2. — do — of Nalmeds — 200
3. — do — of a Dispensary at Cowl Bagan 3000.

4. Improvements to the Court Street at Nalmed Poon in Banna Bellah Rs. 1000

and from several Savings from other Heads for which a revised Budget will be sent.

(True Extract)

Informal Office Bellah

17/11/96 Chairman Delegate

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGR.), 24TH NOV. 1896, No. 368.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from M.R. Ry. S. RAMU IYER, Avergal, Deputy Collector of Adóni Division, to the Collector of Bellary, and endorsement thereon by the Collector, dated 18th November 1896, Ref. on C. No. 2929:—

I have the honour to report that, as authorized by you in your D.O. of the 12th instant, I have to-day started the following works included in the revised programme as *test relief works* for giving employment to the distressed poor of Adóni:—

- (1) Remetalling and gravelling town roads, No. 1—the Gooty Municipal road.
- (2) Collecting, breaking and stacking metal on the sides of the existing roads, No. 5—Yemmiganúru road.

2. Since the 11th instant, I opened a work of collecting, breaking and stacking metal at certain quarries which are situated at two miles from the town in the direction of Yemmiganúru, about two or three furlongs from the High road. The numbers admitted each day up to date are shown below:—

		Men.	Females.	Boys.	Total.
11th		60	50	64	174
12th		62	63	81	206
13th			Market day.		
14th		136	248	204	588
15th		147	250	217	614
16th		147	233	229	609

This number is exclusive of 61 coolies who are employed in spreading metal and gravel on certain roads within the town.

3. Estimating the number that may be expected to seek admission on the relief work for about a month at present and assuming they will consist of 250 men, 400 women and 350 boys, the total amount of wages payable every day calculated on the price of cholam at 10 seers a rupee will be about Rs. 80, or, including the petty establishment of maistries, &c., and contingencies, Rs. 2,500 for a month. One paymaster on Rs. 30 per mensem has also to be entertained.

4. The management of the work will be entrusted to the Chairman of the Municipal Council and it will be supervised by the Municipal Overseer.

5. In your demi-official letter quoted in paragraph 1 *supra* you have desired me to state how much the Municipality can contribute. In reply, I beg to state that I cannot find any provision in the District Municipalities Act (IV of 1884) similar to that contained in clause 5, section 95 of the Local Boards Act (V of 1884) making the establishment and maintenance of relief works in time of scarcity a charge upon the Board. I beg also to invite your attention to section 33 of the Famine Code which refers merely to the District Boards and not to the Municipal Councils as the primary agency available for coping with famine * * * * * Under these circumstances, I do not think that the Municipality can legally incur any expenditure from its funds for famine relief. The whole expenditure will therefore have to be met by Government.

6. I request that a sum of Rs. 2,500 may at once be placed at the disposal of the Chairman for this purpose to be accounted for in accordance with the rules in the Famine Code.

Endorsement by the Collector of Bellary, dated 18th November 1896, Ref. on C., No. 2929.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue for orders. Section 33 of the Famine Code says that Local and Municipal funds can be partially *utilized for famine relief* but cannot legally be applied to *gratuitous relief*. It is further explained that the Municipal money can be spent on relief works such as roads, &c.; at the same time it is true as pointed out by the Chairman that Municipalities, unlike District Boards, are not authorized by law to expend their funds on famine relief, and it appears to me that they cannot legally do so. It is necessary therefore to ask Government for an allotment of Rs. 2,500, to commence the relief works which it has been found necessary to open within Municipal limits.

RESOLUTION—dated 24th November 1896, No. 368.

The works in question are connected with the repair of Municipal roads, which is among the first of the purposes, enumerated in section 113 of the Madras District Municipalities Act (IV of 1884), to which Municipal funds shall be applied. The fact that they serve also to afford relief to the poor in the present season of distress will not remove them from the category of works on which Municipal funds may legitimately be spent. By applying the Famine Code and paying famine rations, the Municipality, in fact, may gain. In these circumstances, the Board does not consider that there is any legal objection to meeting the cost of the relief works referred to from Municipal funds, so far as the normal value of the work done is concerned. As pointed out by the Collector, the Famine Code does contemplate the utilization of Municipal funds in providing work for relief workers though not in the grant of gratuitous relief.

2. If the works that have been started are not included in the budget estimates of the Municipality for the current year, the Municipal Council should be requested to take action under section 251 of the Act.

3. The cost of maintaining kitchens at relief works cannot be charged to the Municipality, and the necessary funds for this purpose should be applied for in due course.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GOVINDA MENON,
Second Assistant.

To the Collector of Bellary.

„ Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to other Collectors.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1896.

Board of Revenue

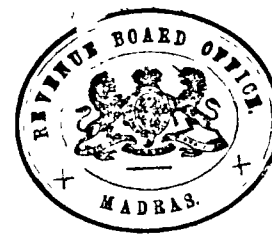
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records
and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Printed November 30th.

Proceedings, 24th Nov. 1896, No. 368.

Relief works.—Passing orders on Collector's
letter regarding funds required for the — in Adoni
Municipality.



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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 4th December 1896.

No. 6201 Rev.

Read the following letter from the
Collector of Bellary, dated
24th November 1896, Ref. on G and
B No. 10th 1896:—

In view of the fact that a test relief
work might shortly be necessary
in Bellary Town, I invited
the attention of the Chairman,
Municipal Council, to Section
33 of the new Framine Code
with a suggestion to stop all
expenditure except what is
absolutely necessary and

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devote a Substantial Sum
towards repairing roads, im-
provement of water-supply
and the removal of prickly-
pear. In reply, he states that
the work of clearance of prickly-
pear from localities within
the Municipal limits could
be undertaken and that an
estimate of Rs 7,500 for the
same has been approved by
the Sanitary Board. This work,
it will be seen, finds place
in the programme of relief
works proposed for the District.
To carry out the work from
Municipal funds, the Muni-
cipal Council has provided
a sum of Rupees 5,200 by post-
poning certain works not of an
urgent nature.
There is no doubt the legality of

of applying Municipal funds
to relief works, and the question
has been already submitted
for the orders of Board and
Government with my Reference
on C. No. 2929 dated 18th November
1896. If it be decided that
Municipal funds cannot be
diverted to famine relief,
I request that a sum of Rs 7,500
may be allotted from Provincial
funds. Next to the construction
of a water supply scheme, ~~the~~
which has not yet been
matured, there cannot be
a more urgent or more suitable
work for famine relief in
Bellary Town, than the removal
of prickly pear. The subject
has been under Correspondence
since January 1893.

Vide B.P. No. 388 L.R. of 11. 9. 1894 amg 9.0 $\frac{3405}{31.9.94}$
 " No. 6984 " 18. 12. 94 4.0 $\frac{25.4}{1.2.95}$
 " No. 978 " 25. 2. 95 amg 4.0 $\frac{21.6}{15.2.95}$
 " No. 1109 " 4. 3. 95 amg 4.0 $\frac{9.49}{25.2.95}$
 " No. 6237 " 14. 12. 95 amg 9.0 $\frac{49.99}{5.12.95}$

The Chairman has now submitted the map called for by Government, and it is being checked. Meanwhile it is necessary that I should be in a position to start the work as soon as necessary arises, and care will be taken that only those portions from which the Government has ~~not~~ taken to remove the prickly pear at its own cost, are taken up first.

There has been some rain since this week and the season will perhaps take a favourable turn.

Resolution

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 The letter read above will be submitted to Government together with a copy of Board's Proceedings 368 of 1896, in which the Board stated that, in its opinion, the expenditure of Municipal funds on road repairs extended to provide relief & labourers, did not alter the character of the work, which is clearly chargeable ^{on} Municipal Revenue. The same argument applies to sanitary improvements such as the removal of prickly pear.

2. In the altered aspect of the season, the matter is not now urgent, but the Board considers that

the point raised by the
Collector may be definitely
settled.

(True Copy and Extract)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
with Copy of B.P. 368 of 1896
and enclosure in original
Collector of Bellary

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R.S. & R.S.A.)

Dated 4 - 12 - 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

Why has this issue of this
order been delayed nearly
a month.

Reply

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Misunderstanding
with other papers
in connection with the remarks made by
the Hon. Mr. Davis in certain Finance papers. I
did not then notice that it had not been copied. ^{and despatched.} ^{Summit}
then a search was
made for the paper.
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See whether it
has gone to the
Press without
being numbered.
This number must
be found. If necessary
apply to the
Chief Clerk
for help.

This warrant was circulated
and I think it returned from Hon. Mr. Grose ^{disposes} that there
is no circulation, and I remember Municipal works are not test
that the F.A. drafted a works and that if test works
of 10. there on. The S.O. however have to be started ^{and will} ~~we shall~~
does not appear to have have to give money. It is
been numbered and not clear whether the view
I cannot trace the paper. taken by the Board is dissented
I think a general order from.
was passed regarding Municipal
works but the S.O. does
not find a place in the
position.

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C No. 8899

Dr. 11/12/96

From B. of Revue (R.S. & R.S.A.)

The Hon: Mr. Grose C.S. &
The Hon: Mr. Bliss C.S.
His Excellency the Govt

Dated 4-12-1896.

FOR ORDERS.

The point for consideration is whether municipal funds can be utilized for relief work. It is submitted that the view taken by the Board is correct. If they can be utilized for purposes authorized by the Municipal Act, the fact that these works are relief works does not signify.

2. In his notes on C. No 8686 (B.P. No 368) 24.11.96 the Hon: Mr. Grose ^{disagrees} states that these Municipal works are not test works and that if test works have to be started ^{Govt. will} we shall have to give money. It is not clear whether the view taken by the Board is dissented from.

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The purpose of Bill 11 is to provide work for people who want work & can do it, but can find no employer. So long as this is the case, if the Municipality can provide suitable work it ought to do so, and there is nothing in the fact that this work gives relief to alter its character as a municipal work. It may be however, in the future, that Relief Works will be necessary.

1. Returned from circ and put up in the file.

In that case as Relief Works, all persons applying for work however weakly, must be entertained (Sec 93 of the Famine Code). It is only from A labourers that the usual quantity of work will be required. The task required for B, C & D has however will be less (Sec 100). All relief-workers will be allowed a day of rest ~~as provided~~ & paid the minimum wage for that day (Sec 105). No deduction of pay will be made when failure of work is due to weakness (Sec 106). Kitchens will be provided.

the point to
Collector Mr
settled.

(True)

To The Secretary
Revenue
with Copy
and enc
Collector

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Note For Mr Rajanma Rao
I find I cannot trace
the paper. The papers
put up for this current
have returned to their
proper place though the
circulation register shows
that the current has
not yet returned from
circulation. I do not
remember if the
paper has been put
for any other current
before despatch. Kindly
ask the attendants to
make a search for
this. I believe the ^{marked by me for} ~~was~~ ^{despatch} but I
did not find it numbered.

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~~W. J. G. O.~~

~~So long as people~~

The question raised in the B. O. read alone is whether municipal funds can be utilized for relief works. It appears to him that so long as people want work and can find no employer, if a municipality can provide suitable work, it ought to do so; and there is nothing in the fact that the work gives relief to alter its character as a municipal work.

2. When relief ~~work~~ works become necessary, as all persons applying for work. ~~however~~ ~~they~~ ~~they~~, should be entered and be under 3. 93 of the Famine Code, and as part of the relief furnished by ^{such} relief works will be payment for work ^{done} and part will be ^{given} gratuitously, ^{through municipal} such works ^{should be started by Gov.} which will pay for them at first. There is nothing in the Municipal Act to prevent Gov. charging the ^{normal} value of the work actually done to the Municipal Council afterwards.

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To the Board (Sett) with
J. L. M. Sep. 25. 1897
Dir. From order 15. 1897.

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FOR ORDERS.

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- keeping & feeding the children of
 the - workers (Sec 114) Hence part of
 relief furnished by relief works will
 be by means for work, & part will be given
 in the form of gratifications. Municipal
 money cannot be spent on gratifications
 relief. If relief works have to be started,
 Govt will have to start them
 - pay for them at first, but for nothing
 as the time to prevent over charging. the
 value of the work actually done to
 the Municipality afterwards.

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The thing is that when Mumukshu's
find work they must be left to conduct
it in the ordinary way such as
famine work.

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Government (1897) of Madras.
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G.O., No. 18, 11th January 1897.

JANUARY.

Municipal Funds.

Stating that there is no objection to the utilization of — for relief works, and that such works, though Municipal, should be started and paid for by Government at first and their normal value charged to the Municipal Council afterwards.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 24th November 1896, Ref. on G. and B. No. 1385:—

Thinking that a test-relief work might shortly be necessary in Bellary town, I invited the attention of the Chairman, Municipal Council, to section 33 of the New Famine Code, with a suggestion to stop all expenditure, except what is absolutely necessary, and to devote a substantial sum towards repairing roads, improvement of water-supply and the removal of prickly-pear. In reply, he states that the work of clearance of prickly-pear from localities within the municipal limits could be undertaken, and that an estimate of Rs. 7,500 for the same has been approved by the Sanitary Board. This work, it will be seen, finds place in the programme of relief works proposed for the district. To carry out the work from municipal funds, the Municipal Council has provided a sum of Rs. 5,200 by postponing certain works not of an urgent nature.

2. I now doubt the legality of applying municipal funds to relief works, and the question has been already submitted for the orders of Board and Government with my Reference on C. No. 2929, dated 18th November 1896. If it be decided that municipal funds cannot be diverted to famine relief, I request that a sum of Rs. 7,500 may be allotted from provincial funds. Next to the earthwork of a water-supply scheme, which has not yet been matured, there cannot be a more urgent or more suitable work for famine relief in Bellary town than the removal of prickly-pear. The subject has been under correspondence since January 1893. (*Vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 388, Land Revenue, dated 11th September 1894; No. 6984, Land Revenue, dated 18th December 1894; No. 978, Land Revenue, dated 25th February 1895; No. 1109, Land Revenue, dated 4th March 1895; No. 6237, Land Revenue, dated 14th December 1895).

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ENCLOSURES.

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relief works, such as roads, &c.; at the same time it is true, as pointed out by the Chairman, that Municipalities, unlike District Boards, are not authorized by law to expend their funds on famine relief, and it appears to me that they cannot legally do so. It is necessary therefore to ask Government for an allotment of Rs. 2,500 to commence the relief works which it has been found necessary to open within Municipal limits.

RESOLUTION—dated 24th November 1896, No. 368.

The works in question are connected with the repair of Municipal roads, which is among the first of the purposes enumerated in section 113 of the Madras District Municipalities Act (IV of 1884), to which Municipal funds shall be applied. The fact that they serve also to afford relief to the poor in the present season of distress will not remove them from the category of works on which Municipal funds may legitimately be spent. By applying the Famine Code and paying famine rations, the municipality, in fact, may gain. In these circumstances, the Board does not consider that there is any legal objection to meeting the cost of the relief works referred to from Municipal funds, so far as the normal value of the work done is concerned. As pointed out by the Collector, the Famine Code does contemplate the utilization of Municipal funds in providing work for relief workers though not in the grant of gratuitous relief.

2. If the works that have been started are not included in the budget estimates of the Municipality for the current year, the Municipal Council should be requested to take action under section 251 of the Act.

3. The cost of maintaining kitchens at relief works cannot be charged to the Municipality, and the necessary funds for this purpose should be applied for in due course.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.
„ the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to other Collectors.

ORDER—No. 18, Revenue, dated 11th January 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The question raised in the Board's Proceedings read above is whether municipal funds can be utilized for relief works. It appears to Government that, so long as people want work and can find no employer, if a municipality can provide suitable work, it ought to do so; and there is nothing in the fact that the work gives relief to alter its character as a municipal work.

2. When relief works become necessary, as all persons applying for work should be entertained under section 93 of the Famine Code, and as part of the relief furnished by such works will be payment for work done and part will be given gratuitously, such works, though municipal, should be started by Government which will pay for them at first. There is nothing in the Municipal Act to prevent Government charging the normal value of the work actually done to the Municipal Council afterwards.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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