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Passing orders in regard to the information to be furnished in the weekly lists, submitted to Government under paragraph 194 of the Famine Code, of subordinate appointments made in divisions in which relief works are in charge of the Public Works Department, and directing the Examiner to finally pass the pay of all temporary establishments included in lists hitherto approved by Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. B. DEWINTON, Esq., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 17th July 1897, No. 2295 W.

With reference to your memo., No. 2801 C., dated the 9th June 1897, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a revised proposition statement for the extra temporary establishment required in the Bellary division on account of famine-relief works, duly countersigned by the Collector of Bellary, and to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to the same.

2. The 9th November 1896 has been entered as the date from which sanction to the appointments is required, because it is the date of the first appointment and it would take much time and trouble to enter the date of each appointment and serve no useful purpose.

3. The establishment now applied for is that considered enough for present requirements; should the monsoon fail, a much greater establishment will be required and will be applied for later on.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 30th July 1897, No. 446 A.

[Your office-note No. 3322 C., dated 26th July 1897.]

There is, strictly speaking, no so-called *Present scale* of establishment for this division. The establishment entered in that column in the proposition statement is establishment that has been from time to time sanctioned in the orders quoted in columns 1 and 2 of the statement, and is correct.

2. In a famine division where the staff required on relief works is necessarily an ever-fluctuating one, I do not think that a *scale* such as that contemplated in G.O., No. 876 W., dated 26th March 1897, can serve any really useful purpose.

3. I get for my guide in audit weekly lists of the temporary appointments made in each famine division. These are signed by Executive Engineers and countersigned by Collectors and Superintending Engineers concerned, and Government accord *approval*, *i.e.*, *sanction*, to these lists which are then duly noted and returned.

4. The form used is that given on page 52 of the Madras Famine Code, viz., form H, Appendix II, and contains all the information requisite for purposes of audit, and the lists in this form, taken together with the previous lists thus approved by Government, are virtually in themselves the *scales* for temporary establishment upon which my office bases its audit.

5. Instead, therefore, of passing, as my office has been doing hitherto, hosts of items in each famine divisional salary bill, month after month, *provisionally* only, pending the sanction to the "scales" which Government seem to contemplate sanctioning, I am of opinion that much time and writing will be saved, and the objects of audit equally well met, by my *finally* passing the pay of all temporary establishments

which have been approved by Government in the weekly lists, and passing *provisionally* only such as have not, at time of audit, appeared in those lists. In this manner the matter will go far towards being regularized, and ultimately, *i.e.*, on the termination of the famine, if there should remain any charges for these special establishments not covered by Government sanction in the weekly lists, they will be reported for Government sanction.

6. While therefore informing Government of my proposed action, I would suggest that the question of the sanction to the "*Scales*" *for divisional temporary* establishment might be reconsidered in the light of these remarks.

ORDER—No. 2354 W., dated 25th August 1897.

In compliance with Public Works Department memo., No. 2801 C., dated 9th June 1897, the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, submits a proposition statement of the extra temporary establishment required in the Bellary division on account of famine-relief works, and remarks that in the event of a failure of the monsoon, a much larger establishment will be required and will be applied for. The Examiner points out that in a famine division where the staff employed on relief works is necessarily an ever-fluctuating one, a formal scale can serve no really useful purpose, and suggests that the weekly lists submitted under paragraph 194 of the Famine Code be accepted, after approval by Government, for purposes of final audit.

2. The objection to the final acceptance of the weekly lists hitherto has been that the Government has no means of checking them, for there is nothing in them to show whether the appointments reported are new ones, or whether they are nominations to posts already approved in previous lists, in room of casualties by dismissal, resignation, &c.

3. The Government considers, however, that there is much force in the Examiner's remarks, and agrees to dispense with any formal scale, final audit being based on the weekly lists, after they have been sanctioned by Government. The weekly lists should, however, in future, contain only the designation and pay of the posts sanctioned, and the dates from which they commenced, and need not give the names of the individuals appointed. Posts already sanctioned in previous lists should not again be brought forward, and all lists, prior to submission to Government, should be countersigned by the Collector, in token of his approval. This is in accordance with G.O., No. 876 W., dated 26th March 1897, which declares that the Collector's approval is required to the *scale*, not to the *personnel* of the additional staff proposed. The Examiner will now finally pass the pay of all temporary establishments included in lists hitherto approved by Government.

4. This order will apply to all divisions in which relief works have been placed in charge of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle..
" the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" other Superintending Engineers.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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