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Credits.

Observing that the amount of —— issued for Famine Relief works is largely in excess of the expenditure actual and prospective and directing the Superintending Engineers, I and III Circles to investigate the matter at once and report the result, arrangements being made in the meanwhile to cancel credits found in excess of requirements.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following :—

Letter from E. A. DENNYS, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th August 1897, No. 526-A.

In continuation of my telegrams of yesterday and letter No. 438-A, of the 29th ultimo, I have the honour to annex for the information of Government a statement showing, in detail, the financial position as regards Famine Relief Works in charge of the P.W.D. from 1st April last to 30th September next, and with reference to the entries therein, to observe as follows :—

2. The outlay shown in column 4 of the statement is subject to some slight modification as the accounts for July have not been audited yet by this office.

3. The sum of Rs. 14,00,000 shewn in column 5 represents, approximately, the aggregate of the cash imprests held by Tahsildars and other officers who actually disburse money for Famine Relief Works, as also the estimated "Treasury Balances." There can be no doubt that the major portion of this amount, if not all of it, will have been spent by them though not yet accounted for; and its inclusion as expenditure is therefore justifiable.

4. The figures shewn in columns 6 and 7 represent *bona fide* credits issued during August and September excluding, however, the supplemental credit of Rs. 3,00,000 applied for by the Famine Divisions noted in the margin, and which were only issued on receipt of your last wire of yesterday's date. The amount is included in the sum of Rs. 10,00,000 shewn as estimated supplemental letters of credit for September in column 8.

Bellary Division...
Kurnool Division...

5. In connection with the telegram above alluded to, I would further explain that the Rs. 3 lacs asked for by the Executive Engineers referred to in the preceding para. was not included in the probable excess of Rs. 21 lacs referred to in my telegram of the 17th, as these applications had not been received on that date. It is, therefore, presumed that I have the authority of Government to issue credits for Rs. 3 lacs independent of Rs. 21 lacs, the excess over grant as shewn in my Return of grants etc., for 20th August 1897; and I propose to act on this assumption unless I am advised to the contrary.

Statement shewing grant, expenditure and excess expenditure under "33 Famine Relief Works" from 1st April to 30th September 1897 :—

Number.	Divisions.	Expenditure to end of June 1897.	Expenditure during July 1897.	Cash and drawing account balances on 1st August 1897.	Letters of credit for August 1897.	Letters of credit for September 1897.	Estimated supplemental credit for September 1897.	Total.	Grant as now stands.	Probable excess expenditure.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Bellary	8,12,291	4,43,978	6,20,000	6,00,000	5,80,000	5,00,000	35,56,269	5,55,000	30,01,269	
2	Cuddapah	2,94,867	2,51,066	1,90,000	3,02,000	2,85,000	2,00,000	15,22,933	1,05,000	14,17,933	
3	Kurnool	2,68,971	3,83,249	2,50,000	2,71,200	4,14,000	2,00,000	17,87,420	2,06,000	15,81,420	
4	Ganjam	52,042	81,823	2,20,000	70,800	...	50,000	4,74,665	1,22,000	3,52,665	
5	Vizagapatam ...	75,649	61,150	1,20,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	3,86,799	96,000	2,90,799	
6	Godavery Eastern ...	1,403	...	...	...	...	...	1,403	1,000	403	
7	Public Works Stores ...	29,836	22,998	...	...	...	...	52,834	5,000	47,834	
8	North Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	−1,000	
	Total...	15,35,059	12,44,264	14,00,000	12,64,000	13,39,000	10,00,000	77,82,323	10,91,000	66,91,323	

Note.—1. The figures in column 4 represent the approximate outlay wired by the Executive Engineers concerned.
2. The figures in column 5 exclude the supplemental credit of Rs. 3,00,000 since issued.

From the Financial Department, No. 1829, dated 2nd September 1897.

ORDER—No. 2462 W., dated 3rd September 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the amount of credits issued for Famine Relief Works is largely in excess of the expenditure actual and prospective. It would thus appear that money is remaining unutilised either in the hands of Revenue, or Public Works, subordinates. The Superintending Engineers, I and III Circles will now be directed by wire to investigate the matter at once and report the result as soon as possible, and meanwhile to arrange for cancelling credits found to be in excess of requirements. The Government will look to the Chief Engineer to set right irregularities of the kind brought to notice.

(True Extract.)

COLONEL, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
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