Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Letter. *Forwarding to the Govt of India a copy of the Progs. of this Government embodying a forecast by the Board of Revenue as to the probable magnitude and duration of the relief operations now in progress in this Presidency and of the expenditure likely to be incurred in connection therewith.*

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The Hon: Mr Ewbank
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CURRENT No. 4841

Revenue Branch
Returns (Famine)
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Rev. Secty.

To The Hon. Mr. Skrine

No. 381 A.

Dated 19th May 1897

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RS
11-6-97

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Dept. Corr 1. and 2.

I don't think it calls for any criticisms

DJ
12/6/97

The most recent returns seem to show that the Wd Stes are under the mark. Overweight day so much.

HS
14/6/97

Sgnd with the Hon. Mr. Ewbank.
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	Chicacole					800	1,837	2,137
	Rambha					1,456	3,594	5,050
	Goomsur					100	458	558
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	Vizianagram	294	167,000	59	33,000	3,876	380	4,256
	Parvatipur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Chipurupalle	..	..	..	..	630	264	794
	Total ..	1,331	686,000	873	438,000	16,968	2,108	18,076
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„ 17	149,715	12,426	162,141	22·8
„ 24	175,503	17,579	193,082	19·1
May 1	209,461	22,311	231,772	20·0
„ 8	237,837	29,402	267,239	15·3
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The following statement shows the expenditure on relief and establishments in the various districts up to 31st March :—

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	To workers.	Gratuitous.	Total.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Bellary	2,48,986	10,025	2,59,011	
Anantapur	21,315	1,252	22,567	
Cuddapah	33,813	950	34,763	
Kurnool	62,054	2,655	64,709	
Ganjám	2,766	1,964	4,730	
Vizagapatam	2,268	337	2,605	
Total ..	3,71,202	17,183	3,88,385	18,000

In order to fix the amount likely to be spent on relief up to the end of September, it will be necessary to hazard a guess at the average number of persons likely to be relieved in each month. To take the case of relief-workers first, the average numbers on relief in each month may be roughly taken as follows :—

April	1,50,000
May	2,50,000
June	2,50,000
July	1,50,000
August	70,000
September	10,000
Total ...	8,80,000, or
on an average of, say,	1,50,000 a month.

It will be necessary to pay as wages at $1\frac{1}{3}$ annas a day—Rs. $\frac{1,50,000 \times 1\frac{1}{3} \times 30 \times 6}{16}$ or Rs. 22,50,000. Those fed in kitchens or in receipt of doles are likely to remain on relief longer than those on works. An average of about 30,000 a month may be provided for. The cost at 1 anna a day will be about Rs. 3,50,000. To this must be added the cost of materials advanced to weavers. Up to the end of March, the amount was about Rs. 74,000; in April it was about Rs. 50,000. The amount required from 1st April to 30th September may be set down as three lakhs.

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		RS.
Relief	Up to 31st March	3,88,000
	From 1st April to 30th September ...	26,00,000
Cost of materials advanced to weavers.	Up to 31st March	74,000
	From 1st April to 30th September ...	3,00,000
Establishment	Up to 31st March	18,000
	From 1st April to 30th September ...	1,00,000
Total ...		34,80,000

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(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Streeramooloo.

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The following statement shows the expenditure on relief and establishments in the various districts up to 31st March :—

District.	Relief			Establishments (approximate).
	To workers.	Gratuitous.	Total.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Bellary	2,48,986	10,025	2,59,011	
Anantapur	21,315	1,252	22,567	
Cuddapah	33,813	950	34,763	
Kurnool	62,054	2,655	64,709	
Ganjám	2,766	1,964	4,730	
Vizagapatam	2,268	337	2,605	
Total ..	3,71,202	17,183	3,88,385	18,000

In order to fix the amount likely to be spent on relief up to the end of September, it will be necessary to hazard a guess at the average number of persons likely to be relieved in each month. To take the case of relief-workers first, the average numbers on relief in each month may be roughly taken as follows :—

April	1,50,000
May	2,50,000
June	2,50,000
July	1,50,000
August	70,000
September	10,000
Total ...	8,80,000, or
on an average of, say,	1,50,000 a month.

It will be necessary to pay as wages at $1\frac{1}{3}$ annas a day—Rs. $\frac{1,50,000 \times 1\frac{1}{3} \times 30 \times 6}{16}$ or Rs. 22,50,000. Those fed in kitchens or in receipt of doles are likely to remain on relief longer than those on works. An average of about 30,000 a month may be provided for. The cost at 1 anna a day will be about Rs. 3,50,000. To this must be added the cost of materials advanced to weavers. Up to the end of March, the amount was about Rs. 74,000 ; in April it was about Rs. 50,000. The amount required from 1st April to 30th September may be set down as three lakhs.

The cost of special establishments at the end of March was approximately Rs. 8,000 per mensem, and at the same rate it would amount for the six months from April to September to about half a lakh. The special establishments have, however, been lately very considerably increased, and further additions to an even greater extent are likely to be made in the near future. Moreover after 22nd May, when the present Famine Commissioner will be relieved of his duties as a Member of the Board, the whole of his pay will become debitable to famine. It is probable, on the other hand, that a considerable portion of the establishment may be dispensed with before the end of September. The total cost of extra establishment from 1st April to 30th September may be taken as one lakh. The total cost of relief operations will, therefore, be—

		RS.
Relief	Up to 31st March	3,88,000
	From 1st April to 30th September ...	26,00,000
Cost of materials advanced to weavers.	Up to 31st March	74,000
	From 1st April to 30th September ...	3,00,000
Establishment	Up to 31st March	18,000
	From 1st April to 30th September ...	1,00,000
	Total ...	34,80,000

or, say, 35 lakhs in all.

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(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
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