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**G.O., &c., Nos. 713, 714, 3rd September 1897.**

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### Famine Expenditure.

Requesting the Famine Commissioner to submit, by the 20th September 1897, a further estimate of expenditure likely to be incurred up to the end of famine.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., Nos. 470, 471, Financial, dated 12th June 1897.

Abstract.—Passing orders on various matters relating to the accounts and estimates of famine expenditure in 1896–97 and 1897–98 and prescribing forms for the submission of detailed monthly accounts from the commencement of famine operations.

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G.O., No. 590, Financial, dated 29th July 1897.

Abstract.—Recording Proceedings, Revenue Department, requesting the Famine Commissioner to submit early a revised forecast of famine expenditure, and also letter from the Government of India sanctioning an additional grant of 14·96 lakhs of rupees for famine expenditure in Madras during 1897–98.

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G.O., No. 702-A, Financial, dated 31st August 1897.

Abstract.—Telegraphing to the Government of India figures showing the actual famine relief expenditure up to the end of July and estimates for August and September and soliciting sanction for an additional grant of 50 lakhs.

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Read—also the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 529, dated 26th July 1897.

*Read*—again Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4917, dated 5th July 1897, calling for revised estimate for current year from the Collectors of affected districts, with reference to G.O., No. 470, Financial, dated 12th June 1897.

Read—also replies thereto from the Collectors.

Read—also Government order, Public Works department, No. 1639 W., dated 15th June 1897.

Read—also Government order, Financial, No. 489, dated 23rd June 1897.

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Resolution—No. 529, dated 26th July 1897.

The Famine Commissioner begs to submit the revised estimates of famine expenditure for 1897–98, called for in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 470, Financial, dated 12th June 1897. The delay in the submission of the estimates, which is regretted, is due to the facts that the last report from the affected districts was received only on July 15th, and that, owing to each Collector having adopted a form more or less peculiar to himself, it has been a matter of considerable difficulty to present a compounded statement, for all the districts, in anything like the form in which Government desired the figures to be laid before it. The estimates have been based on the assumption that the monsoon, though late, will, on the whole, be favourable, and



relief operations will not have to be continued, except on a very limited scale, beyond September, or the commencement of October. But, in view of the uncertainty in which the fate of the monsoon is still enshrouded, the figures are submitted with considerable diffidence.

2. With the information at present available, it has been found impossible to frame estimates of any value in such minute detail as is given in the forms in appendix C to the Government order quoted above, and the estimates now submitted, therefore, give, in many cases, figures only under the main sub-heads.

3. The estimates received from the Collectors are submitted for information. It is to be noted that the Collectors of Vizagapatam, Kurnool and Anantapur have not estimated the cost of the works to be executed under the superintendence of the Public Works department. Such estimates should have been framed by them as the Public Works department has no means of doing so. The estimates put forward by the Chief Engineer in G.O., No. 1639 W., dated the 15th June 1897, refer to definite sanctioned works in charge of the department and will be wholly inadequate to provide employment for the numbers who are likely to require this form of relief. An attempt has been made by the Famine Commissioner to frame an estimate of the total cost of relief works in charge of the Public Works department; it is of course impossible, under the circumstances, to distribute the cost under the various heads. The method by which he has arrived at his results will be seen on a reference to the appended memorandum, which gives reasons for any variations he has thought necessary to make from the figures adopted by Collectors.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collectors concerned.

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Memorandum.

*33-A. Salaries.*—The provision made by the Collector of Bellary is accepted. The Collector of Anantapur has made no provision, while that made by the other Collectors is inadequate, considering the staff already sanctioned and the period for which it is likely to be entertained (*i.e.*,) till October next. Under this head are shown only the salaries of the following classes of officers :—

(*a*) Taluk Relief Officers.
(*b*) Special Deputy Collectors solely on famine-relief work.
(*c*) Tahsildars for loans work.
(*d*) Deputy Tahsildar for weavers' relief and fodder depôts.
(*e*) Revenue Inspectors for loans.

*Establishment*—(i) *On Relief Works.*—Only the cost of establishment under the Revenue department is given. Some of the Collectors have estimated for the establishments under the Public Works department also, but, the figures being incomplete, it is desirable to obtain information from the Public Works department on that point. The Collectors' estimates under paymasters have been slightly increased in some cases as they have provided only till the end of September.

(ii) *On Village-relief Inspection.*—Under this head, too, the Collectors' estimates have been slightly raised to allow for the continuance of the staff on a reduced scale in October also, and with reference to the establishment already entertained in each district. The Collector of Ganjám has made no provision for the gumastahs who, as shown in his monthly return H have been entertained in connection with village relief. The omission is now supplied.

(iii) *In Poor-houses.*—There are no poor-houses as contemplated in sections 68—73 of the code in any of the affected districts at present nor are any likely to be established. The establishments shown under "Poor-houses" by the Collector of Vizagapatam have been omitted.

(iv) *In Kitchens.*—The Collectors' estimates have been adopted with but slight additions to provide for some expenditure in October also.

(vii) *In Weavers' Depôt.*—The Collectors' estimates have been raised with reference to the strength of the existing staff and the period for which the relief will have to be provided. This form of relief may have to be provided probably longer than the other kinds of relief—say, till November.

(viii) *Office Establishments.*—Under this head is shown only the establishments attached to the special officers referred to under "Salaries" above. The Collector of Bellary gives also the cost of the clerical and audit establishment entertained by the Public Works department. This information should be obtained from the Public Works department for all districts. The Bellary Collector's figures have accordingly been modified.

*Allowances.*—The Collector of Anantapur has made no provision under this head. The omission is supplied and the estimates of other Collectors slightly raised so as to cover the expenditure that may have to be incurred in October also.

*Contingencies.*—The Collector of Ganjám has made no provision under this head. The omission is supplied and the estimates of other Collectors except the Collector of Bellary slightly raised for the same reason as that given under the preceding head. The Collector's estimates for Bellary seem to be sufficient.

*33-B. Works in charge of Civil Officers.*—The Collectors' estimates have been adopted except in the case of Vizagapatam and Cuddapah. The Collector of Vizagapatam has provided 4,00,000 under this head and nothing under "33-F. Works under the Public Works Department." The relief works in the district have been placed under the Public Works department, and so the bulk of the provision should be shown under 33-F. The Collector has proposed to start some works under the supervision of the local fund staff in order to relieve the strain on the Public Works department. A provision of one lakh is enough for this purpose. The Collector of Cuddapah has made no provision under this head, apparently because the relief works are under the Public Works department. Some expenditure seems, however, to have been already incurred under this head. So a provision of Rs. 30,000 is made.

*33-C. Advances to Weavers.*—The Collectors' estimates have been altered in the case of Kurnool, Cuddapah and Bellary in order to provide for the very large access to the numbers on relief of late.

*Advances to Cultivators.*—The Collectors of Bellary and Ganjám alone have provided for this item of expenditure. For the remaining districts estimates are framed in this office, based on the actuals of the past three months.

*Other Advances.*—The Collector of Cuddapah alone has provided a sum of Rupees 5,000 for advances to gosha women. This will have to be treated as gratuitous relief and no provision is necessary for advances other than those to weavers and cultivators.

*33-D. Gratuitous Relief.*—The Collectors' estimates have been raised in Ganjám, Kurnool and Cuddapah. In Ganjám, the Collector estimated the probable number on relief at the end of July to be 50,000, but the number for the week ending 10th July is about 79,000 and this has since risen to 81,000. The provision for Kurnool has also been increased as the number on gratuitous relief is rapidly increasing and has risen from 42,000 to 55,000 during the last week. In Cuddapah, too, a small increase to the Collector's estimate has been made with reference to the number now in receipt of gratuitous relief.

*33-F.* The Collectors of Ganjám, Gódávari, Bellary and Cuddapah alone have estimated the expenditure under this head. Even their estimates are inadequate considering the actual expenditure of the past three months and the numbers on works, which at present show a tendency to rise and will, in all probability, continue to rise for some time longer, except, perhaps, in Ganjám and Vizagapatam, where there have been some good showers recently. Fresh estimates have therefore been prepared for all the affected districts, and the calculation on which they are based is



shown in the annexed statement. It is assumed that the provision made for the present numbers on works for full two months—July and August—will cover also the expenditure that may be incurred on account of the numbers that may still be left on works in September, as the numbers will begin to fall probably from the second or third week of August.

| District. | Average number of workers per day. | Cost per month calculated with reference to present prices. | Cost for two months, July and August. | Actuals, April to June. | Total. | Deduct provision under 33-B. | Balance. | Amount required. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Ganjám .. .. .. | 40,000 | 1,32,000 | 2,64,000 | 54,000 | 3,18,000 | 17,500 | 3,00,500 | 2,00,000 |
| Vizagapatam .. .. | 25,000 | 82,500 | 1,65,000 | 75,000 | 2,40,000 | 1,00,000 | 1,40,000 | 1,00,000 |
| Godávari .. .. .. | 1,500 | 4,200 | 8,400 | 1,300 | 9,700 | .. | 9,700 | 10,000 |
| Kurnool .. .. .. | 140,000 | 4,62,000 | 9,24,000 | 4,80,000 | 14,04,000 | 10,000 | 13,94,000 | 14,00,000 |
| Bellary .. .. .. | 130,000 | 4,29,000 | 8,58,000 | 5,72,000 | 14,30,000 | 22,600 | 14,07,400 | 14,00,000 |
| Anantapur .. .. .. | 65,000 | 1,82,000 | 3,64,000 | 1,93,000 | 5,57,000 | 85,000 | 4,72,000 | 4,00,000 |
| Cuddapah .. .. .. | 90,000 | 2,97,000 | 5,94,000 | 2,94,000 | 8,88,000 | 30,000 | 8,58,000 | 8,00,000 |

*33-G.* The Collector's estimates have been adopted generally in the case of the Deccan district. For Ganjám, the Collector gives only a lump sum, which has been distributed in this office roughly among the various sub-heads with reference to the establishments now entertained. The Collectors of Vizagapatam and Gódávari make no provision under this head and estimates are framed in this office with reference to the establishments now working in the district. The pay of the Famine Commissioner, Famine Secretary and establishment has been shown under this head in accordance with Accountant-General's ruling printed in G.O., No. 470, Financial, of 1897. It seems, however, that these officers being specially deputed for famine duty, their salaries should be shown under *33-A*.

*33-H. Losses under Land Revenue.*—Assuming that the current fasli will prove to be a normal one, the losses under land revenue in 1897–98 due to famine will consist of the demands of fasli 1306 which, falling due since the commencement of the official year, were either remitted or suspended. It is only in Bellary and Anantapur that the kists extend to April and May; in the other affected districts all the kists fall due before the end of March; for Bellary the Collector's estimate seems to be approximate, while for Anantapur the Collector has given the total probable remissions of fasli 1306 instead of only that portion of it which, if it were to be collected, would have fallen due only in April and May 1897. The Collector's estimate has therefore been modified. The Collectors of Ganjám and Cuddapah give the probable remissions for the fasli 1306, but as no part of them falls due in the official year 1897–98, they may be disregarded.

*Losses under Salt.*—No decrease of revenue under this head is anticipated.

*Losses under Excise.*—The Government has provided for a loss of 4 lakhs under this head owing to adverse season: *vide* G.O., No. 703, Revenue, dated 9th December 1896. Details for districts are not available and the Collector of Bellary alone has attempted to forecast the amount.

*Losses under Customs.*—The Government estimates a loss of 2,40,000 under this head (G.O., No. 797, dated 19th November 1896). Details for districts are not available.

*Losses under Assessed Taxes.*—The Collectors of Kurnool and Bellary have estimated the probable losses under this head, but the Board in the Separate Revenue Department has made no provision for such loss in its estimates.

*Losses under Forests.*—The falling off in revenue under this head in April and May 1897, as compared with the corresponding period of 1896, was Rs. 77,600. The decrease in the year may be put down at two lakhs.

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

28*th July* 1897.

Abstract Account of Famine-relief Operations.

| 33. Famine Relief. | Head-quarter office. | Ganjám. | Vizagapatam. | Gódávari. | Kurnool. | Bellary. | Anantapur. | Cuddapah. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | .. | Rs. 57,700 | Rs. 37,730 | Rs. 8,830 | Rs. 60,550 | Rs. 1,12,750 | Rs. 35,300 | Rs. 33,240 | Rs. 3,46,100 |
| Salaries and establishments, 33-A .. | .. | 17,500 | 1,00,000 | 76,000 | 10,000 | 22,600 | 85,000 | 30,000 | 3,41,100 |
| Relief works in charge of Civil officers, 33-B .. .. .. .. | .. | 2,65,000 | 1,30,000 | 23,000 | 2,50,000 | 1,50,000 | 76,000 | 4,01,000 | 12,95,000 |
| Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works, 33-C .. | .. | 4,50,000 | 3,60,000 | 27,000 | 2,50,000 | 2,04,000 | 88,000 | 1,00,000 | 14,79,000 |
| Gratuitous Relief, 33-D .. .. | .. | 2,000 | .. | 50 | .. | .. | 50 | .. | 2,100 |
| Miscellaneous, 33-E .. .. .. | .. | 7,92,200 | 6,27,730 | 1,34,880 | 5,70,550 | 4,89,350 | 2,84,350 | 5,64,240 | 34,63,300 |
| Total, Civil Department .. | .. | 2,00,000 | 1,00,000 | 10,000 | 14,00,000 | 14,00,000 | 4,00,000 | 8,00,000 | 43,10,000 |
| Relief works in charge of Public Works officers, 33-F .. .. | .. | 9,92,200 | 7,27,730 | 1,44,880 | 19,70,550 | 18,89,350 | 6,84,350 | 13,64,240 | 77,73,300 |
| Total 33, Famine Relief .. | .. | 20,500 | 15,800 | 1,450 | 17,430 | 34,200 | 16,675 | 15,895 | 1,64,050 |
| Famine expenditure debited to other service heads, 33-G .. .. | 42,100 | Details not available. | | | | | | | 18,55,000 |
| Other measures of relief, viz.— Relinquishment of Revenue on account of famine, 33-H .. | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand Total of Famine-relief Operations .. .. .. .. .. | 42,100 | 10,12,700 | 7,43,530 | 1,46,330 | 19,87,980 | 19,23,550 | 7,01,025 | 13,80,135 | 97,92,350 |

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 6078, dated 4th August 1897.

*Read*—again G.O., No. 624, Revenue, dated 26th July 1897.

*Resolution*—Mis. No. 6078, dated 4th August 1897.

Recorded, with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 529, dated 26th July 1897.

2. The recent orders of Government regarding the rigid enforcement of tasks and concentration of works may render feasible considerable reductions in the estimates submitted with the Board's Proceedings quoted above.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Telegram from the Board of Revenue (Famine), to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 16th August 1897.

Reference Government Order, 624 of 26 ultimo. Please see Board's Proceedings, 529, dated 26 July 1897, and 6078, of 4 instant. Is any further revised estimate required?

Order—No. 713, Financial, dated 3rd September 1897.

The Government of India has already been requested, on information received from the Accountant-General and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to sanction an additional allotment of 50 lakhs for famine relief expenditure up to the end of September 1897. The Famine Commissioner will now be desired to submit through the Revenue Department by the 20th September a further estimate of the expenditure

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likely to be incurred up to the end of the famine, basing his calculations on the probability of a normal north-east monsoon. He may adopt such forms as he finds most convenient for these estimates provided that details by districts are given under each head as well as complete particulars of past expenditure according to the latest available actuals and of the data used in calculating future expenditure.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Famine Commissioner.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Public Works Department.

Endorsement—No. 714, Financial, dated 3rd September 1897.

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J. F. PRICE,
*Chief Secretary.*

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