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Copy of letter from the Accountant General,Madras,No. 3715,dated 2nd September 1897 to the Comptroller General, Calcutta.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that in Circular letter No. 11 F-87-I,dated 9th February 1897,Department of Revenue and Agriculture (famine) the Government of India forwarded to the Madras Government extracts from certain correspondence with regard to the grant of advances for agricultural loans in Bengal in connection with the present scarcity,in which the following principles (among others) were laid down,for observance in dealing with proposals for such advances.

8. that advances such as are under consideration should be made only tracts in which relief is required and should be spent in wages to those for whom it would otherwise be necessary to provide relief in some other form.

(5) that all such advances even though partly recoverable and made under one or other of the Loans Acts, should in the first instance,be brought to account,as "famine Relief expenditure".

2. In continuation of the circular letter above quoted the Government of India forwarded to the Madras Government a copy of certain modified rules under the Land Improvement Loans Act issued by the Government of Bengal with a view to encouraging proprietors and occupiers of land in distressed tracts to take advances for the purpose of executing works in their own villages and thus giving employment to labor, ~~the~~ the provision in one of these rules being that no interest shall be charged except in case of misapplication of the loan.

3. In its order No. 810 Rev.,dated 30th March 1897 passed on the above papers,the Madras Government preferred to continue granting loans in the affected districts under the ordinary rules,on the score that the special rules adopted in Bengal were not suited to the circumstances of

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this Presidency. The debits were accordingly classified in the Accounts as usual under the head- "Provincial Advances and Loan Account- Advances to Cultivators".

4. The Madras Government has now enquired whether the debit of thses advances should not appear under 55 Famine Relief; and I propose to answer that as it has not supplied any special conditions to such loans, but has merely confined them to affected districts, the classification adopted by me appears to be correct. But before doing so, I request to be favoured with your instructions in the matter.

5. I would here mention that in this Presidency advances for seed grain are being debited under "Provincial Advance and Loan Account" on the ground that they are ordinarily made under the Agriculturists' Loans Act and are dealt with under special rules-Vide correspondence which ended with your letter No. 597, dated 8th July 1897. Also the Board of Revenue has in submitting to Government an application from the Collector of Ganjam for allotment for seed-grain advances stated (in its Proceedings No.Dis,3605 Rev. Settlement dated 21st May 1897, recorded in an Order of the Madras Government) that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee has undertaken to distribute loans to those who have no means of borrowing implying thereby, that the State advances are restricted to a class well able to repay them.

G.O. No. 441 Fin. dated 3rd June 1897.

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Copy of a letter from the Controller General, No. 1205, dated 14th September 1897, to the Accountant General, Madras.

With reference to your letter No. 3715, dated 2nd instant regarding the classification of Advances to Cultivators in the affected districts in Madras, I have the honour to state that your action as intimated in para 4 of your letter under reference, is correct.

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Financial Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Revenue Department, No. 1894, dated 17th September 1897.

From the Accountant General No. 8899, dated 18th September 1897.

With reference to Memorandum No. 1717, dated the 14th August 1897, I have the honour to state that the advances made in this Presidency under the Loans Acts have been debited by me to the head Provincial Advance and Loan Account, and that the Government of India Circular letter No. 11F-87-I dated 8th February 1897 Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine) was not held to affect the procedure in as much as Government has not applied any special conditions to such loans but has merely confined them to affected districts.

I enclose copies of my letter to the Comptroller General on the subject and of his reply from which it will be seen that that officer considers my action in the matter to be correct.

From the Revenue Department, No. 801, dated 31st September 1897.

O R D E R No. 903, dated 27th September 1897.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department:-

"709. Continuation of my telegram 696, 31st ultimo, and reference

reference yours 6th instant disbursements in thousands class I to end August in affected districts Land Improvements 8,00 Vakkavi 6,81,in Madura for Periyar lands 19,non-affected districts to complete contracts 11,total 18,37. Excess expenditure over grant remains unadjusted pending further allotment. Orders have issued to stop land improvement loans altogether from 1st October. Probable requirements for September and the rest of the year affected districts Land improvement 110, Vakkavi 150 Madura 50 other districts 50 ,total 350,total additional allotment required 15,37. All land improvement loans affected districts made with object employing labour which otherwise would come on relief works. Disbursing officers required ~~required~~ submit estimates and to limit disbursements to sanctioned amounts but for reasons explained my telegram 696 and owing doubts regarding correct classification loans with reference Revenue and Agricultural Circular 11-F,8th February and to sudden and unexpected deepening distress in June,July disbursements were permitted in excess grats. Much regret violation strict financial rules but under circumstances trust Government India will see no other course possible."

(True extract)

(Signed) C.S.Forbes,
for Chief Secretary.

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READ the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Revenue Department, No. 4973, His. dated 31st September 1897.

O B P R P No. 838 dated 8th October 1897.

Recorded in continuation of G.O. No. 805, Financial, dated 27th September 1897.

(True extract)

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Revenue Department (with copy of G.O. No. 805, Finl., dated 27th September 1897.)

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