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[Despatch Abstract.]

Small Loans for the relief of distress

Approving and Sanctioning the Board
recommendation that the Collector of
Bellary be permitted to advance
up to a maximum of one lakh
rupees.

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From The Board of Revenue,
Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and
Agriculture, Madras.

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The Board's proposal may
 be approved. There has been
 no famine of any considerable
 severity in Madras since the
 Rules of 194 of the Appendix
 No B-6 were promulgated,
 and there has been no occasion
 still now to put the rules
 in force.

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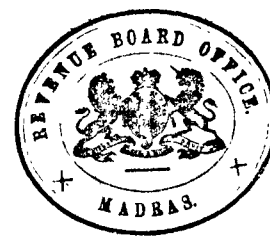
in force

The idea of these loans Submitting to Government
is a very old one and with the Board's recommenda-
tion letter from the Collector of
Bellary requesting to allot
funds for the grant of loans
to relieve the distresses of —
Agriculturists.

These loans which are made under

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Read the following letter from the collector of Bellary dated 8th June 1897, Cir No. 2578A

One or two applications for loans for the relief of distress have been received and I think it is probable that if this form of relief were offered it would be taken to a somewhat large extent. To those agriculturists who have neither money nor grain left, such loans would be invaluable, but great care would be necessary in distinguishing between the really needy and the applicants who have some stock of money or grain or both

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practically worthless. The
benefit of the known land (that
the land is not planted or sown)
will be also repaid. Even a very
considerable loss ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~area~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{not}
make the matter a losing one to
but when the cost of maintaining
the system is ^{on relief} ~~unreimbursed~~. So
convinced was I of the ~~inability~~
of this form of relief that I
imposed it in 1892 myself. I
submit the experiment is well
worth a trial.

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The Board's recommendation
is approved and sanctioned

(List from orders)

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To the Hon. Secy. to Govt.

in hand; for nine tenths of the latter would gladly borrow money without interest. I believe however that this discrimination could be made with fair prospects of success and if the Board will allot the necessary funds I will do my best to use the money with judgment and economy.

2. To frame a trustworthy estimate is not easy but I think that Rs. 1,00,000 is the lowest figure at which the expenditure could be put. This would give 5,000 ryots Rs. 5 a month for four months. Against this expenditure we could set off some saving in the wages paid to relief workers for except in very special cases I would give these loans only to pattadars who had resorted to the relief works. That is not an universally sure test of absolute poverty but it is at least a good indication of it.

3. I request the favour of very early

early orders for the cultivation season is now beginning and unless we give quickly it will be of little use to give at all.

Resolution

The letter read above will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Under the rules framed under the Agriculturists' Loans Act (XII of 1884), small loans repayable within three years may be granted to owners and occupiers of arable land to enable them and their dependents to subsist until the ripening of the next harvest.

The collector of Bellary proposes to advance loans of about Rs. 20 to about 5,000 distressed pattadars who are either now on relief works or likely to come upon them. The Famine Commissioner supports the proposal and believes it possible to restrict the loans to deserving cases. The Board

approves.

vide Rule 1
of the B. Rules
printed at P. 184
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the B. S. O.

apprehends that there may be —
difficulty in recovering the loans
in some cases, but thinks that the
loss on the whole is not likely to be
large. The rule has never yet been
made use of, and the experiment
now recommended by the collector
would not be without interest. —

The Board accordingly recommends
that the collector be permitted to
advance a sum not exceeding
one lakh in the manner he —
proposes.

(True copy and extract)

N. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Copy to the collector of Bellary.

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