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re. the preparation and submission of
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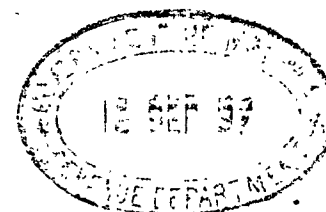
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SUBJECT.

Preparation and submission of Final Provincial Reports on the prevailing distress.

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FROM

T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I.C.S.,
Depy. Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Famine.

Simla, the 3rd September 1897.

SIR,

IN continuation of my Circular No. 29—210-1, dated 23rd August 1897, I am directed to say that, although the Government of India do not propose to prescribe any particular form or arrangement of subjects for the Provincial famine reports, they think that the headings laid down in the Bombay Famine Code for the guidance of the officer deputed to compile the historical account of a famine which are appended to this letter may be brought with advantage to the notice of other Local Governments.

2. In the body of the report or in tables accompanying it should be shown the numbers of persons on relief in each district in each month or each fortnight from the commencement to the end of the famine, classified according as they were relieved on works, as dependants of workers, in poorhouses or kitchens, or in their homes. The ratios of persons so relieved to the total population of each district or affected portion of each district should also be given; and also the respective numbers of men, women and children receiving relief. The imports and exports of food-grains, the course of prices, the rainfall, and the mortality of the people, should also be statistically exhibited.

3. The Government of India will not at present fix any date for the submission of the provincial reports. In provinces in which it may be found possible to close relief operations within the next month or six weeks there will, it is thought, be no difficulty in preparing the final report by the end of the present calendar year. In other provinces less happily situated the preparation of the report must necessarily stand over until scarcity has disappeared.

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its provisions have been found defective or imperfect. On the present occasion the Government of India consider it will be more convenient if such recommendations are separately submitted, as the experience gained during the present year may suggest extensive and important revisions of the existing Codes. In a separate communication the Government of India propose to invite the attention of Local Governments to this question.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. M. L. M. M.

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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The Hon. Secy. of State
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The Govt. of India will for the historical part of the report by the end of the year. On other papers, I proposed that Mr. de Form should be instructed to undertake this report, and that he should hold conferences with the Collector (for the work districts at Wodah, and for the Dacca Districts at Ballouy), for the purpose of completing information and of obtaining suggestions for future guidance. I now repeat this proposal. If this programme is adopted, it will be necessary to obtain sanction from the Govt. of India for continuing Mr. de Form and Mr. Buckley's services until the end of the year.

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to the Fam. Comm. in P. M. D. 6/3
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W. J. G. S.

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Final Provincial Reports.

Letter from the Government of India regarding the preparation and submission of — on the prevailing distress, communicated to the Famine Commissioner for information and guidance.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India (Department of Revenue and Agriculture—Famine), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 3rd September 1897, No. 30—210—2-F. :—

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Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Famine Commissioner in continuation of G.O., No. 772, dated 9th September 1897, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
 „ the Public Works Department.

Ar. Shaik Karim

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