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Dated 4th May 1898

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 Rev. Secy: L. R. & Agric.,
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SUBJECT.

Famine expenditure.

Issuing instructions regarding
 the preparation of monthly
 estimates and cost of
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 sanction of Government for
 the establishment of additional
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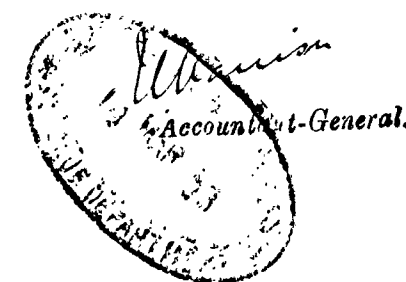
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Fort St. George,

17 March 1898.



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Statement of Proposition for Provision of Establishment.

Order Sanctioning present establishment. Government of		Office to which the proposition refers.	NATURE OF CHARGE.										PROPOSITION.										Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.		
			Present scale.					Proposed scale.					Permanent		Temporary.				Home Department	Financial Department.							
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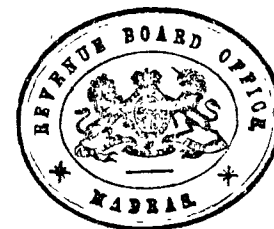
Board of Revenue
10th March 1898.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
through the Accountant-General, with reference to G.O., No. 1695,
dated the 23rd September 1878, Financial Department.

If Local Government is competent to sanction, its order will be written across these four columns.

Signature
(Officer's Designation) Famine Secretary

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 10th March 1898.

No. 114 Passo.

READ Again Board's Proceedings no. 403,
dated 20th January 1898.

Read also Proceedings of Government,
Financial Department, no. 33, dated
15th January 1898.

Resolution

With reference to the remarks in
para 1 of the G.B. read above, that
the scope of G.B. no. 133 Financial
dated 8th February 1897 has been
misunderstood and that the
Famine Commissioner did not
sufficiently recognise his position
as a controlling authority in
matters relating to famine finance,
the Board begs respectfully to
point

point out that, in the G.O. quoted above, the Government laid it down as a fundamental principle of the relief scheme of the Code that "the Collector is the officer to whom Government looks for the initiation and control of all famine operations and it is not expedient that his action at any point should be controlled by any authority other than Government." When the Board enquired whether this dictum was intended to supersede the powers and discretion conferred on the Member of the Board in charge of this department by Section 23 of the Famine Code, it was declared in G.O. No: 1212, Revenue, dated 4th March 1897, that the intention of Government was only "to place the Collector under the orders of Government in the matter of obtaining

Para 2 of
to 133 Fin
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obtaining financial grants". The Famine Commissioner had thus no place assigned to him in the control of famine finance and he did not therefore think it necessary to make any arrangements for controlling the action of the Collectors in matters relating to finance. Communications from Collectors on financial matters were ordered to ~~be~~ be sent through him, and these he submitted to Government with such comments as were deemed necessary.

2. The necessary registers have been opened in the Board's office with reference to para 2 of the G.O. and instructions are being issued to Collectors for the submission of fuller particulars regarding nos: on relief and amounts spent each month so as to enable the Board to exercise proper control over the expenditure.

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10.3.98

3. With reference to para 3 of the G.C. monthly estimates have already been called for from the Collectors in the Board's Proceedings first read above; but the Board doubts whether it will be possible to submit the consolidated estimate to Government so as to reach the Financial Department through the ~~Financial~~ Revenue Department by the 10th of each month as it appears that the Accountant-General and the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will not be able to forward statements of actual expenditure before the 10th.

4. For checking the accounts received from the Collectors, compiling the estimates to be submitted to Government and maintaining the necessary registers of grants and expenditure, as also to assist in the prompt disposal
further of

of correspondence relating to finance, the establishment of the Board's office which is hardly able to cope with its present work will have to be temporarily strengthened, and the Board requests that immediate sanction may be accorded for the establishment of two Accountants, one on Rs 50 and the other on Rs 30. A proposition statement is herewith submitted.

(True Extract)

James

James Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Dept, through the Accountant-General.
With a proposition statement in duplicate.
The Collector of Malacca and Seccan Districts.
Copy to other Collectors.

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R. L. B. P. $\frac{114}{10.3.98}$ Lett (Cus 2200)

Note.

In G. Ous. $\frac{33}{15.1.98}$ Fin. the special attention of the Board of Revenue and the Collectors was drawn to the responsibility which exists upon them as controlling authorities in the matter of famine finance, and the Board of Rev. was instructed to submit monthly estimates of such expenditure and to maintain proper registers of sanctions, both of allotments and expenditure generally of and of works and establishments in detail. The Board of Rev. now reports that it has taken the necessary action in the matter, ~~but as it considers that the present office establishment will not be able to undertake the additional work involved, suggests the~~ ~~entertainment for a period of~~ ~~six months of two accountants,~~ ~~one on Rs 50 and one on Rs 30,~~

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for the purpose of "checking the accounts received from Collectors, Compiling the estimates to be submitted to Govt & maintaining the necessary registers of grant and expenditure, as also to assist in the prompt disposal of correspondence relating to famine finance." The proposal may, it is submitted, be approved and the proposition statement transferred to the Fin. Dept. for sanction.

2. In para 3 of the Fin. Order, ~~it is stated~~ ^{it is stated} that the Consolidated monthly estimate of famine expenditure should reach the Fin. Dept. by the 10th of each month; but the Board doubts whether this will be possible, as it appears that the A-C and the Examiners, P.W. Accounts, will not be able to forward statements of actual expenditure before the 10th. To ensure the transmission of the estimate to the Fin. Dept. on the date prescribed, the Board of Revenue has been instructed to submit the estimate so as to

For the present I do not see that any measure of ret. is necessary. There will be as few returns for 1897 as they will give as much work as has been given by the results of the inquiry reports.

23

in No. 1537 Rev. 15.3.97

Yes: we can wait
See has things
work out

S/P

See what the Fin. Dept. say
to this

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in No. 110 Rev. C
15.2.97

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I agree.

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reach the Revenue Dept. not later than the 9th of each month. It would be well if the date ~~on which the~~ on which the Fin. Dept. should get the estimate can be changed to the 15th, but perhaps no special action need be taken, ~~as the~~ the Board of Revenue being allowed to submit the return on as early a date as practicable after the 9th of the month.

3. With reference to the remarks in para 1 of the B.P., in which ~~it is stated~~ it is stated that under the orders in para. C. O. No. 133/8297 Fin. the Famine Commission had no place in the control of famine finance, it is submitted that it was also the opinion of this Dept. that the effect of the orders in question was to transfer the control in the hands of the Collectors and the Fin. Dept. The orders issued in No. 33/15.1.97 Fin. have set matter right and there is therefore no need to take any notice of the Board's view.

29.5.97

It is doubtful whether
any add. establishment
should be sanctioned
at present. If matters
don't get worse the
accounts for relief
alone would be very
terrible.

The date ^{of submitting monthly estimates} may
be allowed to 15th of
each month if trial
measures.

ME
7/14/98

But I don't think any
extra establishment is
presently needed
S. R. 27/14/98

With Fr. Dpt. please see the
text of the note marked A &
his note thereon
S. R. 27/14/98
In Dpt. no.

8.29.10.98

Financial Department.

NOTE In the Chief Secy

A.M. ✓

Additional establishment for
the Boards' office.

It won't want extra
establt. for this.
MB

MB

This must be a fine
quâ non. We cannot
risk a repetition of the
confusion of last year.
MB

It is thought that it would be
better to face the extra expense and to
sanction an extra temporary establish-
ment in the Board's Office (if such an
addition is necessary) than to postpone
to the 15th of each month the date upon
which the monthly famine estimates should
reach the Financial Dept. The Board makes
a point of the Acct.-Genl. and the Exa-
miner not furnishing past actuals until
the 10th of the month, but if the Board
has the remainder of the estimates tabu-
lated before that date ~~in~~ in print, the
consolidation should not take long. It
would be better ~~even~~ to sanction an
extra clerk in the office of the Acct.-
Genl. and ^{another in} the Examiner's than that there
should be delay ~~in the matter~~ and
consequent financial confusion. It
would save much time in the end if the
Board submitted the estimates in print
and the Supt., Govt. Press, might be in-
structed to treat the papers as specially
urgent. If famine expenditure is likely
to continue for any length of time, and
on that point Rev. is better informed
than Financial, it will be absolutely
necessary for Govt. to be in possession
of figures of expenditure as early as
possible. A little extra expenditure now
may save Govt. being put on its defence
hereafter.

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It is to be noted that the famine estimate due with the Financial Dept. on the 10th of this month has not yet (28th instant) reached it. This fact alone shows, it is thought, that matters require looking into.

Cms.
28/4/98

The A.G. & the Exam. may be asked if they cannot furnish actuals before the 10th - the reason being given.

As the Hon. Mr. Sore says the changes effected by adoption of Mr. Muziris' recommendations should have relieved clerks &c. of work, so that no addl staff should be needed. If needed, it ought to be employed. We must get the figures in promptly.

At 28.4.98

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29/4/98

To.
Rev. Dept.
A.O.

Cms.
29.4.98

At 29.4.98

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B.P. 114 Setts (Cus. 2200).
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Order (Press) No. 252 of 4th May 1898.

Vellore is the only district in which expenditure on famine relief is being incurred, and the Govt. does not think that any increase of establishment in the Board's office is necessary at present, especially in view of the saving effected in clerical work by the adoption of ^{recent} ~~the~~ ~~Board's~~ recommendations relating to the curtailment of work.

2. The Accountant-General, and the Examiners, P.W. Accounts will be asked in the Finl Dept and the P.W. D. respectively whether they cannot furnish the Board of Revenue with the returns of actuals before the 10th of each month. The Board should ^{tabulate upon} ~~have~~ ~~the~~ the estimates from Collectors ^{tabulated in print immediately} ~~then~~ ^{from May} on receipts and should endeavor

to submit its consolidated
return as soon ^{thereafter} after the
receipt of ^{the} ~~the~~ returns as possible.
The Supt. Govt. Press, will
be requested to treat these
returns ~~papers~~ as specially urgent.

8/4/58

To the B^d of Res (Rev. Secy) ^{8/5/98}
" Jmil Deptt.
" P. W. D. ^{9/5/98}
" Supt. Govt. Press. ^{9/5/98}

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G.O., No. 252, 4th May 1898.

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Considering that, as Nellore is the only district in which expenditure on famine relief is being incurred, any — in the Board's office is unnecessary at present, especially in view of the saving effected in clerical work by the adoption of recent recommendations relating to the curtailment of work, and issuing certain instructions for the speedy submission of the consolidated monthly return of famine expenditure.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 114, dated 10th March 1898:—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 403, dated 20th January 1898:—

Resolution—Mis. No. 403, dated 20th January 1898.

The Collectors of affected districts in which famine expenditure is being incurred, or is likely to be incurred, are requested to wire to the Board before the 5th of each month their probable requirements for the month as also for the remainder of the year.

- A. Salaries and establishments.
- B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers.
- C. Relief of weavers.
- D. Gratuitous relief.
- E. Miscellaneous.
- F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department.

These estimates should be given for each minor head of expenditure noted in the margin. The numbers likely to come on each kind of relief should also be wired. The accounts of famine expenditure should be maintained in the detail given in the appendix, and a copy of them should be submitted to the Board within

seven days of the close of each month. In order that there may be no delay in the submission of these accounts, the Collectors should arrange to obtain weekly statements of actual expenditure under each sub-head and keep them posted in a register opened for the purpose, showing all the sub-heads given in the appendix.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore.
" " of Cuddapah.
" " of Kurnool.
" " of Bellary.
" " of Anantapur.

APPENDIX.

Form of Register of Expenditure.

Read—also the following G.O., No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898:—

Read—G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, passing orders in regard to the obtaining and provision of funds for famine-relief purposes and laying down the method in which the expenditure already incurred should be dealt with.

Order—No. 33, Financial, dated 15th January 1898.

In paragraph 10 of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, it was decided that all questions relating to famine finance should be dealt with in the Financial Department. The procedure in regard to famine expenditure that prevailed during 1897 indicates that there has been serious misapprehension as to the scope of this order, and that the Famine Commissioner and Collectors have not sufficiently recognized their positions as controlling authorities. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires, therefore, to impress on all Collectors that they are primarily responsible as controlling authorities for famine expenditure, and that they must not, except under circumstances of very great urgency, work without grants. The Board of Revenue is responsible for ensuring that grants are obtained by Collectors in sufficient time and that these are properly spent and accounted for. The Financial Department will continue to pass final orders on applications for grants received through the Revenue Department. In cases of urgency where time is of importance, Collectors may telegraph direct to the Financial Department, but such telegrams should invariably be supplemented by immediate applications in proper form through the Board of Revenue.

2. The Revenue Department and the Board of Revenue should maintain proper registers of sanctions, both of allotments and expenditure generally and of works and establishments in detail.

3. The Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts now submit to Government the actual expenditure of each month early in the succeeding month. These officers will be requested to furnish the Board of Revenue at the same time with a duplicate copy of the statements, and the Board will arrange to receive by the 5th of each month telegraphic intimation from Collectors of all affected districts of their probable requirements under each minor head for the current month and the remainder of the official year. These estimates and actuals should be tabulated in the recognized budget forms in the Board's office and should be submitted, after revision if necessary, to the Revenue Department for transmission to the Financial Department with its remarks. The consolidated estimate should reach the Financial Department by the 10th of the month. By this means the Government will be placed in possession of a revised estimate of famine expenditure each month. The Revenue Department will be requested to issue such instructions as may be considered necessary to make these estimates complete, as to the exhibition of numbers on relief and likely to come on relief.

4. The cause of the fluctuating nature of the accounts and estimates furnished by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will doubtless be brought to light by the enquiries which have recently been initiated as to the course of Public Works expenditure on famine in 1897, but it is essential that the Revenue and Public Works Departments should look into this matter carefully in view of ascertaining whether further detailed instructions are necessary.

5. The Accountant-General will be requested to draw up a definite set of rules for the regulation of famine finance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
" Accountant-General.
" Collectors of all districts.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statement, through the Accountant-General.
" Collectors of Nellore and Deccan districts.
Copy to other Collectors.

ORDER—No. 252, Revenue, dated 4th May 1898.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture),
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" Superintendent, Government Press.

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