Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 37

Dated 18th Jan.y 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Conveying with remarks to the Board of Revenue. G. O. thereon distributing, in supersession of all previous orders, the estimates of famine expenditure for 1897-98 in the Civil and P. W. Depts.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

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Submitted (18/1/98)
M.S. 11.1.98.

From The Fin. Deptt.

I do not remember any paper where the collector says that he wants Rs 50000 for December & succeeding months, enquire with the F.D.
M.S.
12-1-98

Order

No. 1090

Dated 30. 12. 97
Received 31-12-97
Registered 31-12-97
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It has been ascertained that the telegram from the Collector of Kurnool recd in the F D is not just now available. The estimate of Rs 50000 given by the Collector is apparently for the relief measures anticipated by him in February and does not refer exclusively to public works. The F D has twice been requested on a report from the Collector to include this sum in the revised estimate of this year.

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16-1-98

SUBJECT.

Redistributing allotments under famine expenditure.

The information necessary for a satisfactory disposal of the paper was not readily available, and as the matter was not urgent I retained the paper till this information was obtained.

RS
20-1-98

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Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 5595-C, dated 20th December 1897.

Letter from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, No. 1088 A/B, dated 17th December 1897.

In continuation of my letter No. 3649 B/B dated 20th November 1897 and in supersession of the corrections advised by me in my No. 982 A/B dated 25th November 1897, I have the honour to submit herewith another statement showing the estimated famine expenditure in the Madras Presidency during the official year 1897-98 and to state that the present estimate may be taken as fairly accurate and final.

2. It will be seen from this statement that the estimates as they now stand are less than those submitted previously by about 5½ lakhs, the decrease are being due to the following credits aggregating approximately to that sum

Rs. 3,13,457 Credit for surplus funds of Civil officers paid back into the armies, appearing in the Exchange Account

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Madras, for October 1897, received in this office on the 11th Instant. (not previously intimated)

Rs. 1,06,439. Credit for surplus funds of Civil officers similarly paid back into treasuries, advised for adjustment in the Exchange accounts of the Accountant-General, Madras, for November 1897 in letter No. I. A. C. B./305 A dated 9th December 1897 received in this office on 10th December 1897.

Rs. 68,501. Credit for do do, which appeared in the Exchange accounts for August 1897, received in this office on 11th October 1897, but not taken into account, as details were not given to show whether this item appertained to Expenditure on Famine Relief Work.

Rs. 80,000 Further refunds estimated to be due but not yet paid back into treasuries on account of an order of the Accountant-General, Madras, to treasury officers [illegible] these refunds.

Copy forwarded to the Financial Department in continuation of endorsements Nos. 5097 C, dated 29th November and 5316 C, dated 8th December 1897.

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information as yet beyond the fact [illegible]

Statement showing the divisions the total actual Expenditure already incurred and the probable further Expenditure to be incurred during 1897–98 on 33 Famine Relief Works.

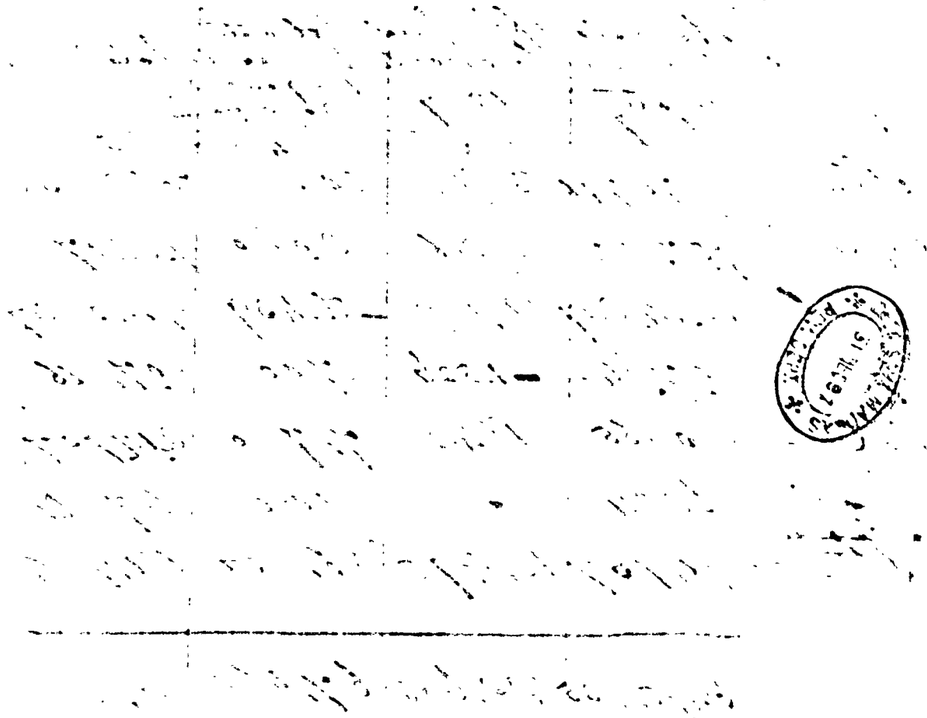
Provincial in charge of P. W. D.

Divisions	Actuals to end of October 1897	Approximate for November 1897	Estimates for December 1897 and to end of operations	Total	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
Bellary	29,76,744	32142	50,000	30,58,883	
Cuddapah	9,57,357	22,816	8,000	9,88,173	
Kurnool	19,44,847	54,139	56,439	19,42,547	
Ganjam	307,642	1,526	1700	307,816	
Vizagapatam	210,565	1,642	7,700	219907	
Godavari	68,24	"	100	69,24	
P. W. Stores Eastern	91,959	13,475	56,500	161,934	
Total	6495,935	122,688	67,561	66,86,84	

Note (1) The figures in column 2 represent audited amount to end of October 1897. They include the sum of Rs 4,80,000 adjusted to debit of Famine Relief Expenditure, Kurnool Division, adjusted under advice from the Accountant-General Madras, as Expenditure in the ~~Civil~~ Civil Department

Note (2) The figures in column 3 & 4 have been obtained from the Executive Engineers concerned by Special Telegrams and include Rs. 68,501 and Rs. 106,439 respectively in adjustment

the debits of 180,000 in the previous note
Note (3) The minus figure against Ganjam
in column 3 is due to transfer of outlay
incurred in the ball estimate for East
Coast Railway to that Railway.



Copy of letter from the Accountant General, No. 408 dated 31st December 1897.

With reference to letter No. 1088a/b dated the 17th December from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, I have the honour to make the following observations:—

It seems now to be the case that the expenditure on famine relief, Public Works Department, this year is likely to be less than the last estimate by the amount stated 5½ lakhs. I do not however admit that the Examiner, Public Works Accounts is not responsible for the over estimate which arose in the following manner.

From April to July a sum of Rs 777017 - 6 - 8 was drawn from my treasury at Kurnool without the use of cheques or letters of credit. It is the duty of the Public Works Department to provide funds for works under their control and it was I presume owing to some delay in that department that their disbursers were obliged to draw funds from me irregularly. At first when I told the Examiner that this was going on he refused to allow me to debit these drawals to him and I was obliged to debit them to civil for the time. I went up however to the Comptroller General who directed that the debits should be raised at once against the Public Works Department as I contended. In this way Rs 597017 - 6 - 8 were first debited to Civil and Rs. 180000 to Public Works Department. I accordingly intended to debit him with the first mentioned sum. I found however that his disbursing officers refunded about two lakhs of this sum so as to bring the expenditure on to the Engineer's books. They had no business to do this, but as they had done it and the money had been paid in I told the Examiner

[illegible] about 4 lakhs. In defiance of [illegible] [illegible] the Public Works Department continued to draw cheques to recoup this amount and of these cheques about [illegible] 315000 have been paid in. The result is that four lakhs were twice estimated.

3. Before I added this four lakhs to the Public Works estimates I enquired by telephone whether they had already been included and was told that they had not. The explanation now given is that the Public Works Department were not aware that their officers were drawing cheques to recoup this expenditure. My reply is that if they defend that course they should have known what was occurring. If they do not defend it, they still know it owing to my conversation with the Examiner in October and by their seeing the very heavy drafts made in the Kurnool District which were eight lakhs in excess of work done. Government will, I think, agree in my view when the copies of the telephonic messages that passed between my office and that of the Examiner are read. They are appended.

TRUE COPIES OF TELEPHONIC MESSAGES

From

The Accountant General, Madras

To

The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras

Dated 10-11-1897.

MESSAGE, Dated 10th November 1897.

There is still a balance of Rs. 430000 to be transferred to the debit of the Public Works Department on account of famine expenditure erroneously debited to the Civil Dept. in the Kurnool District please say whether you have included this amount in your last estimate sent to me. If not by how much has that estimate to be raised. Kindly reply at once as the information is urgently required.

REPLY, dated 10th November 1897.

From

The Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

To

The Accountant General

No. But debits on the account already advised by you amounting to Rs. 180000/and odd and Rs. 430000/ now stated requiring adjustment will necessitate probably an addition of about 6 lakhs to my estimate. I hope to send you a more definite forecast by the 20th instant when all applications for credit for next month and further information as to closing of Relief works etc. will be available.

FROM

The Accountant General, dated 13th November 1897.

MESSAGE -

Can you not telephone to me any further information relating to the definite forecast of famine expenditure which you promised to let me have on the 20th instant.

REPLY

From P.W.A.

No further information as yet beyond the [illegible]

[illegible] of October 1907 as per [illegible] by [illegible] -
[illegible] in favour concerned vouchers No. [illegible].

[illegible] P.W.D., dated 15th November 1907.

Sir,

With reference to your telephone of the 10th instant for which [illegible] be made on account of Famine Relief works will be provided by you to the extent of Rs. [illegible]/-, kindly let me know the details of the amount by divisions or districts.

From the Accts. Genl., dated 15th November 1907.

To

The Telephone of the 15th. The grant is [illegible] for the Chanda District. Details by divisions are not available. The grant is shown on account of each Taluq is as follows:-

Total of	58,75,-/-5
Mantgal	5,,8,0-0-6
Gadchiroli	1,03,,,5-12-1
Sirpur	8,6- -6
Rajura	95,,,6-12-6.

From the Accts. Genl., dated 15th November 1907.

To

The Executive Engineer, Chanda.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of 8th the total expenditure up to end of October 1907 was Rs. 6,33,000/- as given by the Executive Engineer. Does this include the provision of Rs. 5,50,000/- in Chanda in addition to Rs. 11,000/- already sanctioned.

From P.W.D., dated 15th November 1907

To

The Accts. Genl.

Sir,

The sum of Rs. 65,15,000/- given in my reports as the expenditure up to end October 1907, will have nothing to do with the distribution of Rs. 5,05,000/- noted in the margin. The amount does not include the expenditure of Rs. 1,11,000/- which is still not accounted for.

The sum of Rs. 65,15,000/- does not include the [illegible] expenditure by you. The grant of Rs. 1,11,000/- is [illegible] the official ---------- [illegible] Rs. 5,,,000/- which is still [illegible] of Rs. 5,,,000/- already sanctioned by you. [illegible]

From P.W.D., dated 16th November 1907.

To

The Accts. Genl.

Sir,

In your telephone of the 10th instant you refer to a transfer of Rs. 430,000/- out in all subsequent telegrams you refer to a transfer of Rs. 5,05,000/- only. Please let me know, therefore, definitely whether you have transferred other than Rs. 5,05,000/- and Rs. 1,11,000/- indicated for adjustment under 33 Famine Relief. The Audit is required to enable me to submit my final report so [illegible] month regarding grants required.

From the Accts. Genl. dated 16th November 1907.

Rs. 1,11,000/- has already been debited to your Exchange Accounts. So far as known there is only one item of Rs. 5,05,000/- which is pending transfer to the public Department. I am addressing you by telegram to the Executive Officer, Chanda, on this subject.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read again G.O.

No. 920/1 Financial dated 11th November 1897.

,, 982/3 ,, ,, 17th November 1897.

,, 987 ,, ,, 26th November 1897

,, 1006 ,, ,, 3rd December 1897.

Read also the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis No. 9437, dated 25th November 1897.

Endorsement thereon from the Revenue Department, No. 6205 dated 2nd December 1897.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement) No. [illegible] dated 2nd December 1897.

Order thereon G.O. [illegible] Revenue, dated 9th December 1897.

From the Accountant-General, No. [illegible] dated 10th December 1897.

From the same Officer, No. 10/[illegible] dated 11th December 1897.

From the [illegible], Public Works Accounts, No. 10[illegible] A/[illegible] dated 11th December 1897.

Telephonic message to the Accountant-General, dated 11th December 1897.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, dated 13th December 1897.

Telephonic message to the Accountant-General, dated 14th December 1897.

Telegram to the Collectors of [illegible], [illegible], Godavari, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], No. [illegible], dated 14th

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Telegram from the Collector of [illegible]ellary, dated 1[illegible] December 1897.

Telegram from the Collector of [illegible], dated 1[illegible] December 1897

Telegram from the Collector of [illegible], dated 1[illegible] December 1897.

Telegram from the Collector of Godavari, dated 15th December 1897

Telegram from the Collector of [illegible], dated 17th December 1897.

Telegram to the Collectors of [illegible] & Kurnool, No.[illegible], dated 1[illegible] December 1897.

Telegram from the Collector of [illegible], dated 16th December 1897.

Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 17th December 1897, No.577.

Proceedings of the [illegible] of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, No. [illegible], dated [illegible] December 1897.

G.O. No. [illegible] from Revenue Department, dated 15th December 1897.

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Telephonic message to the Accountant-General, dated 18th December 1897.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, dated 20th December 1897

Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, No.[illegible], dated 20th December 1897.

From the Public Works Department, No.[illegible], dated 20th December 1897.

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From the Accountant-General, No.[illegible], dated 21st December 1897.

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Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, No.[illegible], dated 2[illegible] December 1897.

T[illegible] Officer, dated [illegible] December 1897.

[illegible]

[illegible] to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1907.

[illegible] from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 27th December 1907.

[illegible] 1090 [illegible] 30th [illegible] 1907.

[illegible] Civil [illegible] to [illegible] Collectors [illegible] in December [illegible] official year [illegible] to 27.1[illegible]7 [illegible].

Anantapur	Rs 31,060
Bellary	1,520
Cuddapah	11,000
Ganjam	8,470
~~[illegible]~~ Kurnool	6,300
Vizagapatam	2,007
	60,357

[illegible] October [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] 1907 [illegible] 1907 [illegible] 50,000. [illegible] (72.27) [illegible] 1907. [illegible]

No 1090, Fin., dy 30th Decr 1897.

	33A. Salaries & Establishments						33B Relief works of Civil of			33D. Gratuitous relief						33 E. Miscellane					
	To the end of November	December	January	February	March	Total	To the end of November	December	January	February	November	December	January	February	March	Total	To the end of November	December	January	February	March	
Ganjam	32,423	1,900	1,000	100	100	35,523	21,174	"	"		4,276	100	750	"	"	4,65126	1,699	150	150	60	60	
Vizagapatam	13,556	510	1,170	86	76	15,398	17,860	"	"		213	"	100	"	"	1,26313	587	"	"	"	"	
Godavari	1,101	"	"	"	"	1,101	25	"	"		960	"	"	"	"	23,960	20	"	"	"	"	
Kurnool	36,937	1,500	2,000	500	300	41,237	20,411	"	"		854	"	"	"	"	2,88,854	1,295	"	"	"	"	4
Bellary	31,011	400	200	200	"	31,011	12,385	"	"		058	700	"	"	"	2,50,758	"	"	"	"	"	
Anantapur	23,000	265		775		24,060	18,425	"	"		69			2,000		1,14,969	191	"	"	"	"	19
Cuddapah	11,110	"	"	"		11,110	"	"	"		69	"	"	"	1000	1,13,869	1,782	"	"	"	"	1,7
Other districts	1,798	"	"	"		1,798	"	"	"		"	"	"	"	"	183	58	"	"	"	"	5
P. W. Stores																						
Total	1,50,936		11,102			1,52,022	90,280			10,000	2		22,650			13,84,032	5,572			420		6,012

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	3[illegible]	Total Civil Dept.						33F. Relief works in charge of P.W.D.			Grand Total Civil and P.W. Dept.			
	Total	To the end of November	December	January	February	March	Total	To the end of November	To end of operations	Total	To the end of November	To end of operations	Total	
Ganjam	2,119	7,54,497	2,175	1,925	185	185	7,58,967 & 4,000	3,06,116	1,700	3,07,[illegible]	10,60,613	6,170	10,66,7[illegible]3 & 4,000	per adjustment in the C. Dept.
Vizagapatam	587 / 549	2,31,825	525	1,320	86	76	2,33,832	2,12,207	7,700	2,19,907	4,41,032	9,707	4,53,739	
Godavari	20	25,066	"	"	"	"	25,066	[illegible]824	100	6,924	31,[illegible]	100	31,990	
Kurnool	295	5,62,423	1,500	4,000	500	300	5,68,723	19,[illegible]86	-50,[illegible]	19,42,547	25,61,409	-50,139	25,11,270	
Bellary		3,95,770	1,120	200	200	"	3,97,270							
Anantapur	1	1,74,0[illegible]5	265			3[illegible]75	2,05,145	30,0[illegible]3	50000	[illegible]3	35,7[illegible],738	[illegible]2,580	36,61,318	
Cuddapah	82	5,[illegible]675	"	"	"	11000	5,17,675	9,80,173	[illegible]000	[illegible],173	14,[illegible]	19,000	1507,[illegible]	
Other districts	8	2,[illegible]37	"	"	"	"	2,037	"	"	"	2,039	"	2,039	
P.W. Stores								1,05,434	56,500	1,61,934	105,434	56,500	1,61,934	
Total	1	26,[illegible]		5[illegible],357			27,[illegible],737 & 4,000	66,18,623	67,561	66,86,184	92,73,003	123,91[illegible]	[illegible] & 4,000	do

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G.O., No. 1090, 30th December 1897.

DECEMBER.

Famine Expenditure.

Distributing, in supersession of all previous orders, the estimates of — for 1897–98 in the Civil and Public Works Departments.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 920, Financial, dated 11th November 1897.

Abstract.—Passing orders on the revised estimate of famine expenditure for 1897-98 and forwarding the estimate to the Government of India, with remarks, and an explanation as to the increase in the rate of expenditure per unit on famine relief in August and September as compared with that for the period April to July.

G.O., No. 952, Financial, dated 17th November 1897.

Abstract.—Stating that the total famine expenditure in this Presidency may be expected to reach a sum of 100 lakhs before the accounts are closed; and informing the Government of India of the estimate.

G.O., No. 987, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

Abstract.—Stating, with remarks, that the estimate of 100 lakhs under 33. Famine Relief adopted in G.O., No. 952, Financial, dated 17th November 1897, will be distributed between the Civil and the Public Works Departments in the proportion of 27 and 73 lakhs.

G.O., No. 1006, Financial, dated 3rd December 1897.

Abstract.—Recording, with remarks, certain papers connected with the revised estimate of approximate famine expenditure during 1897-98 submitted by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Read—also the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 9437, dated 23rd November 1897.

Endorsement thereon from the Revenue Department, No. 6203, dated 2nd December 1897.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 9664, dated 2nd December 1897.

Order thereon, Mis. No. 6345, Revenue, dated 9th December 1897.

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" up to the end of November 1897.

Districts.	Salaries and establishments.			Relief works in charge of Civil Officers.			Weavers' relief.		
	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Ganjám	28,723 9 6	3,599 13 8	32,423 7 2	21,174 0 3	..	21,174 0 3	2,37,483 9 0	*2,558 14 8*	2,34,924 10 4
Vizagapatam	12,509 5 6	1,046 15 5	13,556 4 10	17,781 9 2	78 11 4	17,860 4 6	73,578 12 11	30 0 0	73,608 12 11
Gódávari	339 1 6	761 7 5	1,100 8 11	24 12 10	..	24 12 10	..	..	..
Kistna	..	65 7 9	65 7 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	9,763 4 6	1,346 13 8	11,110 2 1	18,758 0 6	*353 4 4*	18,424 12 2	3,41,296 14 5	41,617 7 11	3,82,914 6 4
Anantapur	17,931 7 3	5,068 6 9	22,999 14 0	11,488 15 3	895 13 8	12,384 12 11	36,928 14 0	571 8 0	37,500 6 0
Bellary	28,103 7 7	2,907 4 1	31,010 11 8	21,111 1 5	*700 0 0*	20,411 1 5	1,10,547 14 4	*8,231 12 9*	1,02,316 1 7
Kurnool	28,540 0 4	8,397 2 3	36,937 2 7	..	..	..	2,13,187 11 6	1,738 9 9	2,14,926 5 3
North Arcot	..	47 4 0	47 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem	..	8 11 4	8 11 4	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canara	..	8 0 0	8 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar	48 0 0	412 2 8	460 2 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bangalore	216 10 8	..	216 10 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presidency	407 0 3	584 10 5	991 10 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,26,581 14 11	24,354 3 5	1,50,936 2 4	90,338 7 5	*58 11 4*	90,279 12 1	10,13,023 12 2	33,166 14 3	10,46,190 10 5

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" up to the end of November 1897— *cont.*

Districts.	Gratuitous relief.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Ganjám	4,54,193 8 5	10,082 3 5	4,64,275 11 10	1,518 6 10	180 10 0	1,699 0 10	7,43,093 2 0	11,403 12 5	7,54,496 14 5
Vizagapatam	1,23,426 11 4	2,786 7 4	1,26,213 2 8	592 2 5	5 8 4	586 10 1	2,27,888 9 3	3,936 9 9	2,31,825 3 0
Gódavari	25,850 5 8	*1,889 13 10*	23,960 7 10	*20 2 0*	..	*20 2 0*	26,194 2 0	*1,128 6 5*	25,065 11 7
Kistna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65 7 9	65 7 9
Cuddapah	1,12,546 1 8	323 1 6	1,12,869 3 2	1,781 12 0	..	1,781 12 0	4,65,388 0 6	43,287 7 1	5,08,675 7 7
Anantapur	97,509 10 4	*2,541 10 5*	94,967 15 11	191 11 5	..	191 11 5	1,71,319 11 6	2,765 0 0	1,74,084 11 6
Bellary	2,47,696 11 6	2,361 6 8	2,50,058 2 2	..	..	..	3,97,837 0 8	*2,067 4 4*	3,95,769 12 4
Kurnool	3,01,174 15 9	*12,321 7 1*	2,88,853 8 8	1,295 7 0	..	1,295 7 0	5,65,309 4 0	*2,885 11 1*	5,62,423 8 11
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47 4 0	47 4 0
Salem	..	..	..	57 8 0	..	57 8 0	57 8 0	..	57 8 0
South Canara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 11 4	8 11 4
Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 0 0	8 0 0
Bangalore	..	..	..	..	..	..	48 0 0	412 2 8	460 2 8
Presidency	..	..	..	..	..	..	216 10 8	..	216 10 8
	83 5 4	100 0 0	183 5 4	..	..	..	490 5 7	684 10 5	1,175 0 0
Total ..	13,62,481 6 0	*1,099 12 5*	13,61,381 9 7	5,416 13 8	175 1 8	5,591 15 4	25,97,842 6 2	56,537 11 7	26,54,380 1 9

Nors.—The figures in column "Up to the end of October 1897" represent audited expenditure, but those in column "In November 1897" represent unaudited expenditure.

No. 3—Famine Expenditure.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to Official Memorandum, No. 2059, Financial, dated 5th October 1897.

Fort St. George,
10*th December* 1897.

(Signed) F. C. HARRISON,
Offg. Accountant-General.

From the Accountant-General, No. 10-Famine, dated 11th December 1897.

Statement showing the Expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" in charge of Public Works Department during and up to end of November 1897.

Districts.	Civil Buildings.			Communications.			Miscellaneous Public Improvements.			Irrigation.		
	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	..	..	..	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Anantapur	..	..	..	6,30,962	11,603	6,42,565	..	..	..	61,051	1,407	62,458
2. Bellary	..	..	..	19,68,687	2,659	19,71,346	..	..	..	84,673	1,181	85,854
3. Cuddapah	..	..	..	6,65,960	16,686	6,82,646	..	..	..	2,29,999	886	2,30,885
4. Kurnool	..	..	..	17,95,714	1,12,048	19,07,762	..	..	..	66,518	..	66,518
5. Ganjam	..	..	..	1,58,967	920	1 59,887	34,772	117	34,889	44,145	674	44,819
6 Vizagapatam	..	..	..	1,69,805	42	1,69,847	4,662	..	4,662	20,371	608	20,979
7. Godávari (Eastern Division).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,824	..	6,824
8. Madras (Public Works Stores)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	53,90,095	1,43,958	55,34,053	39,434	117	39,551	5,13,581	4,756	5,18,337

Districts.	Construction of Railways.			Establishment.			Tools and Plant.			Total.		
	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Anantapur	..	..	..	32,046	2,832	34,878	34,851	884	35,735	7,58,910	16,726	7,75,636
2. Bellary	..	..	..	50,563	8,497	59,060	1,13,908	2,652	1,16,560	22,17,831	14,989	22,32,820
3. Cuddapah	..	..	..	41,282	4,007	45,289	20,116	1,666	21,782	9,57,357	23,245	9,80,602
4. Kurnool	..	..	..	61,220	6,822	68,042	21,395	2,691	24,086	19,44,847	1,21,561	(*a*) 20,66,408
5. Ganjam	48,169	23	48,192	15,025	1,898	16,923	6,564	101	6,665	3,07,642	3,733	3,11,375
6. Vizagapatam	..	..	..	10,127	1,180	11,307	5,600	115	5,715	2,10,565	1,945	2,12,510
7. Gódávari (Eastern Division).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,824	..	6,824
8. Madras (Public Works Stores)	..	..	..	..	..	..	91,959	12,961	1,04,920	91,959	12,961	1,04,920
Total ..	48,169	23	48,192	2,10,263	25,236	2,35,499	2,94,393	21,070	3,15,463	64,95,935	1,95,160	66,91,095

Nora.—The expenditure shown in this statement for November 1897 has been specially obtained by wire from the divisions and is therefore approximate.

No. 1064-A—B.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Financial Department, Madras, with reference to memorandum from that department, No. 2059, dated 5th October 1897.

(*a*) The Accountant-General, Madras, has just intimated to me that the amount of expenditure advised by him for adjustment in the Kurnool division should be reduced by Rs. 1,06,459.

Madras,
11*th December* 1897.

(Signed) E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 11th December 1897.

Reference.—Your No. 3, Famine expenditure, dated 10th December 1897. Please explain the *minus* entries in the statement.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated the 13th December 1897.

The *minus* entry in the statement represents advances drawn in previous months and refunded in November; the sale-proceeds of cloths taken in abatement of weavers' advances and the transfer of one item from the head "Relief works" to "Gratuitous relief." Details will be furnished if required.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 14th December 1897.

In a foot-note to statement of famine expenditure for November, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, states that you have intimated that the amount of expenditure advised by you for adjustment in the Kurnool division should be reduced by Rupees 1,06,439. Please say whether this should be deducted from the sum of Rs. 3,96,000 mentioned in your letter to the Examiner, No. 3649, dated 22nd November 1897, and whether the deduction proposed affects your statement of famine expenditure for November, No. 3, dated 10th December 1897.

Telegram to the Collectors of Ganjám, Vizagapatam, Gódávari, Kurnool, Anantapur, Cuddapah and Bellary, dated 14th December 1897.

872. Wire immediately details by minor heads of the amounts you require under "33. Famine Relief" in December and each of the remaining months of current year.

Telegram from the Collector of Bellary, dated 15th December 1897.
" " of Vizagapatam, dated 15th December 1897.
" " of Cuddapah " "
" " of Gódávari " "
" " of Anantapur " "
" to the Collectors of Ganjám and Kurnool, No. 875, dated 16th December 1897.
" from the Collector of Ganjám, dated 16th December 1897.
" to the Collector of Kurnool, No. 877, dated 17th December 1897.

G.O, Mis. No. 6437, Revenue, dated 15th December 1897.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.), Mis. No. 9732, dated 4th December 1897:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, No. 710, dated 15th November 1897, communicating to the Collectors of affected districts, with remarks, Government Order, Financial Department, submitting to the Government of India, with remarks, a comparative statement of certain expenditure on famine relief, &c.

Read—also G.O., No. 952, Financial, dated 17th November 1897.

Read—also telegrams from the Collectors of Cuddapah and Ganjám, dated 17th November 1897, Gódávari, Kurnool, Vizagapatam and Anantapur, dated 18th November 1897, Cuddapah and the Executive Engineer, Bellary, dated 20th November 1897, and Bellary, dated 22nd November 1897.

Read—also endorsement from the Collector of Bellary, Dis. No. 7482, dated 27th November 1897, forwarding letter from the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to the Collector, No. 9576-B, dated 24th November 1897, accounting for the increase in expenditure in September 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 9732, dated 4th December 1897.

The actual expenditure up to date on relief works in charge of Public Works officers as now reported by the Collectors amounts to Rs. 66,10,956. It is also reported that a sum of Rs. 2,13,336 still remains to be accounted for.

It appears, however, on inquiry in the office of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts that the expenditure booked in that office up to the end of October amounts to Rs. 65,01,302 and that the expenditure remaining to be booked is estimated to be Rs. 7,25,548, making a total famine expenditure in the Public Works Department of Rs. 72,26,850. The civil expenditure up to the end of October is, according to the latest accounts received from the Accountant-General's office, Rs. 25,97,842 and it is not expected that the subsequent expenditure will exceed one lakh. The total famine expenditure is not, therefore, the Famine Commissioner considers, likely to exceed the estimate of 100 lakhs sanctioned in G.O., No. 987, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 6437, Revenue, dated 15th December 1897.

Recorded.

2. It is presumed that the Board will submit a further report when the complete figures of the expenditure in the Public Works Department shall have been ascertained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" Financial Department.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 18th December 1897.

Can you send to-day a reply to my telephonic message of the 14th instant regarding the foot-note to the Examiner's statement of famine expenditure for November about the amount for adjustment in the Kurnool division.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th December 1897.

The question of adjustment of the amounts in Kurnool division has not been settled yet.

Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, No. 879, dated 20th December 1897.

Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 5595 C., dated 20th December 1897.

Read—the following letter from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, No. 1088-A—B, dated 17th December 1897:—

In continuation of my letter, No. 3649-B—B., dated 20th November 1897, and in supersession of the corrections advised by me in my No. 982-A—B., dated 25th November 1897, I have the honour to submit, herewith, another statement showing

the estimated famine expenditure in the Madras Presidency during the official year 1897–98, and to state that the present estimate may be taken as fairly accurate and final.

2. It will be seen from this statement that the estimates, as they now stand, are less than those submitted previously by about 5½ lakhs, the decrease being due to the following credits aggregating approximately to that sum :—

	Rs.
Credit for surplus funds of civil officers paid back into treasuries, appearing in the exchange accounts of the Accountant-General, Madras, for October 1897, received in this office on the 11th instant (not previously intimated)	3,13,457
Credit for surplus funds of civil officers similarly paid back into treasuries, advised for adjustment in the exchange accounts of the Accountant-General, Madras, for November 1897 in letter, No. I.A.C.B—305 A., dated 9th December 1897, received in this office on 10th December 1897	1,06,439
Credit for surplus funds of civil officers similarly paid back into treasuries, which appeared in the exchange accounts for August 1897, received in this office on 11th October 1897, but not taken into account, as details were not given to show whether this item appertained to expenditure on famine-relief work ..	68,501
Further refunds estimated to be due but not yet paid back into treasuries on account of an order of the Accountant General, Madras, to Treasury officers not to receive these refunds ..	80,000

Enclosure.

Statement showing the divisions, the total actual expenditure already incurred and the probable further expenditure to be incurred during 1897–98 on 33. Famine-relief Works—Provincial in charge of Public Works Department.

Divisions.	Actuals to end of October 1897.	Approximate for November 1897.	Estimates for December 1897 and to end of operations.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bellary	29,76,741	32,142	50,000	30,58,883
Cuddapah	9,67,357	22,816	8,000	9,88,173
Kurnool	19,44,847	54,139	—56,439	19,42,547
Ganjám	3,07,642	—1,526	1,700	3,07,816
Vizagapatam	2,10,565	1,642	7,700	2,19,907
Gódávari, Eastern	6,824	..	100	6,924
Public Works Stores	*91,959	13,475	56,500	1,61,934
Total ..	64,95,935	1,22,688	67,561	66,86,184

Note.—(1) The figures in column 2 represent audited amount to end of October 1897. They include the sum of Rs. 1,80,000 adjusted to debit of famine-relief expenditure, Kurnool division, adjusted under advice from the Accountant-General, Madras, as expenditure in the Civil department.

Note.— (2) The figures in columns 3 and 4 have been obtained from the Executive Engineers concerned by special telegrams and include Rs. 68,501 and Rs. 1,06,439, respectively, in adjustment of the debits of Rs 1,80,000 in the previous note.

Note.—(3) The *minus* figure against Ganjám in column 3 is due to transfer of outlay incurred in the ballasting for East Coast Railway to that railway.

(Signed) E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Examiner, P.W. Accounts, Madras.

Memorandum No. 5595-C., dated 20th December 1897.

Copy forwarded to the Financial Department, in continuation of endorsements, Nos. 5097-C., dated 29th November, and 5316-C., dated 8th December 1897.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st December 1897, No. 4053.

With reference to letter No. 1088-A/B., dated the 17th December, from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, I have the honour to make the following observations :—

It seems now to be the case that the expenditure on famine relief, Public Works Department, this year is likely to be less than the last estimate by the amount stated, 5½ lakhs. I do not, however, admit that the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is not responsible for the overestimate which arose in the following manner :—

From April to July a sum of Rs. 7,77,017–6–8 was drawn from my treasury at Kurnool without the use of cheques or letters of credit. It is the duty of the Public Works Department to provide funds for works under their control and it was, I presume, owing to some delay in that department that their disburses were obliged to draw funds from me irregularly. At first when I told the Examiner that this was going on, he refused to allow me to debit these drawals to him and I was obliged to debit them to civil for the time. I went up, however, to the Comptroller-General who directed that the debits should be raised at once against the Public Works Department as I contended. In this way Rs. 5,97,017–6–8 were first debited to Civil and Rs. 1,80,000 to Public Works Department. I accordingly intended to debit him with the first mentioned sum. I found, however, that his disbursing officers refunded about 2 lakhs of this sum so as to bring the expenditure on to the Engineer's books. They had no business to do this, but as they had done it and the money had been paid in, I told the Examiner verbally in October. I would stop their doing so and would debit him through the exchange account with the difference, namely, about 4 lakhs. In defiance or through misunderstanding my instructions the Public Works Department continued to draw cheques to recoup this amount and of these cheques about Rs. 3,13,000 have been paid in. The result is that 4 lakhs were twice estimated.

2. Before I added this 4 lakhs to the Public Works estimates, I enquired by telephone whether they had already been included and was told that they had not. The explanation now given is that the Public Works Department were not aware that their officers were drawing cheques to recoup this expenditure. My reply is that if they defend that course they should have known what was occurring. If they do not defend it, they still knew it owing to my conversation with the Examiner in October and by their seeing the very heavy drafts made in the Kurnool district which were 8 lakhs in excess of work done. Government will, I think, agree in my view when the copies of the telephonic messages that passed between my office and that of the Examiner are read. They are appended.

Enclosure.

True copies of Telephonic Messages.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 10th November 1897.

There is still a balance of Rs. 4,20,000 to be transferred to the debit of the Public Works Department on account of famine expenditure erroneously debited to the Civil department in the Kurnool district, please say whether you have included this amount in your last estimate sent to me. If not by how much has that estimate to be raised. Kindly reply at once as the information is urgently required.

Reply from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Accountant-General, dated 10th November 1897.

No. But debits on the account already advised by you amounting to Rs. 1,80,000 and odd and Rs. 4,20,000 now stated as requiring adjustment will necessitate probably an addition of about 6 lakhs to my estimate. I hope to send you a more definite forecast by the 20th instant when all applications for credit for next month and further information as to closing of relief works, &c., will be available.

From the Accountant-General, dated 13th November 1897.

Can you not telephone to me any further information relating to the definite forecast of famine expenditure which you promised to let me have on the 20th instant?

Reply from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

No further information as yet beyond the fact that the outlay to end of October 1897 as wired to me by the Executive Engineers concerned amounts to Rupees 63,23,404.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 13th November 1897.

Your telephone of the 10th instant. You stated that adjustments yet to be made on account of famine-relief works will be advised by you to the extent of Rs. 4,20,000. Can you furnish me with the details of the amount by divisions or districts?

Reply to the above, dated 15th November 1897.

Your telephone of the 13th. The whole amount appertains to the Kurnool district. Details by divisions are not available. The amount drawn on account of each taluk is as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Ramallakot	58,973	2	5
Nandyal	53,890	9	5
Koilkuntla	1,86,045	12	2
Sirvel	555	9	6
Pattikonda	96,695	12	3

From the Accountant-General, dated 15th November 1897.

You telephoned on Saturday that the total expenditure up to end of October 1897 was Rs. 63,23,000 as wired by the Executive Engineers. Does this include the transfer of Rs. 3,96,000 in Kurnool in addition to Rs. 1,12,000 already transferred?

Reply from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 15th November 1897.

The sum of Rs. 63,23,000 given by me represents the expenditure up to end of October 1897 and has nothing to do with the surrender of Rs. 3,96,000 referred to by you. The former amount does not include the adjustment of Rs. 1,12,000 which is still under correspondence.

The sum of Rs. 63,23,000 does not include any transfers advised by you. The transfer of Rs. 1,12,000 is under correspondence. I have had no official communication from you as yet regarding the transfer of Rs. 3,96,000 and it could not therefore have been included in the expenditure advised.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 16th November 1897.

In your telephone of the 10th instant you referred to a transfer of Rs. 4,20,000. But in all subsequent telephone messages you refer to a transfer of Rs. 3,96,000 only. Please let me know, therefore, definitely whether you have any transfers other than those of Rs. 3,96,000 and Rs. 1,12,000 to communicate for adjustment under 33. Famine Relief. The information is required to enable me to submit my final report to Government regarding grants required.

From the Accountant-General, dated 16th November 1897.

Rs. 1,12,000 has already been debited to you in my exchange accounts. So far as known there is only one item of Rs. 3,96,000 which is pending transfer to the Public Works Department. I am awaiting a reply to a telegram to the Treasury Officer, Kurnool, on the subject.

Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, No. 883, dated 22nd December 1897.

„ from the „ dated 25th December 1897.

Telephonic message to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1897.

Telephonic message from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1897.

Order—No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897.

The expenditure under 33. Famine Relief in the Civil department up to the end of November amounted to 26·544 lakhs. According to information received from Collectors, the outlay in December and the remaining months of the official year may be placed at ·603 lakh as shown in the margin, thus bringing the total estimate under Civil Officers up to 27·147 lakhs.

	Rs.
Anantapur	31,060
Bellary	1,520
Cuddapah	11,000
Ganjám	8,470
Gódávari	..
Kurnool	6,300
Vizagapatam	2,007
Total ..	60,357

2. The expenditure in the Public Works department up to the end of October amounted to 64·96 lakhs according to the statement furnished by the Examiner with his No. 1088 A/B, dated 17th December 1897. Adding to this, the sum of 1·23 lakhs shown by him as the approximate expenditure in November and ·67 lakh, the estimate of expenditure in the remaining months of the year, the total estimate for the current year amounts to 66·86 lakhs. It is observed that, whilst the Examiner estimates that as regards Public Works department expenditure in Kurnool during December and the remaining months of the year there will be refunds or transfers to the extent of ·56 lakh, the Collector would provide for an actual expenditure at Rs. 50,000. The Revenue and Public Works departments will be requested to enquire into this discrepancy. The present estimate submitted by the Examiner is 5·41 lakhs less than that (72·27) furnished with his letter printed on page 3 of G.O., No. 1006, Financial, dated 3rd December 1897. The reduction is stated to be due to refunds into the treasury of unspent balances of Civil officers amounting to nearly 4·88 lakhs and to further estimated refunds of ·80 lakh not yet paid back into treasuries owing to treasury officers refusing, at the instance of the Accountant-General, to receive them. The explanations of the Examiner as contained in his letter, No. 1088 A/B, dated 17th December 1897, are animadverted on by the Accountant-General in his No. 4053 of the 21st idem. The facts disclosed in these two communications will be brought to the notice of the Revenue and Public Works departments in view to the strictest enquiries being instituted as to the officer or officers responsible for this state of affairs.

3. In supersession of previous orders, the estimates of famine expenditure in the Civil and Public Works departments will be distributed as follows:—

	Lakhs.
Civil department	27 15
Public Works department	66·86
Total ..	94·01

These amounts will be redistributed as shown in the appendix to these proceedings.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

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

[Appendix.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

APPENDIX.

	33-A. Salaries and Establishment.							33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers.							33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works.							33-D. Gratuitous relief.						
	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.		To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.		To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.		To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	
	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17	18	19		20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Ganjám	32,423	1,900	1,000	100	100	35,523		21,174							2,34,925	25	25	25		2,35,025		4,64,275	100	750			4,66,126	
Vizagapatam	13,555	510	1,170	86	76	15,398		17,860							73,609	15	50			73,674		1,26,213	100	100			1,26,313	
Godávari	1,101					1,101		25														23,960					23,960	
Kurnool	36,937	1,500	2,000	500	300	41,237		20,411							2,14,926		2,000			2,16,926		2,88,554	700		20,000		2,88,854	
Bellary	31,011	400	200	200		31,811		12,385							1,02,316	20				1,02,336		2,50,068					2,50,768	
Anantapur	23,000	265		795		24,060		18,425				10,000	18,425		37,500		10,000			47,500		94,969			20,000	1,000	1,14,969	
Cuddapah	11,110					11,110		10,000					10,000		3,82,914					3,82,914		1,12,869				1,000	1,13,869	
Other districts	1,798					1,798																183					183	
Public Works Stores																											
Total	1,50,936		11,102			1,62,038		90,280		10,000			1,00,280		10,46,190		12,186			10,58,376		13,61,382		22,650			13,84,032	

	33-E. Miscellaneous.							33-F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department.							Grand Total—Civil and Public Works Departments.						
	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.		To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.		To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	
	26	27	28	29	30	31		38	39	37	35	36	40		41	42	43				
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
Ganjám	1,699	150	150	60	60	2,119		3,05,116	1,700	7,58,967	185	185	3,07,816		10,60,613	6,170	10,66,783				
Vizagapatam	687					587		2,12,207	7,700	2,33,832	76		2,19,907		4,44,022	9,707	4,53,729				
Godávari	20					20		6,824	100	25,066			6,924		31,550	100	31,650				
Kurnool	1,296					1,296		19,99,986	56,439	5,68,723	300		19,42,547		25,61,409	50,139	25,11,270				
Bellary								30,08,883	50,000	3,97,250			30,58,553		35,78,738	82,550	36,61,318				
Anantapur	191					191		2,05,145	8,600	80,795		11,000	9,80,173		14,58,648	19,000	15,07,848				
Cuddapah	1,752	63				1,782		5,19,675	66,500	11,000			1,61,934		1,65,434	56,500	1,61,934				
Other districts								2,039							2,039						
Public Works Stores								1,05,434													
Total	5,592		420			6,012		66,18,623	67,561	27,10,737 * 4,000	357		66,86,184		92,73,003	1,23,918	93,96,921 * 4,000				

* For adjustment in the Civil department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read C. No. 11133.

Wire G.O. (Press) No. 370, 18th Jan. 1898

Comm^d to the Bd. of Rev. (Salt)

2. The Collector of Kurnool should be called upon to explain the circumstances under which large sums required for works in charge of the P.W.D were drawn from the Treasury as if required for works in charge of civil officers. The explanation should set forth the on which the most the P.W.D. the dates on which applications were made to the Ex. Engineers for funds, and the dates on which money was drawn from the Treasury

3. It is presumed that the sum provision of Rs 50000 stated to be required by the Collector of Kurnool is for the relief measures reported

...s likely to be necessary
...in February and March;
...Board of Rev will ascertain
...d report whether this presumption
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I sent this paper immediately on my arrival in the office at 11
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the Secy immediately. who
...t back till three P.M.

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...to the Secretary. There was ...
not even a minute's delay on my
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to the Secy's room & that the Secy was not come
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Government {1898} of Madras.

REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 37, 18th January 1898.

JANUARY.

Famine Expenditure.

Communicating, with remarks, to the Board of Revenue (Settlement) Government Order, Financial, distributing, in supersession of all previous orders, the estimates of — for 1897-98 in the Civil and Public Works Departments.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following G.O., No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897:—

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 920, Financial, dated 11th November 1897.

Abstract.—Passing orders on the revised estimate of famine expenditure for 1897-98 and forwarding the estimate to the Government of India, with remarks, and an explanation as to the increase in the rate of expenditure per unit on famine relief in August and September as compared with that for the period April to July.

G.O., No. 952, Financial, dated 17th November 1897.

Abstract.—Stating that the total famine expenditure in this Presidency may be expected to reach a sum of 100 lakhs before the accounts are closed; and informing the Government of India of the estimate.

G.O., No. 987, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

Abstract.—Stating, with remarks, that the estimate of 100 lakhs under 33. Famine Relief adopted in G.O., No. 952, Financial, dated 17th November 1897, will be distributed between the Civil and the Public Works Departments in the proportion of 27 and 73 lakhs.

G.O., No. 1006, Financial, dated 3rd December 1897.

Abstract.—Recording, with remarks, certain papers connected with the revised estimate of approximate famine expenditure during 1897-98 submitted by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Read—also the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 9437, dated 23rd November 1897.

Endorsement thereon from the Revenue Department, No. 6203, dated 2nd December 1897.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 9664, dated 2nd December 1897.

Order thereon, Mis. No. 6345, Revenue, dated 9th December 1897.

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" up to the end of November 1897.

Districts.	Salaries and establishments.		Relief works in charge of Civil Officers.				Weavers' relief.			
	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of October 1897.		In November 1897.		Up to the end of October 1897.		Total to the end of November 1897.	
1	2	3	4		5		6		7	
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Ganjám	28,723 9 6	3,699 13 8	32,423 7 2		21,174 0 3		2,37,483 9 0		2,34,924 10 4	
Vizagapatam	12,509 5 5	1,046 15 6	13,556 4 10		17,781 9 2		73,573 12 11		73,608 12 11	
Gódávari	339 1 6	761 7 5	1,100 8 11		24 12 10		..		..	
Kistna	..	65 7 9	65 7 9		..		..		..	
Cuddapah	9,763 4 5	1,346 13 8	11,110 2 1		..		3,41,296 14 5		3,82,914 6 4	
Anantapur	17,931 7 3	5,068 6 9	22,999 14 0		18,753 0 6		86,928 14 0		37,500 6 0	
Bellary	28,103 7 7	2,907 4 1	31,010 11 8		11,488 15 3		1,10,547 14 4		1,02,316 1 7	
Kurnool	28,540 0 4	8,397 2 3	36,937 2 7		21,111 1 5		2,13,187 11 6		2,14,926 5 3	
North Arcot	..	47 4 0	47 4 0		..		..		..	
Tanjore	..	..	..		..		..		..	
Salem	..	8 11 4	8 11 4		..		..		..	
South Canara	..	8 0 0	8 0 0		..		..		..	
Malabar	48 0 0	412 2 8	460 2 8		..		..		..	
Bangalore	216 10 8	..	216 10 8		..		..		..	
Presidency	407 0 3	584 10 5	991 10 8		..		..		..	
Total ..	1,26,581 14 11	24,354 3 5	1,50,936 2 4		90,338 7 5		10,13,023 12 2		10,46,190 10 6	

Districts.	In November 1897.		Total to the end of November 1897.	
1	6		7	
	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Ganjám	..		21,174 0 3	
Vizagapatam	78 11 4		17,860 4 6	
Gódávari	..		24 12 10	
Kistna	..		..	
Cuddapah	..		..	
Anantapur	333 4 4		18,424 12 2	
Bellary	895 13 8		12,384 12 11	
Kurnool	700 0 0		20,411 1 5	
North Arcot	..		..	
Tanjore	..		..	
Salem	..		..	
South Canara	..		..	
Malabar	..		..	
Bangalore	..		..	
Presidency	..		..	
Total ..	58 11 4		90,279 12 1	

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" up to the end of November 1897—*cont.*

Districts.	Gratuitous relief.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.	Up to the end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to the end of November 1897.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Ganjám	4,54,193 8 5	10,082 3 5	4,64,275 11 10	1,518 6 10	180 10 0	1,699 0 10	7,43,093 2 0	11,403 12 5	7,54,496 14 5
Vizagapatam	1,23,426 11 4	2,786 7 4	1,26,213 2 8	592 2 5	*5 8 4*	586 10 1	2,27,888 9 3	8,936 9 9	2,31,825 3 0
Gódávari	25,850 5 8	*1,889 15 10*	23,960 7 10	*20 2 0*	..	*20 2 0*	26,194 2 0	*1,128 6 5*	25,065 11 7
Kistna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65 7 9	65 7 9
Cuddapah	1,12,546 1 8	323 1 6	1,12,869 3 2	1,781 12 0	..	1,781 12 0	4,65,388 0 6	43,267 7 1	5,08,675 7 7
Anantapur	97,509 10 4	*2,541 10 5*	94,967 15 11	191 11 5	..	191 11 5	1,71,319 11 6	2,765 0 0	1,74,084 11 6
Bellary	2,47,696 11 6	2,361 6 8	2,50,058 2 2	..	..	..	3,97,837 0 8	*2,067 4 4*	3,95,769 12 4
Kurnool	3,01,174 15 9	*12,321 7 1*	2,88,853 8 8	1,295 7 0	..	1,295 7 0	5,65,309 4 0	*2,885 11 1*	5,62,423 8 11
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47 4 0	47 4 0
Tanjore	..	..	..	57 8 0	..	57 8 0	57 8 0	..	57 8 0
Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 11 4	8 11 4
South Canara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 0 0	8 0 0
Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	48 0 0	412 2 8	460 2 8
Bangalore	..	..	..	..	..	..	216 10 8	..	216 10 8
Presidency	83 5 4	100 0 0	183 5 4	..	..	..	490 5 7	684 10 5	1,175 0 0
Total ..	13,62,481 6 0	*1,099 12 5*	13,61,381 9 7	5,416 13 8	175 1 8	5,591 15 4	25,97,842 6 2	56,537 11 7	26,54,380 1 9

Nota.—The figures in column "Up to the end of October 1897" represent audited expenditure, but those in column "In November 1897" represent unaudited expenditure.

No. 3—Famine Expenditure.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to Official Memorandum, No. 2059, Financial, dated 5th October 1897.

Fort St. George,
10th December 1897.

(Signed) F. C. HARRISON,
Offg. Accountant-General.

From the Accountant-General, No. 10-Famine, dated 11th December 1897.

Statement showing the Expenditure under the head "33. Famine Relief" in Public Works Department during up to end of November 1897.

Districts.	Civil Buildings.			Communications.			Miscellaneous Public Improvements.			In...		
	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Anantapur	..	..	..	6,30,962	11,603	6,42,565	..	..	..	61,051	1,407	62,458
2. Bellary	..	..	..	19.68,687	2,659	19,71,346	..	..	..	84,673	1,181	85,854
3. Cuddapah	..	..	..	6,65,960	16,686	6,82,646	..	..	..	2,29,999	886	2,30,885
4. Kurnool	..	..	..	17,95,714	1,12,048	19,07,762	..	..	..	66,518	..	66,518
5. Ganjám	..	..	..	1,58,967	920	1.59,887	34,772	117	34,889	44,145	674	44,819
6 Vizagapatam	..	..	..	1,69,805	42	1,69,847	4,662	..	4,662	20,371	608	20,979
7. Gódávari (Eastern Division).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,824	..	6,824
8. Madras (Public Works Stores)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	53,90,095	1,43,958	55,34,053	39,434	117	39,551	5,13,581	4,756	5,18,337

Districts.	Construction of Railways.			Establishment.			Tools and Plant.			Total.		
	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.	Up to end of October 1897.	In November 1897.	Total to end of November 1897.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Anantapur	..	..	..	32,046	2,832	34.878	34,851	884	35,735	7,58,910	16,726	7,75,636
2. Bellary	..	..	..	50,563	8,497	59,060	1,13,908	2,652	1,16,560	22.17,831	-14,989	22,32,820
3. Cuddapah	..	..	..	41,282	4,007	45.289	20,116	1,666	21,782	9,57,357	23.245	9,80,602
4. Kurnool	..	..	..	61,220	6,822	68,042	21,395	2,691	24,086	19,44,847	1,21,561	(a) 20,66,408
5. Ganjám	48,169	23	48,192	15,025	1,898	16,923	6,564	101	6,665	3,07,642	3,733	3,11,375
6. Vizagapatam	..	..	..	10,127	1,180	11,307	5,600	115	5,715	2,10,565	1,945	2,12,510
7. Gódávari (Eastern Division).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,824	..	6,824
8. Madras (Public Works Stores)	..	..	..	..	..	..	91,959	12,961	1,04,920	91,959	12,961	1,04,920
Total ..	48,169	23	48,192	2,10,263	25,236	2,35,499	2,94,393	21,070	3,15,463	64,95,935	1,95,160	66,91,095

Note.—The expenditure shown in this statement for November 1897 has been specially obtained by wire from the divisions and is therefore approximate.

No. 1064-A—B.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Financial Department, Madras, with reference to memorandum from that department, No. 2059, dated 5th October 1897.

(a) The Accountant-General, Madras, has just intimated to me that the amount of expenditure advised by him for adjustment in the Kurnool division should be reduced by Rs. 1,06,439.

Madras,
11th December 1897.

(Signed) E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 11th December 1897.

Reference.—Your No. 3, Famine expenditure, dated 10th December 1897. Please explain the *minus* entries in the statement.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated the 13th December 1897.

The *minus* entry in the statement represents advances drawn in previous months and refunded in November; the sale-proceeds of cloths taken in abatement of weavers' advances and the transfer of one item from the head "Relief works" to "Gratuitous relief." Details will be furnished if required.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 14th December 1897.

In a foot-note to statement of famine expenditure for November, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, states that you have intimated that the amount of expenditure advised by you for adjustment in the Kurnool division should be reduced by Rupees 1,06,439. Please say whether this should be deducted from the sum of Rs. 3,96,000 mentioned in your letter to the Examiner, No. 3649, dated 22nd November 1897, and whether the deduction proposed affects your statement of famine expenditure for November, No. 3, dated 10th December 1897.

Telegram to the Collectors of Ganjám, Vizagapatam, Gódávari, Kurnool, Anantapur, Cuddapah and Bellary, dated 14th December 1897.

872. Wire immediately details by minor heads of the amounts you require under "33. Famine Relief" in December and each of the remaining months of current year.

Telegram from the Collector of Bellary, dated 15th December 1897.
" " of Vizagapatam, dated 15th December 1897.
" " of Cuddapah " "
" " of Gódávari " "
" " of Anantapur " "
" to the Collectors of Ganjám and Kurnool, No. 875, dated 16th December 1897.
" from the Collector of Ganjám, dated 16th December 1897.
" to the Collector of Kurnool, No. 877, dated 17th December 1897.

G.O., Mis. No. 6437, Revenue, dated 15th December 1897.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.), Mis. No. 9732, dated 4th December 1897:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, No. 710, dated 15th November 1897, communicating to the Collectors of affected districts, with remarks, Government Order, Financial Department, submitting to the Government of India, with remarks, a comparative statement of certain expenditure on famine relief, &c.

Read—also G.O., No. 952, Financial, dated 17th November 1897.

Read—also telegrams from the Collectors of Cuddapah and Ganjám, dated 17th November 1897, Gódávari, Kurnool, Vizagapatam and Anantapur, dated 18th November 1897, Cuddapah and the Executive Engineer, Bellary, dated 20th November 1897, and Bellary, dated 22nd November 1897.

Read—also endorsement from the Collector of Bellary, Dis. No. 7482, dated 27th November 1897, forwarding letter from the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to the Collector, No. 9576-B, dated 24th November 1897, accounting for the increase in expenditure in September 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 9732, dated 4th December 1897.

The actual expenditure up to date on relief works in charge of Public Works officers as now reported by the Collectors amounts to Rs. 66,10,956. It is also reported that a sum of Rs. 2,13,336 still remains to be accounted for.

It appears, however, on inquiry in the office of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts that the expenditure booked in that office up to the end of October amounts to Rs. 65,01,302 and that the expenditure remaining to be booked is estimated to be Rs. 7,25,548, making a total famine expenditure in the Public Works Department of Rs. 72,26,850. The civil expenditure up to the end of October is, according to the latest accounts received from the Accountant-General's office, Rs. 25,97,842 and it is not expected that the subsequent expenditure will exceed one lakh. The total famine expenditure is not, therefore, the Famine Commissioner considers, likely to exceed the estimate of 100 lakhs sanctioned in G.O., No. 987, Financial, dated 26th November 1897.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 6437, Revenue, dated 15th December 1897.

Recorded.

2. It is presumed that the Board will submit a further report when the complete figures of the expenditure in the Public Works Department shall have been ascertained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" Financial Department.

Telephonic message from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 18th December 1897.

Can you send to-day a reply to my telephonic message of the 14th instant regarding the foot-note to the Examiner's statement of famine expenditure for November about the amount for adjustment in the Kurnool division.

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th December 1897.

The question of adjustment of the amounts in Kurnool division has not been settled yet.

Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, No. 879, dated 20th December 1897.

Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 5595 C., dated 20th December 1897.

Read—the following letter from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, No. 1088-A—B, dated 17th December 1897:—

In continuation of my letter, No. 3649-B—B., dated 20th November 1897, and in supersession of the corrections advised by me in my No. 982-A—B., dated 25th November 1897, I have the honour to submit, herewith, another statement showing

the estimated famine expenditure in the Madras Presidency during the official year 1897–98, and to state that the present estimate may be taken as fairly accurate and final.

2. It will be seen from this statement that the estimates, as they now stand, are less than those submitted previously by about 5½ lakhs, the decrease being due to the following credits aggregating approximately to that sum:—

	Rs.
Credit for surplus funds of civil officers paid back into treasuries, appearing in the exchange accounts of the Accountant-General, Madras, for October 1897, received in this office on the 11th instant (not previously intimated)	3,13,457
Credit for surplus funds of civil officers similarly paid back into treasuries, advised for adjustment in the exchange accounts of the Accountant-General, Madras, for November 1897 in letter, No. I.A.C.B—305 A., dated 9th December 1897, received in this office on 10th December 1897	1,06,439
Credit for surplus funds of civil officers similarly paid back into treasuries, which appeared in the exchange accounts for August 1897, received in this office on 11th October 1897, but not taken into account, as details were not given to show whether this item appertained to expenditure on famine-relief work ..	68,501
Further refunds estimated to be due but not yet paid back into treasuries on account of an order of the Accountant-General, Madras, to Treasury officers not to receive these refunds ..	80,000

Enclosure.

Statement showing the divisions, the total actual expenditure already incurred and the probable further expenditure to be incurred during 1897–98 on 33. Famine-relief Works—Provincial in charge of Public Works Department.

Divisions.	Actuals to end of October 1897.	Approximate for November 1897.	Estimates for December 1897 and to end of operations.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bellary	29,76,741	32,142	50,000	30,58,883
Cuddapah	9,57,357	22,816	8,000	9,88,173
Kurnool	19,44,847	54,130	—56,439	19,42,547
Ganjám	3,07,642	—1,526	1,700	3,07,816
Vizagapatam	2,10,565	1,642	7,700	2,19,907
Gódávari, Eastern	6,824	..	100	6,924
Public Works Stores	91,959	13,475	56,500	1,61,934
Total ..	64,95,935	1,22,688	67,561	66,86,184

Note.—(1) The figures in column 2 represent audited amount to end of October 1897. They include the sum of Rs. 1,80,000 adjusted to debit of famine-relief expenditure, Kurnool division, adjusted under advice from the Accountant-General, Madras, as expenditure in the Civil department.

Note.— (2) The figures in columns 3 and 4 have been obtained from the Executive Engineers concerned by special telegrams and include Rs. 68,501 and Rs. 1,06,439, respectively, in adjustment of the debits of Rs 1,80,000 in the previous note.

Note.—(3) The *minus* figure against Ganjám in column 3 is due to transfer of outlay incurred in the ballasting for East Coast Railway to that railway.

(Signed) E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Examiner, P.W. Accounts, Madras.

Memorandum No. 5595-C., dated 20th December 1897.

Copy forwarded to the Financial Department, in continuation of endorsements, Nos. 5097-C., dated 29th November, and 5316-C., dated 8th December 1897.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st December 1897, No. 4053.

With reference to letter No. 1088-A/B., dated the 17th December, from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, I have the honour to make the following observations:—

It seems now to be the case that the expenditure on famine relief, Public Works Department, this year is likely to be less than the last estimate by the amount stated, 5½ lakhs. I do not, however, admit that the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is not responsible for the overestimate which arose in the following manner:—

From April to July a sum of Rs. 7,77,017–6–8 was drawn from my treasury at Kurnool without the use of cheques or letters of credit. It is the duty of the Public Works Department to provide funds for works under their control and it was, I presume, owing to some delay in that department that their disburses were obliged to draw funds from me irregularly. At first when I told the Examiner that this was going on, he refused to allow me to debit these drawals to him and I was obliged to debit them to civil for the time. I went up, however, to the Comptroller-General who directed that the debits should be raised at once against the Public Works Department as I contended. In this way Rs. 5,97,017–6–8 were first debited to Civil and Rs. 1,80,000 to Public Works Department. I accordingly intended to debit him with the first mentioned sum. I found, however, that his disbursing officers refunded about 2 lakhs of this sum so as to bring the expenditure on to the Engineer's books. They had no business to do this, but as they had done it and the money had been paid in, I told the Examiner verbally in October. I would stop their doing so and would debit him through the exchange account with the difference, namely, about 4 lakhs. In defiance or through misunderstanding my instructions the Public Works Department continued to draw cheques to recoup this amount and of these cheques about Rs. 3,13,000 have been paid in. The result is that 4 lakhs were twice estimated.

2. Before I added this 4 lakhs to the Public Works estimates, I enquired by telephone whether they had already been included and was told that they had not. The explanation now given is that the Public Works Department were not aware that their officers were drawing cheques to recoup this expenditure. My reply is that if they defend that course they should have known what was occurring. If they do not defend it, they still knew it owing to my conversation with the Examiner in October and by their seeing the very heavy drafts made in the Kurnool district which were 8 lakhs in excess of work done. Government will, I think, agree in my view when the copies of the telephonic messages that passed between my office and that of the Examiner are read. They are appended.

Enclosure.

True copies of Telephonic Messages.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 10th November 1897.

There is still a balance of Rs. 4,20,000 to be transferred to the debit of the Public Works Department on account of famine expenditure erroneously debited to the Civil department in the Kurnool district, please say whether you have included this amount in your last estimate sent to me. If not by how much has that estimate to be raised. Kindly reply at once as the information is urgently required.

Reply from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Accountant-General, dated 10th November 1897.

No. But debits on the account already advised by you amounting to Rs. 1,80,000 and odd and Rs. 4,20,000 now stated as requiring adjustment will necessitate probably an addition of about 6 lakhs to my estimate. I hope to send you a more definite forecast by the 20th instant when all applications for credit for next month and further information as to closing of relief works, &c., will be available.

From the Accountant-General, dated 13th November 1897.

Can you not telephone to me any further information relating to the definite forecast of famine expenditure which you promised to let me have on the 20th instant?

Reply from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

No further information as yet beyond the fact that the outlay to end of October 1897 as wired to me by the Executive Engineers concerned amounts to Rupees 63,23,404.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 13th November 1897.

Your telephone of the 10th instant. You stated that adjustments yet to be made on account of famine-relief works will be advised by you to the extent of Rs. 4,20,000. Can you furnish me with the details of the amount by divisions or districts?

Reply to the above, dated 15th November 1897.

Your telephone of the 13th. The whole amount appertains to the Kurnool district. Details by divisions are not available. The amount drawn on account of each taluk is as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Ramallakot	58,973	2	5
Nandyal	53,890	9	5
Koilkuntla	1,86,045	12	2
Sirvel	555	9	6
Pattikonda	96,695	12	3

From the Accountant-General, dated 15th November 1897.

You telephoned on Saturday that the total expenditure up to end of October 1897 was Rs. 63,23,000 as wired by the Executive Engineers. Does this include the transfer of Rs. 3,96,000 in Kurnool in addition to Rs. 1,12,000 already transferred?

Reply from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 15th November 1897.

The sum of Rs. 63,23,000 given by me represents the expenditure up to end of October 1897 and has nothing to do with the surrender of Rs. 3,96,000 referred to by you. The former amount does not include the adjustment of Rs. 1,12,000 which is still under correspondence.

The sum of Rs. 63,23,000 does not include any transfers advised by you. The transfer of Rs. 1,12,000 is under correspondence. I have had no official communication from you as yet regarding the transfer of Rs. 3,96,000 and it could not therefore have been included in the expenditure advised.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 16th November 1897.

In your telephone of the 10th instant you referred to a transfer of Rs. 4,20,000. But in all subsequent telephone messages you refer to a transfer of Rs. 3,96,000 only. Please let me know, therefore, definitely whether you have any transfers other than those of Rs. 3,96,000 and Rs. 1,12,000 to communicate for adjustment under 33. Famine Relief. The information is required to enable me to submit my final report to Government regarding grants required.

From the Accountant-General, dated 16th November 1897.

Rs. 1,12,000 has already been debited to you in my exchange accounts. So far as known there is only one item of Rs. 3,96,000 which is pending transfer to the Public Works Department. I am awaiting a reply to a telegram to the Treasury Officer, Kurnool, on the subject.

Telegram to the Collector of Kurnool, No. 883, dated 22nd December 1897.

" from the " dated 25th December 1897.

Telephonic message to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1897.

Telephonic message from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1897.

Order—No. 1090, Financial, dated 30th December 1897.

The expenditure under 33. Famine Relief in the Civil department up to the end of November amounted to 26·514 lakhs. According to information received from Collectors, the outlay in December and the remaining months of the official year may be placed at ·603 lakh as shown in the margin, thus bringing the total estimate under Civil Officers up to 27·147 lakhs.

	Rs.
Anantapur	31,060
Bellary	1,520
Cuddapah	11,000
Ganjám	8,470
Gódávari	..
Kurnool	6,300
Vizagapatam	2,007
Total ..	60,357

2. The expenditure in the Public Works department up to the end of October amounted to 64·96 lakhs according to the statement furnished by the Examiner with his No. 1088 A/B, dated 17th December 1897. Adding to this, the sum of 1·23 lakhs shown by him as the approximate expenditure in November and ·67 lakh, the estimate of expenditure in the remaining months of the year, the total estimate for the current year amounts to 66·86 lakhs. It is observed that, whilst the Examiner estimates that as regards Public Works department expenditure in Kurnool during December and the remaining months of the year there will be refunds or transfers to the extent of ·56 lakh, the Collector would provide for an actual expenditure at Rs. 50,000. The Revenue and Public Works departments will be requested to enquire into this discrepancy. The present estimate submitted by the Examiner is 5·41 lakhs less than that (72·27) furnished with his letter printed on page 3 of G.O., No. 1006, Financial, dated 3rd December 1897. The reduction is stated to be due to refunds into the treasury of unspent balances of Civil officers amounting to nearly 4·88 lakhs and to further estimated refunds of ·80 lakh not yet paid back into treasuries owing to treasury officers refusing, at the instance of the Accountant-General, to receive them. The explanations of the Examiner as contained in his letter, No. 1088 A/B, dated 17th December 1897, are animadverted on by the Accountant-General in his No. 4053 of the 21st idem. The facts disclosed in these two communications will be brought to the notice of the Revenue and Public Works departments in view to the strictest enquiries being instituted as to the officer or officers responsible for this state of affairs.

3. In supersession of previous orders, the estimates of famine expenditure in the Civil and Public Works departments will be distributed as follows:—

	Lakhs.
Civil department	27·15
Public Works department	66·86
Total ..	94·01

These amounts will be redistributed as shown in the appendix to these proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

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

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.

—	33-A. Salaries and Establishment.							33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers.							33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works.							33-D. Gratuitous relief.						
	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ep.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjám ..	32,423	1,900	1,000	100	100	35,523	21,174	..	..	..	..	21,174	2,31,925	25	25	..	..	2,33,025	4,64,276	100	750	..	..	4,65,126
Vizagapatam ..	13,656	610	1,170	86	76	15,398	17,860	..	..	..	..	17,860	73,609	15	50	..	..	73,674	1,26,213	100	100	..	..	1,26,313
Godávari ..	1,101	..	..	..	..	1,101	25	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,960	..	..	..	..	23,960
Kurnool ..	36,937	1,500	2,000	500	300	41,237	20,411	..	..	..	..	20,411	2,14,926	..	2,000	..	..	2,16,926	2,88,854	700	..	..	..	2,88,854
Bellary ..	31,011	400	200	200	..	31,811	12,385	..	..	..	..	12,385	1,02,316	20	..	..	..	1,02,336	2,50,058	..	..	..	..	2,50,058
Anantapur ..	23,000	265	..	795	..	24,060	18,425	..	..	..	..	18,425	37,500	..	10,000	..	..	47,500	94,869	..	20,000	..	..	1,14,969
Cuddapah ..	11,110	..	..	..	..	11,110	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,82,914	..	..	..	..	3,82,914	1,12,869	..	..	..	1,000	1,13,869
Other districts ..	1,798	..	..	..	..	1,798	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	183	..	..	..	..	183
Public Works Stores ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,50,936	..	11,102	420	..	1,62,038	90,280	..	..	10,000	..	1,00,280	10,46,190	..	12,185	..	..	10,58,375	13,61,382	..	22,650	..	1,000	13,84,032

—	33-E. Miscellaneous.							Total—Civil department.							33-F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department.							Grand Total—Civil and Public Works Departments.						
	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	To the end of November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43						
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjám ..	1,699	150	150	60	60	2,119	7,54,497	2,175	1,925	185	..	7,58,967	3,06,116	1,700	3,07,816	10,60,613	6,170	10,66,783	10,66,783					
Vizagapatam ..	587	..	..	..	..	587	2,31,823	625	1,320	66	76	2,33,832	2,12,207	7,700	2,19,907	4,41,032	9,707	4,53,739	4,53,739					
Godávari ..	20	..	..	..	..	20	25,066	..	..	..	..	25,066	6,824	110	6,934	31,950	100	31,950	31,950					
Kurnool ..	— 1,295	..	4,000	500	300	1,295	5,62,423	1,500	4,000	500	..	5,68,723	19,98,980	— 56,729	19,42,547	5,68,723	50,739	25,11,270	25,11,270					
Bellary ..	..	..	200	200	..	..	3,95,770	1,120	200	200	..	3,97,290	30,08,583	50,000	30,58,583	3,97,290	82,650	36,61,318	36,61,318					
Anantapur ..	191	..	..	..	..	191	1,74,055	265	..	30,795	11,000	2,05,145	9,80,173	8,000	9,88,173	2,05,145	19,000	15,07,848	15,07,848					
Cuddapah ..	1,782	..	..	..	..	1,782	6,08,675	..	..	..	..	5,19,675	2,039	..	2,039	5,19,675	..	2,039	2,039					
Other districts ..	58	..	..	..	..	58	2,039	..	..	..	..	2,039	1,05,434	56,500	1,61,934	2,039	66,500	1,61,934	1,61,934					
Public Works Stores. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
Total ..	5,592	..	4,200	..	..	6,012	26,64,380	..	10,000	50,357	..	27,10,737 • 4,000	66,18,623	67,561	66,86,184	27,10,737 • 4,000	1,23,918	93,96,921 • 4,000	93,96,921 • 4,000					

• For adjustment in the Civil department.

Order—No. 37, Revenue, dated 18th January 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue (Settlement).

2. The Collector of Kurnool should be called upon to explain the circumstances under which large sums required for works in charge of the Public Works Department were drawn from the treasury as if required for works in charge of civil officers. The explanation should set forth the dates on which the works in question were taken charge of by the Public Works Department, the dates on which applications were made to the Executive Engineers for funds and the dates on which money was drawn from the treasury.

3. It is presumed that the provision of Rs. 50,000 stated to be required by the Collector of Kurnool is for the relief measures reported by him as likely to be necessary in February and March; the Board of Revenue will ascertain and report whether this presumption is correct.

(True Extract.)

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

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