

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 68

Dated 3rd February

[Despatch Abstract.]

Issuing instructions regarding
the manner in which information with
reference to certain questions drawn up
by the Finance Comm^{tee} should be furnished.

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C. 2158/98							

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

please see footnotes at
Pt 8, 17+40 of the list of
questions drawn up by the
Famine Commission

2. The questions marked with an
asterisk in Section I Relief Works
may be answered by one officer
specially deputed for the purpose,
or, if the Local Govt prefers,
the information may be given
in the final famine report
of the Province. Those so
marked in Section V are to
be answered as above or
may be dealt with in the
reply to the Govt Resn in
C. 2158/98
16-11-97. The questions
~~do not~~ ~~best~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~the~~
~~information~~ in section
I merely require information
but those in section V require
an expression of opinion

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*C. 2158/98
2.3.98
R.H. 22.98
5.4.98*

which should apparently reflect the views of the Local Govt.

3. ~~Information is given in the~~ much of the information ~~referred~~ to in Section 1 is given in the final report (para 26 and appendix VIII), but it is not in the exact form required in Section 1, ~~and~~ ^{and} so rearrange it in this form will pro-
^{cause further} ~~cause further~~ delay the issue of this report. It, however, appears from para 26 of this report that a separate communication is to be made in regard to the comparative cost of the work done by famine labor; it is submitted that the Commr of R & S may be instructed to embody ^{in this communication} all the information required in Section I. The expression of opinion required in Section V may also be ~~conveniently furnished in connection with this report~~ ^{further} ~~advantageously incorporated in~~ this comm with this report; ~~presented in the form~~ but the questions marked in this section cannot be answered with authority by the Commr of R & S and it will be necessary for him to consult and obtain the views of Mr Winton. The Govt apparently wants the views of the Local Govt.

yes JG
 JG
 2/2/98

The asterisk q^{no} in V had better be dealt with separately & the replies embodied in the answers to JN? Res of 25th Oct 97 Yes JG
 JG

He can do this report to go for our reply or alone: if they cant agree they better report separately JG JG

4 The footnote at page 40 of the list says that questions regarding grain trade are to be answered by the witnesses put forward by the Chamber of Commerce, and by ~~and~~ experts specially invited by the Commission. For orders as to whether the local Chamber of Commerce should not be invited to nominate a witness

yes: at once
 JG JG
 2/2/98 2/2/98

RS
 2-2-98

22/11/1878

Recd
3/12/78

To the Hon^{ble} Chamber of Commerce

Dear Sir

In transmitting herewith for the information of the Chamber a list of the questions wh. the Fam. Com^{rs}. appointed by the Gov^t of India have prepared as the basis of their inquiries, I am to invite your attention ^{to the bottom of} page 40 of the letter.

H. E. will be much obliged if the Chamber will nominate one or two gentlemen to appear as witnesses before the Com^{rs}. & give it the information that may be available on the subject matter of the proceedings, ^{and send} ~~transmit~~ to me beforehand. Also ~~enclose~~ to be printed for the use of the Com^{rs}. a written stat^{mt} of the evidence they are prepared to give.

I enclose a copy of No. 472 D 28/11/78 which

I am extract from the No. of Govt. No. 168 of this date together with a copy of the series

with other information gives the
date of the famine sitting
in Madras

1040 per H. J.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read ~~Series~~
~~of~~ questions drawn up by the
Famine Commission

G. O. (Press) No. 68 of 3rd Feb. 1898.

The Govt resolves to issue the
following instructions with reference
to the ~~features~~ at pts 8 and 19 of
the list read above.

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[The questions in sections I & II
under "Relief works", which that
are marked as q^{ues} 4 may
be answered by an officer specially
deputed ^{by the Govt} for the purpose or in
report & R- information may be
embodied in the final famine
report of the province.

Much of the information required
by the questions ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~report~~ ^{report}
is ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~report~~ ^{report}
will be ⁱⁿ furnished by the ~~incomplete~~ ^{complete} copy
of the final report ~~submitted~~ ^{submitted}
which is now, it is understood, almost
completed, but ~~if it is not~~ ^{if it is not}
in the exact form required by the
questions, and ~~ensuring~~ ^{ensuring} it
in this form will probably cause
further delay in the issue of the
report, the Commr of R. & S. will
therefore be requested to embody
the information ~~required~~ ^{required} in
the separate communication for
which he proposes to submit
regarding the permanency,
and liability, and comparative
cost of the works enclosed

by familiar labour.

(ii) The questions nos. 124-126, 131 & 132

~~are asterisks~~ in section V require

an expression of opinion, and they

will best ^{be} dealt with in connection

with the report called for by the

Govt in its resolution embodied

in G. O. 458
16-11-97. The Comms.

Reddell will be requested to ~~submit~~

consult ~~and submit~~ ^{the views of the}

C. E. P. W. D on the subject matter

of the questions ~~asked in this~~

~~section~~ ^{to} questions and submit a ~~separate~~

report to Govt so as to enable

it to reply to the Govt. If

these two officers ~~do not~~ ^{do not} agree

in their ~~views~~, they should

submit separate reports.

2. It appears from the fast-

note at page 40 of the list

that questions regarding the

grain trade are intended for

witnesses put forward by the

Chamber of Commerce and for

experts specially invited by

the Commission. The Madras

Chamber of Commerce will be

requested to be so good as

~~to~~ to nominate one or ^{if} ~~more~~

two gentlemen ^{who possess the} ~~to give evidence~~

requisite knowledge and can

speak with authority on the

subject matter of the questions

~~indicated~~ ^{Each} ~~the witnesses~~ ^{as}

~~at pp 40 & 3. The former Commission~~

~~nominated sh. be asked the~~

~~to give evidence before a~~

~~good enough to submit before~~

~~statement of the evidence~~

~~which each witness has usefully~~

~~after~~ ^{it will be well if the}

~~gentleman or gentleman nominated~~

~~will forward a statement~~

~~to Govt. (vide para 2 of G.O.~~

~~47~~ ^{3. 48}

~~Board (lett) ✓ Dep. 3.2.98.~~

~~The C. E. P. W. D ✓ Dep. 3.2.98.~~

~~The D. P. W.~~

~~The Madras Chamber of Commerce~~

~~(person to be)~~

~~with list of 40 to 47.~~

~~RS~~

~~3-8-98~~

hand or written

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3/4/98

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G.O., No. 68, 3rd February 1898.

FEBRUARY.

Questions drawn up by the Famine Commission.

Issuing instructions regarding the manner in which information, with reference to certain —, should be furnished, and requesting the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, to nominate one or two gentlemen to give evidence before the Commission on certain points.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—series of questions drawn up by the Famine Commission.

ORDER—No. 68, Revenue, dated 3rd February 1898.

Miscellaneous.

The Government resolves to issue the following instructions with reference to the questions Nos. 50, 51, 58, 64—66, 68 and 69 in section I under "Relief Works," that are marked as questions which may be answered by one officer specially deputed by the Local Government for the purpose or in regard to which information may be embodied in the final famine report of the province. Much of the information required by these questions will be furnished in the final famine report of the Presidency, which, it is understood, is now almost completed, but if it is not in the exact form required by the questions, the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement will embody the information in the separate communication, which he proposes to submit regarding the permanency, utility and comparative cost of the works executed by famine labour.

(ii) The questions Nos. 124-126, 131 and 132 in section V require an expression of opinion, and they will best be dealt with in connexion with the report called for by the Government of India in its resolution embodied in G.O., No. 953, dated 16th November 1897. The Commissioner of Revenue Settlement will be requested to consult the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, on the subject matter of these questions and to submit a report to Government so as to enable it to reply to the Government of India. If these two officers do not agree in their views, they should submit separate reports.

2. It appears from the foot-note at page 40 of the list that questions regarding the grain trade are intended for witnesses put forward by the Chamber of Commerce and for experts specially invited by the Commission. The Madras Chamber of Commerce will be requested to be so good as to nominate one or two gentlemen who possess the requisite knowledge and can speak with authority on the subject matter of the questions indicated. Each witness so nominated should be asked to be good enough to submit beforehand a written statement of the evidence which he is prepared to offer.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land
Records and Agriculture).
,, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Madras Chamber of Commerce,
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