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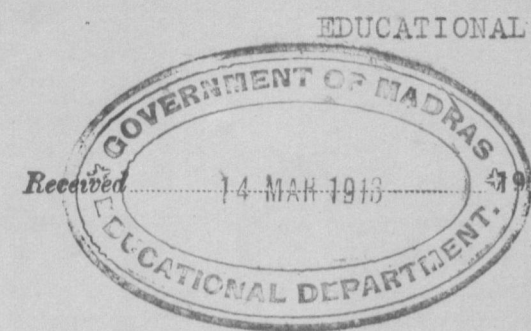
G.O. No. *411*

DATED *10.4.16.*

[Despatch Abstract.]

Experiments in the manufacture of soap. Requesting the Undersecretary of State for India to move the munition department to sanction the supply to the Honorary Director of Fisheries, Madras, of certain plants required in connection with,

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DEPARTMENT.

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Ref No. 167

Station Madras, Dated the 14th March 1916

From (Name) Sir F. A. Nicholson, K. C. I. E.

(Designation) Honorary Director of Fisheries.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

(G) Referring to G.O.No.37, Educational, dated the 10th January 1916 ordering me to carry out experiments in soap making with plant to be obtained for the purpose, including a glycerine recovery plant, and placing the necessary funds at my disposal, etc., I have the honour to report that I have received estimates from England and have selected various items of machinery which cannot be made in this country, including of course the glycerine plant. The engineers who have supplied the estimates state that as they are under the control of the Minister for Munitions, and as priority has to be given to plant for munitions of war of which they are large makers,

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they require "a note giving them Government sanction to proceed with the order"; the "Government sanction" is evidently that of the British Government in the Munitions Department. The total order is only for about £650, of which only about £400 worth will have to be specially made, the rest being "in stock".

2. As the plant is necessary for the industrial purposes of the Madras Government I submit that the India Office may be moved to obtain the necessary permission and that it may be sent direct to Messrs. E. Forshaw & Son Ltd., Engineers, Warrington, England. If permission cannot be given for the whole order, then I request that permission may be given for that part ~~of~~ which relates to soap-making plant —ordinary and toilet— the value of which is only about £300 and most, if not all of which is "in stock" with the firm.

3. I am arranging for a good deal of the necessary and simpler plant to be made in this Presidency, and will also obtain all steam plant from the Public Works Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. A. Nicholson.

Honorary Director,
Madras Fisheries.

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OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT, *Re the machinery required
for soap experiments.*

From *The Hon^{ble} Director of Fisheries*
Ref. 167. dated the 14.3.16.

Register No. *976.*

Please see the correspondence
(F) ~~now~~ in *Go. No. 76 Financial*, dated the
14th February 1916, which deal
with the supply of articles required
from the United Kingdom for service
in India. It is stated therein
that "it is necessary to reduce
the volume of orders in this country
(United Kingdom) for material,
the production of which can in
any way compete with the require-
ments of the Department of
Munitions of war, to the smallest
possible proportions". Sir Frederick
Nicholson ~~states that~~ requires
plant worth about £ 650, but he
would be content with plant costing
£ 300 to begin with; ~~and~~ he states

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that most, if not all of the latter, is in stock with the firm. It is therefore for orders whether the ~~India Office~~ Secretary of State may be addressed direct to move the ~~the~~ Munitions Dept. to grant the required permission.

~~SA~~
22.3.16. It is doubtful whether there is a strong case for going up to the Secy of State as suggested by Sir. F. Nicholson.

~~SA~~
23/3/16. With the Chief Secretary please advise?

C. Ho ~~SA~~
25/3/16

I see no objection to representing to the S. of S. the desirability of getting the £650, or at least the £300, order completed if there is no objection on the part of the Ministry of Munitions but there certainly does not seem to be a case for applying pressure.

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Draft letter to the India Office as advised by the C. S. Ho

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will have to see it. b

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A draft letter is submitted for approval.

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The draft letter revised
as directed by Mr. Gullberg
is attached hereto.

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J. M. Gullberg

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Dear Sir Frederick, ~~Victoria~~

With reference to your letter Ref. No. 167, dated the 14th March 1916, I am to inform you that the India Office has been requested to move the Munitions Dept^t to accord sanction to the supply of the machinery for soap-making required by you.

Yours sincerely

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To

Sir Frederick Nicholson
K.C.S.I.
Hon^{ble} Secy of Fisheries.

Note. It appears to be desirable to inform Sir F. Nicholson of the action taken on his letter in fo.

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To the Under Secretary of State for India.

Sir,

The department of Fisheries in this Presidency has for some time past been carrying on experiments in the manufacture of soap from fish and other oils. The experiments have proved so successful that this Government have decided to establish a small demonstration factory. For this purpose the purchase of a small plant including machinery for the recovery of the by-product - glycerine - is necessary. The Honorary Director of Fisheries under whose supervision the experiments have been carried out reports that, as the machinery required is not available in this country, he placed an order for it with Messrs. E. Foreshaw & Sons Ltd., Engineers, Warrington, England. Their plant however is entirely under the control of the Minister of Munitions and they are unable to comply with the order without the sanction of the Home Govt. The

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total cost of the machinery required for soap experiments here is estimated at £ 650, of which parts worth only £ 400 will have to be specially made, the rest being reported to be "in stock". I am to request that the Munitions department may be moved to accord sanction, if there is no objection, to the supply of the machinery required by the Honorary Director of Fisheries, Madras, and that such sanction may be communicated to the firm direct. If, for any reason, the whole of the machinery cannot be supplied, I am to request that sanction may be obtained to the supply of that portion of the order which relates to soap-making plant, ordinary and toilet, costing £ 300, the major portion of which, if not the whole, is reported to be already "in stock".

His Excellency the Governor in Council fully realises that nothing can be permitted to interfere with munitions requirements and that in any case only urgent demands can receive consideration. He trusts however that the urgency of this request will

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not be judged by the moderate expenditure
involved. The special trade conditions resulting
from the war which have inevitably produced
hardship in some respects have induced strong
interest ^{here} in all promising openings for the
development of local industries such as these.
It is highly desirable therefore to continue
these experiments in order to avoid disappoint-
ment and possibly criticism of a kind which is
strongly to be deprecated.

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