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(Education)

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 1465.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

pencil experiment.

Approving the purchase of the pencil machinery now in use
in the experimental pencil factory.

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Pencil Machinery.

Regarding ---- obtained on loan from
 Brother Emile.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

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Roc No. 1409.

Station M. a. d. r. a. S., Dated the 5th November 1917.

From (Name) C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Director of Industries.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
 H O M E (Education) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to paragraph 3 of G.O.

(M) No. 1343 Home (Education) dated the 26th October 1917 re-
 garding the pencil machinery obtained on loan from Brother
 Emile.

2. The history of the matter is as follows:-

In October 1914 Mr. Tressler directed Mr. Narayanamurthi
 who was then at Cocanada to visit Vizagapatam and see
 Brother Emile. Mr. Narayanamurthi was instructed to ask
 Brother Emile to place his pencil machinery at Mr. Tressler's
 disposal, and was told to arrange the terms on which the
 machinery should be lent. On the 8th November Mr. Narayana-
 murthi wrote that Brother Emile was prepared to lend the

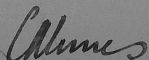
pencil machinery for experiments, and that if the pencil factory proved success, he would sell the machinery for Rs.2000/- cash or Rs.3000/- worth of shares. Mr. Couchman's remark in the note referred to by Government was based on this letter from Mr. Narayanamurthi, but no agreement in writing was taken from Brother Emile. In June 1916, Brother Emile hearing that Mr. Tressler was proceeding on military duty, wrote to him and asked him to put down in writing the terms on which he had taken over the pencil machinery lest there should be trouble with future Directors. Mr. Tressler's attention was apparently not drawn to Mr. Narayanamurthi's letter referred to above, and he called for information as to the value of the machine at the time of purchase. It was reported that the machinery had originally cost Rs.9140/-, and the Supervisor valued it at Rs.3740/-. Mr. Tressler accordingly wrote to Brother Emile that he understood that the terms offered were that at the conclusion of the experiments Brother Emile was at liberty to withdraw the plant but the Government would have the option of purchasing it for Rs.3500/- cash or Rs.7000/- worth of shares. Brother Emile replied that he agreed to these terms and Mr. Tressler wrote to him a formal letter to this effect.

3. Mr. Narayanamurthi's agreement with Brother Emile was apparently purely an informal one. It was not reduced to writing, and I consider that we are bound by Mr. Tressler's letter of the 26th July 1916 referred to above. I think moreover, that the terms offered in that letter were quite fair, and that it would be a mistake to endeavour to reopen the question. Brother Emile has probably forgotten all about his conversation with Mr. Narayanamurthi.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,



Director of Industries.

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31st October 1917.



Mr. Ramachandra Row,

Row 1409

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Please refer to my official letter No. 1409, dated the 2nd October 1917 regarding the working of the Pencil Factory during the next six months. In my estimate, I notice that I put down Rs. 2000 for copying pencils, but I now find that it was a bad under-estimate. These copying lead pencils are very profitable. They cost me at the outset from 15 to 18 rupees a gross. I have already sold some at Rs. 30 a gross, and probably be able to sell them regularly at Rs. 25 to 30 a gross. In fact I have offered them to Cogswell, the Controller of Printing and Stationery of Calcutta, and ~~he~~ have told him that I can supply 50 gross monthly for the Army in Mesopotamia at Rs. 25 a gross. Cogswell told me that he had indents amounting to thousands of gross for Mesopotamia, and that after buying up all he could at Rs. 65 a gross he had been compelled ~~he~~ in the end to tell the army to use black lead pencils. There is a demand all over the Presidency for these pencils, and it will undoubtedly be a very profitable line for the pencil factory to take up. The only difficulty is that it means rather a large outlay. I have just bought up all the Methyl violet I can get in the Madras bazaar at about Rs. 25 to 27 a lb. It is a poor stuff but makes passable copying lead pencils. I have now got on the track of a very much higher quality Methyl violet in Madura. The price ~~is~~ is Rs. 40 a lb., and I am buying up all I can get viz. 56 lbs. This order alone will cost me Rs. 2300. I have money available for it, and I thought it good business to buy the stuff. I am not asking for more money at present and I shall probably be able to get what I want from the savings out of the estimate I sent up, but I am sending this letter just to let you know how the matter stands.

yours sincerely,

To

M.R. Ey. Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur
R. Ramachandra Row Avergal,
Secretary to Government,
Home (Education) Department.

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Home (Est.) Dept.

CR 335TA. From the Office in ch. of the Dept. of Industries, 121409 of the 5. 11. 17

- (P) The Annex explains the discrepancy noticed in para 3 of pgs. 12143 Home (Est.) dated the 26th October 1917. The proposal in para 13 of his letter on pgs 5 & 6 of the above ltr. ~~request~~ for the purchase of the pencil machinery may be approved. A draft order is submitted below. It may be sent to the Ind. Dept. for acceptance.
2. No action is called for on ^{the} ~~the~~ 8.0. on the previous pay.

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Ind. Dept. after perusal
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Ind. Dept.

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Home (Est.) Dept.

The draft may now issue

Done



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Ind. Dept. 8521-1
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READ ALSO:-
C. No. 3357, From the *office in charge* No. 1409, dated *the 5. 11. 1917*
7th Sept 1917.

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No. 1465, dated 19. 11. 1917

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Mr. Jones is requested to ascertain & report whether the owners are willing to sell the plant.

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