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G.O., No. 382, 8th July 1901.

JULY.

School of Arts.

Recording letter from the Director of Public Instruction pointing out the source from which the money required for the construction of the new workshops at the — can be met, and requesting Mr. Chatterton to submit through the Accountant-General a monthly statement of receipts and charges of the aluminium department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 172, Educational, dated 23rd March 1901.

READ—also the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 31st May 1901, Ref. B. on C. No. 16157 of 1900.

With reference to G.O., No. 172, Educational, dated 23rd March 1901, I have the honour to say that Mr. Chatterton reports that he will arrange to provide the amount required for the buildings in question from the allotment made under "supplies and services" in the budget estimate for the aluminium department for the current year. If, however, the abolition of the pottery department, proposed in my letter, Ref. on C. No. 3575, dated 22nd May 1901, is approved, the buildings now used for that department will suffice for the new machinery.

ORDER—No. 382, Educational, dated 8th July 1901.

Recorded.

2. Mr. Chatterton will be requested to submit through the Accountant-General, until further orders, a monthly statement, commencing with April last, of the receipts and charges of the aluminium department.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Accountant-General.

Ed. A. D. Xavier.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 382, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
8TH JULY 1901.

[SUBJECT.—*Workshops for the Aluminium Department, School of Arts.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 31st May 1901, Ref. B. on
C. No. 16157 of 1900.

A proof copy of the Director's letter of the 22nd May quoted in the above letter has been obtained from Madras and is put up. If the abolition of the pottery department of the School of Arts proposed in that letter is approved, new buildings for the machinery ordered out from England will not be necessary. If not, the buildings will have to be constructed and the required funds will be provided by transfer from the aluminium budget. It is submitted, however, that the question of funds in the latter case will not arise until plans and estimates are prepared and sanctioned and meanwhile the present current may be simply recorded.

This has probably been done.
C.J.W.

P. T. THARYAN.
12-6-01.

We may record it as proposed, obtaining the concurrence of the Financial department.

A. T. PRINGLE.
12-6-01.

Yes.

C. J. WEIR.
13-6-01.

To Financial u.o.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the Chief Secretary—

In case it is decided to erect new buildings for the machinery indented for, the allotment required for the buildings (about Rs. 50,000) will have to be transferred from 26. SCIENTIFIC, ETC., DEPARTMENTS to 45. CIVIL WORKS—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT by the Financial department under rule 93 of the budget rules. Meanwhile, as the budget estimate for aluminium is apparently overpitched by half a lakh, Educational may be asked to cause the surrender of this sum.

C. M. SCHMIDT.
15-6-01.

Yes.

To Educational u.o.

G. STOKES.
17-6-01.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Chatterton has agreed to spare the amount required for the buildings from the aluminium budget apparently because it could not be got from any other source and not because he could not conveniently spend it otherwise. Of course, if Government do not wish the aluminium manufacture to go on, they can withdraw the whole of the grant *minus* what has already been spent up to date. The Director may, however, be consulted before anything further is done.

P. T. THARYAN.
19-6-01.

I think the best plan will be to ask the Director officially for his remarks on the point now raised.

2. This seems to me to illustrate the inconvenience of commercial proceedings on the part of Government. Merchants or other traders are of course content to wait as long as is necessary for profits, but Government can't or won't do this: an immediate return for expenditure is regarded as necessary, and failing such a return the estimates of the year are upset. So, in a case such as this, an arbitrary estimate of receipts and outlay, framed on the understanding that the two must balance one another, is drawn up. And as the outlay can be kept down to any amount necessary, the provision is considered as a sort of reserve on which drafts can be made.

3. The contention in the Financial department that the surrender is an admission the estimate being "overpitched by half a lakh" is sound: if it was not overpitched, if the money was and is really wanted for "supplies and services," there should not be any reduction, or at any rate the fullest information should be given to Government. The provision for "supplies and services" is understood to represent the expenditure on which the receipts directly depend. If half a lakh is taken away from the grant, will the revenue suffer correspondingly, and if so, when—in the current year or in 1902-1903? If it suffers in either year, there will apparently be an addition before long to the large deficit (Rs. 58,000 according to the preliminary accounts) on the transactions of the aluminium department in 1900-1901; and really the demands on provincial revenues are too numerous and large to justify this department in allowing repeated deficits for no other purpose than showing what private enterprise could have shown, and now does show, quite as well or better — that the manufacture of aluminium is profitable under certain conditions just as the manufacture of anything may, under like conditions, be profitable: it is hard to kill provincial revenues to establish a proposition in economics.

A. T. PRINGLE.
20-6-01.

He no doubt intends to provide the half lakh by buying less raw material (aluminium). The Director, as far as my recollections go, told me so. This will of course diminish receipts this year or the next. Before insisting on the surrender suggested by the Financial department the orders of Government should be awaited not only on the Director's letter of 22nd May 1901, but also on the question of how far and how soon Government is going to withdraw from the aluminium manufacture. The latter question is now before Government on a memorial from the Indian Aluminium Company and has been referred to the Director of Public Instruction. The file might be sent to the Financial department to see.

C. J. WEIR.
20-6-01.

The Director's letter, of the 22nd May 1901, is now under disposal in Madras. The Madras office will be asked to hurry it up.

The question of the relation of Government with the aluminium manufacture is, as observed by the Secretary, under reference to the Director. The Government order and notes on the subject are being printed up.

P. T. THARYAN.
21-6-01.A. T. PRINGLE.
21-6-01.C. J. WEIR.
21-6-01.

To Financial u.o.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the Chief Secretary—

It is submitted that Financial should press for the surrender of the 50 lakh, since it seems to be clear that it is not intended to utilize it for the purpose for which it was originally sanctioned, viz., the manufacture of aluminium ware. This surrender seems all the more necessary in view of the fact that the disconnection of Government from this industry is probable in the near future. Educational may also be asked to supply this department with information as to the causes of the deficit (58 lakh about) in the transactions of 1900-1901, to which allusion is made on page 2 of these notes.

C. M. SCHMIDT.
24-6-01.

As it seems to be the case that the 50 is not wanted for the purpose for which it was sanctioned, it should be surrendered. If it is desired to spend a like sum on a different purpose altogether, a grant of that amount can be asked for for the purpose desired. Government will be in a position then to determine whether the money should be spent on the latter object or preferably on one of the many others awaiting its attention.

G. STOKES.
26-6-01.

To Educational u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Orders are solicited as to whether the Director should be asked to surrender immediately 50 lakh from the current year's grant for aluminium or whether the disposal of the Director's letter of the 22nd May 1901 and of the question of the withdrawal from aluminium manufacture should be awaited. The Financial department thinks that the surrender should be effected at once, but Educational is for waiting a little longer.

2. The current year's grant for aluminium was fixed, it is believed, at a meeting of the Chief Secretary and the Educational Secretary, at which Mr. Chatterton was present. He thought he could realize 250 by selling manufactured articles and he was accordingly authorized to provide this amount for his expenditure. Meanwhile, the question of new buildings arose for the machinery ordered out from England. If money can be found for these buildings outside the aluminium budget, the budget programme will stand. If not, or if the 50 lakh is withdrawn, there will be a corresponding fall in receipts. The Government will therefore be no gainer by insisting on the surrender while the aluminium industry may suffer.

3. Whether the 50 lakh is surrendered or not it seems essential that Mr. Chatterton should submit through the Accountant-General a monthly statement of his receipts and expenditure so that he may be prevented from spending more than he can realize as he did in 1900-1901.

P. T. THARYAN.
27-6-01.

I think the 50 lakh should be surrendered at once: it will bring the matter to a point.

A. T. PRINGLE.
28-6-01.

Submitted to the Honourable Member for orders as to whether the surrender should be made at once.

C. J. WEIR.
28-6-01.

I don't see any reason for calling for immediate surrender till the position is better understood. It is possible—and probable—that aluminium work will be curbed, but, at any rate, let us know what there is to be said on the whole matter.

2. But what about the machinery ordered out from England? Is it ordered and on the way? If so, what is to be done with it if we decide to reduce operations? It will not be a question of using the pottery premises to set it up in.

3. Issue orders in the sense of paragraph 3 of the last office note.

J. T. [HOMSON].
1-7-01.

With reference to the Honourable Member's query it is submitted that an indent for machinery, estimated to cost £1,110-7-0, was forwarded to the India Office on the 18th February last. From a letter * which the Director recently received from the Deputy Director-General of Stores, it appears that the Secretary of State has already taken action in the matter. For a portion of the stores indented for, a tender has been obtained from Messrs. Taylor and Challen: the estimated cost of this portion was £735-5-0, but the tender is for £957-15-0. The tender has not, however, been accepted as yet, but the balance due on the indent (estimated to cost £375) must now be under supply.

* In linked file.

We do not know whether the Director-General of Stores has signed any contract yet for any part of the indent.

A. T. PRINGLE.
4-7-01.

P. T. THARYAN.
3-7-01.

Perhaps the Secretary will discuss this with the Chief Secretary and the Honourable Member to-morrow after Council?

A. T. PRINGLE.
4-7-01.

Decided in Council that the surrender of the 50 lakh may await orders on the subject of the Government future connection with the aluminium industry.

C. J. WEIR.
5-7-01.

The draft placed below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN.
5-7-01.

A. T. PRINGLE.
6-7-01.
C. J. WEIR.
8-7-01.

Educational (190/) Department.

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