

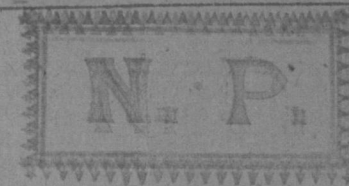
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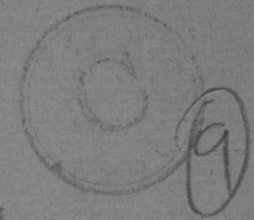
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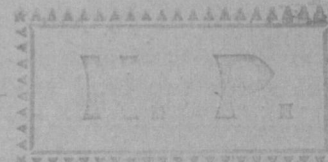
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Requesting the sanction of the Government of India to the continuance of the arrangements under which aluminium required for the School of Arts is obtained from Messrs. Best & Co., Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. DOBBIE, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th January 1902, No. P. A. 497/10158.

I have the honour to report that the officer in charge of the Aluminium department of the School of Arts, Madras, has been purchasing aluminium through Messrs. Best & Co., Madras, since May 1899, and the total cost of the aluminium purchased to date amounts to Rs. 3,18,876-10-9. Aluminium comes under the category of Europe stores, and under article 98 (k) of the Civil Account Code it should have been obtained by indenting on the Secretary of State, and the purchase through Agents in India is opposed to the rule.

2. My office has up to the present admitted bills for the aluminium purchased through Best & Co., as it was thought that article 98 (k) applied only to manufactured articles and not to raw material. This, however, is not the case.

3. I bring the matter to the notice of Government with a view to the supply of aluminium in the future being obtained through the authorized channel of supply. If in the interests of the public service it is found necessary to continue for the present the existing arrangements for supply, I would ask that the sanction of the Government of India may be obtained to the arrangement which does not come within the exceptions mentioned in article 93 (k) of the Civil Account Code.

No. 17.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By order.)

A. T. PRINGLE,
Assistant Secretary.

18th January 1902.

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 4th February 1902, Ref. on C. No. 395.

In reply to the endorsement of Government, No. 17, Educational, dated 18th January 1902, herewith returned, I have the honour to submit the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Chatterton explaining why it is desirable that the purchase of aluminium should continue to be made in India, and to request that the sanction of the Government of India for such purchases may be obtained. The advantages of the present procedure are evident and the resort to purchase through the India Office would mean practically the abandonment of the operations now carried on at the School of Arts, as the conditions would become so unlike those of ordinary trade that the experiment would have no value.

ENCLOSURE.

From A. CHATTERTON, Esq., Officer in charge of Aluminium Department, School of Arts, Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 28th January 1902, No. Al/5075.

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I think it will be necessary to apply to the Government of India for sanction to purchase aluminium locally for the following reasons:—

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(6) Dealing directly with the importers I keep in touch with the trade, as this is very desirable, so long as I am in my present position.

ORDER—No. 138, Educational, dated 12th March 1902.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

„ Financial Department (with notes).

LETTER—No. 139, Educational, dated Fort St. George, 12th March 1902, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

With reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Weir's letter to the department of Revenue and Agriculture, No. 12, Educational, dated the 7th January 1902, on the subject of the aluminium industry at the Madras School of Arts, I am directed to state that the officer in charge of the school has from the first bought the metal from Messrs. Best & Co. of Madras, the agents of the British Aluminium Company. The Accountant-General has represented that, inasmuch as aluminium comes under the category of European stores, article 98 (k) of the Civil Account Code applies, and the metal should be obtained by indent on the Secretary of State.

2. In the previous correspondence, the necessity that Mr. Chatterton should control the supply of this metal to India and thus be able to ensure a sufficiently high standard of purity has been urged. Such control cannot be exercised unless the present arrangements are continued. Moreover the Governor

in Council is informed that the Store department of the India Office would be also dependent on the British Aluminium Company whenever this Government made an indent for metal for the School of Arts, and as under the agreement between the company and Messrs. Best & Co. that company have to pay the latter a stipulated commission on all sales to the India Office, there would be no saving on cost by getting the metal through the Stores department. Orders sent through the India Office could not be executed with the same rapidity as at present when the metal may be bought twice a month or oftener. Under these circumstances the Governor in Council does not wish to alter the existing arrangements, and I am directed to request that the Government of India may be moved to sanction their continuance until further orders.

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Secretary to Government.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 138, 139, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
12TH MARCH 1902.

[SUBJECT.—Purchase of aluminium from Messrs. Best & Co.]

From the Accountant-General, No. P. A. 497/10158, dated 10th January 1902.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the Chief Secretary—

Submitted that the remarks of the Educational department may be invited.

C. M. SCHMIDT.
14-1-02.

G. S. FORBES.
14-1-02.

Educational department u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Before the Educational department offers any remarks on the question raised by the Accountant-General, it seems necessary that we should know what Mr. Chatterton and the Director have to say on the subject. The Government of India have just been informed, in another connection, about the direct purchase of the metal by Mr. Chatterton—*vide* G.O., Nos. 11, 12, Educational, dated 7th January 1902. On page 2 of the notes connected with these proceedings, the Secretary says "Government of India may probably find something to criticise in Mr. Chatterton's description as to how he has secured control of the supply of raw material, but his method is apparently effective." It seems open to objection that Mr. Chatterton should deal direct with the British Aluminium Company, but at the same time it must be said that, if purchase is effected through the Director-General of Stores, the Indian Aluminium Company and others wanting the raw metal in India will have to make their purchases elsewhere and not from Mr. Chatterton; the British Company will be free to sell to any one in India and there will be no guarantee that the quality of the metal will be maintained. We have told India that one of our objects in continuing the industry on the present extensive scale is to secure control over the importation of inferior metal. Such importation will tell very much on the future of the industry.

2. The Financial department may be asked to transfer the paper to Educational, so that the Director may be consulted and, if necessary, application may be made to A | the Government of India for sanction to continue the existing arrangement. The paper seems really to belong to Educational.

P. T. THARYAN.
15-1-02.

Secretary—

I do not agree at all with the remark at A, and believe that this question of stores has always been regarded as one proper to the Financial department.

2. We should refer (officially) to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

A. T. PRINGLE.
16-1-02.

Do so. But it would be impossible almost while aluminium business is being run on present lines to get the raw material through Director-General of Stores and it would upset moreover Mr. Chatterton's arrangements for controlling supply.

C. J. WEIR.
16-1-02.

The draft reference placed below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN.
17-1-02.

A. T. PRINGLE.
17-1-02.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 4th February 1902, No. 395.

Mr. Chatterton's remarks may be concurred in and the file returned to the Financial department.

P. T. THARYAN.
5-2-02.

Secretary—

It seems to me that Government need not and had better not "concur". It is Mr. Chatterton's view that Government (through his agency) should "control the supply" of aluminium "to India." The Secretary of State may not wish Government to endorse this; the Store department at home are, moreover, jealous of their privileges.

2. It would be better perhaps to treat this as one of the several subjects which are at present under enquiry;—to state what are Mr. Chatterton's views, and to say that Government are not prepared either to endorse these or to contradict them but are waiting for further light, and in the meantime would be glad to receive sanction to continuing to go on as at present.

A. T. PRINGLE.
6-2-02.

H.M.—

We must decide whether or not to ask the sanction of Government of India to existing arrangement.

2. I believe the British Aluminium Company has most of the business in the United Kingdom, and presumably the India Office would, if it made the supply to Mr. Chatterton, have to purchase from the British Aluminium Company.

3. Then, if Mr. Chatterton is right in the statement at the end of paragraph 2 of his letter, there would be no advantage in getting aluminium through the India Office, and there would no doubt be many inconveniences involved.

4. It is submitted that the Government of India may be asked to sanction the present arrangement, at all events for another year (*vide* last part of paragraph 2 of our letter in Government Order of 7th January 1902).

C. J. WEIR.
7-2-02.

Yes: or until further orders.

J. T[OMSON].
8-2-02.

The draft placed below may issue with the concurrence of the Financial department.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI.
13-2-02.

P. T. THARYAN.
13-2-02.

Secretary.

A. T. PRINGLE.
21-2-02.

We had better verify portion of draft at A. It is to be gathered from Mr. Chatterton's letter but write a demi-official to Mr. Chatterton and make sure.

C. J. WEIR.
21-2-02.

Demi-official sent.

P.T.T.
22-2-02.

Demi-official from A. CHATTERTON, Esq., Superintendent, School of Arts, to A. T. PRINGLE, Esq., Assistant Secretary to Government, dated 22nd February 1902.

The Government are perfectly correct in assuming that the Store department of the India Office will without doubt be dependent on the British Aluminium Company whenever they make an indent for aluminium for the School of Arts and that the company will have to pay commission to Best & Co. for all aluminium shipped to India by the India Office Store department.

Mr. Chatterton is sure that the Store department of the India Office will be dependent on the British Aluminium Company whenever an indent is sent home for aluminium for the School of Arts and that the company will have to pay commission to Messrs. Best & Co. for all aluminium shipped to India.

P. T. THARYAN.
24-2-02.

Secretary—

A. T. PRINGLE.
24-2-02.

C. J. WEIR.
24-2-02.

To Financial Department u.o.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

To Chief Assistant—

Has it been finally settled that the aluminium industry at the School of Arts is to go on notwithstanding that there are private companies in the field? Have not India cut out some of the provision from the budget estimates?

G. S. FORBES.
26-2-02.

For the Chief Secretary—

It has been ascertained from the Educational department that the papers in G.Os., No. 741, Educational, dated the 13th December 1901, and Nos. 11, 12, Educational, dated the 7th January 1902, contain the latest decisions as regards the future of the

aluminium industry. The Government have decided to continue it on the present lines for a year at least from the 1st April 1902, unless either the Secretary of State or the Government of India should pass orders to the contrary in the meanwhile.

2. So far as we have information, the Government of India have not touched the provision for the aluminium industry in the budget estimates for 1902-1903. The estimates provide for receipts of 2.50 lakhs under XXI-E SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER MINOR DEPARTMENTS—Miscellaneous, and for a like sum for expenditure under 26-O.

Page 22 of the civil budget estimate.

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SCIENTIFIC, ETC., DEPARTMENTS—Miscellaneous.

T. HARI RAO.

28-2-02.

C. M. SCHMIDT.

28-2-02.

There is no reason why Financial department should object to the present draft letter in the circumstances.

(Personally I think there is no justification for Government's continuing the aluminium business any longer.)

G. S. FORBES.
28-2-02.

Educational Department u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

H.M.—

C. J. WEIR.

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J. T. [HOMSON].

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Sir,
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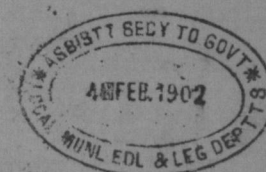
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From

[Name] The Honble Mr G. H. Stuart, Ma.

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras



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Director of Public Instruction.

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(True Extract.)

To the Accountant-General.

Assistant Secretary to Government.

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No. 129, EDUCATIONAL, 12th March
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

From

M. Hammick
~~The Hon. C. J. WEIR, Esq., I.C.S., C.S.~~
Ag. Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

To

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C. J. WEIR,
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