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[Despatch Abstract.]

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on letter from the Govt. of India enquiring about
the existing order prohibiting the purchase
of articles of European manufacture for
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of State, require modification.

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This Communicated to the D.P.S.
and the S.G.M., for early report
that the information called for
may be furnished at an early date.

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FEBRUARY.

Articles of European Manufacture

Letter from the Government of India enquiring whether the existing orders prohibiting the purchase of — for the Government service except by indenting on the Secretary of State require modification, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department, with remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. L. STRANGE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 24th January 1902, No. 106 C.W.—M.

The existing orders regarding the purchase of articles of European manufacture required for the Government service prescribe that such stores shall ordinarily be obtained by indenting on the Secretary of State and forbid the sending of orders direct to the manufacturers in Europe as well as the giving of orders to Agents in India who would have to procure the stores from Europe. Allegations have been made that these rules have had the result of causing delay, inconvenience and waste of money, and the Governor-General in Council has decided to make a full enquiry to ascertain what foundation there may be for these complaints, and whether it would be advisable to propose to the Secretary of State a fundamental or partial modification of the rules.

2. I am accordingly to request that with the approval of His Excellency the Governor all officers or departments under the control of the Local Government who require European stores and indent on the Secretary of State for them may be called upon to submit reports on the subject.

3. These reports should state the general opinion of the officers concerned based on their experience of the working of the existing system, and should be accompanied by statements showing for the last five years—

- (1) the number of cases in which inconvenience was caused by delay in supply, and the proportion of such cases to the whole number of indents sent, and
- (2) the number of cases in which there were any grounds for dissatisfaction other than on account of delay in supply and the proportion which such cases bear to the whole number of indents.

4. Specific instances should be quoted of cases in which the working of the present system has proved unsatisfactory. These should be grouped under the following heads :—

- (a) Cases in which articles of inferior quality have been supplied through the India Office ;
- (b) Cases in which the articles supplied have differed from the specification in the indent ;
- (c) Cases in which the prices paid by the India Office have been regarded as excessive ;
- (d) Cases in which there has been delay in supply ; and
- (e) Cases in which the grounds of dissatisfaction do not come under any of the preceding heads.

5. Full particulars sufficient to enable the Store department of the India Office to consider and to test each complaint should be given in all cases. In class (c) full particulars should be given of the price with which the India Office price is compared, and in class (d) the following dates should be given in every case, namely, the date of the indent, the Bombay date of the mail by which the indent was transmitted to the India Office, the date entered in the indent as that by which the articles were required, and the date of shipment of the stores from England.

6. It is requested that these reports may be submitted with as little delay as possible.

ORDER—No. 674 W., dated 27th February 1902.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department, who will, at a very early date, furnish, as far as possible, the information called for in the letter from the Government of India read above.

2. Orders will issue in the departments of the Secretariat concerned for the supply of similar information from officers subordinate to them.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.



To Superintending Engineers.

- „ the Consulting Architect to Government.
- „ the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division.
- „ the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops.
- „ the Sanitary Engineer to Government.
- „ Departments of the Secretariat. (Educational) ✓

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