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ENCLOSURE to Circular Financial Despatch, dated
23rd September, 1859—India, No. 91 of 1859.

WAR OFFICE, PALL MALL,
4th July, 1859.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th May, respecting the mode of adjusting claims upon the Indian Government for supplies from Imperial Stores in the Colonies; and in reply I am to state for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that Mr. Secretary Herbert fully concurs in the plan proposed in the Memorandum (A), transmitted in your letter, and has given the necessary instructions for carrying it into effect. A copy of such instructions (B) is enclosed.

I have the honour to be

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

B. HAWES.

The Under Secretary of State for India,
&c. &c. &c.

(A.)

MEMORANDUM, regarding War Office Claims for Supplies from the Imperial Stores in the Colonies to Vessels of the Indian Navy, or to Ships conveying Troops, &c., on account of India. (Enclosed in Letter from the India Office to the War Office, dated 6th May, 1859.)

Under the present system, claims by Her Majesty's Government for supplies from the Imperial stores in the Colonies to vessels of the Indian Navy, or for the use of Troops proceeding to India in ships chartered by this Office, are not brought under consideration either of the Home or Local Governments of India until long, even years, after the transaction.

The preferring of the claim for the amount due is generally the first intimation given here of the supply; whereupon, in due course, information of the charge is sent hence to the Government in India, however untimely.

It is regarded as of primary importance, that full information of the

supply and value of stores issued in the Colonies for the service of India, should be sent from the place and at the time of the transaction to the respective Governments, in order that they may have the means of checking the supply with the expenditure on board ship, and of requiring delivery or value of any surplus.

With this view, as it is deemed by the War Office expedient to

* Say:—

- Copies of (1) The requisition.
(2) The authorization.
(3) The receipt.
(4) The invoice of cost, &c.

In cases where the cost is necessarily left to the determination of the Home Departments, as near an *estimate* as can be, should be given; with a Note that it is subject to confirmation in England.

The Officer commanding the troops or the Captain of the ship can be required to take charge of the latter.

avoid the necessity of *Cash* transactions in the Colonies, it is submitted that the Commissariat Officers or Storekeepers there, should be directed to send full information* of the supply and of the value, in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Local Government in India; and, by the earliest opportunity, to send the same to the proper department of the British Government in England.

The Local Government of India should be requested, at the earliest convenience, to acquaint the Secretary of State for India accordingly; forwarding copy of the invoice, or other particulars, showing the amount which is payable to the British Government, which, on the advice of its own Colonial officers, would in due time make the claim here; and this office be then prepared with the proper information for adjusting it.

The same course, it is submitted, should be taken in regard to supplies to ships bringing troops from India, only sending the information required to the Secretary of State for India, instead of to a Local Government there.

(B.)

CIRCULAR. (*Enclosed in Letter from the War Office to the India Office, dated 4th July, 1859.*)

WAR OFFICE, PALL MALL,

July 4th, 1859.

SIR,

Considerable inconvenience and delay having been experienced in the settlement of claims upon the Indian Government for supplies furnished from Imperial stores in the Colonies to vessels of the Indian Navy, and ships carrying troops, &c., on account of the Indian Government,—

I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State for War, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, has

directed that the following course is to be pursued in future; and I am to request that you will instruct the heads of Departments concerned accordingly.

All Stores are to be delivered into the charge of the Master of the ship, from whom the Officer making the supply will obtain receipts in quadruplicate.

One of these receipts is to be transmitted, through the Officer commanding the troops embarked, or the Master of the vessel, under cover, to the Secretary of the Local Government of the Presidency to which the ship is bound, accompanied by

1. A copy of the requisition,
2. The authority for the supply, and
3. A priced invoice of the articles furnished.

One copy, accompanied by similar documents, and also, in the case of articles purchased, by the agreement for such purchases, is to be forwarded to the Military Cash Accountant, to be transmitted to this country with his accounts.

A third copy is to be attached to the Officer's Store accounts, and

A fourth to be given to the Master of the Ship.

In the case of ships homeward bound, the first copy of the above documents is to be addressed to the Under-Secretary of State for India, instead of the Secretary of the Local Government in India.

All issues of Stores by Military Storekeepers are to be reported to the Director of Stores in the usual way, copies of the orders authorizing such issues being forwarded with the report.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) B. HAWES.

The Officer commanding at
St. Helena, Mauritius, Hong Kong, Ceylon, and the Cape.

No. 9374

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, 1st November, 1859.

READ the following despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 91, dated 23rd September, 1859:—

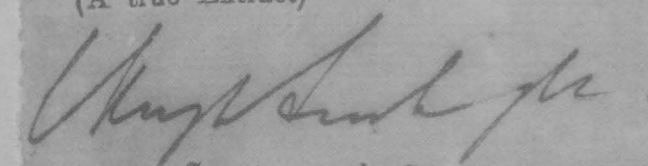
MY LORD,

I FORWARD herewith 50 printed copies of a letter from the War Office, dated 4th July, 1859, and of the memorandum and instructions therein referred to respecting claims made by that Department for supplies for the service of India from the Imperial stores in the Colonies, which you will cause to be circulated in the proper departments of your Government for the guidance of the officers concerned.

ORDER.—Ordered, that copies of the foregoing despatch and its enclosure be sent to the Departments,* Governments,† and Officers‡ specified in the margin, for information and guidance, and the issue of such instructions as may be necessary.

* Home and Military Departments.
† Governments of Bengal, Madras, Bombay and Eastern Settlements.
‡ Accountants General to the Governments of India, Madras and Bombay, and Accountant to the Government of Bengal.

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With our Orders

Order thereon 3^d December 1857 No. 660.

It is observed that in-
structions have been already issued
on the above subject in a Dispatch
forwarded direct from the
Government.

