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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
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No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 25th April 1863, No. 1,722.

Read again Financial Resolution, No. 926*a*, dated 22nd November 1862, regulating the transmission to England of Indents for Stores.

RESOLUTION.—The Honorable the President in Council observes that under the orders of 22nd November 1862, Indents on England for Stores for all Civil Departments, and for the Public Works Department, are to be forwarded to the Secretary of State through the Local Governments, who are the principal and the responsible executive authorities in the matter, abstracts of the Indents being sent to the Public Works Department of the Government of India, for Public Works Stores, and to the Financial Department, for Civil Stores.

2. But with respect to Military Stores, the Audit Board recommended that the Indents from the three Presidencies should be transmitted to England through the Financial Department, Calcutta, after undergoing examination in the Military Finance Department and the Military Department, the Indents from Madras and Bombay being checked further, in the first instance, by the Controllers of Military Finance, and the Governments of those Presidencies, respectively, before transmission to Calcutta for despatch to England.

3. The trial of this plan was permitted by the Resolution of 22nd November 1862, but not without a fear that it would be found cumbrous. It appears to the Honorable the President in Council, after careful reconsideration, that the main objects of keeping the Financial Department informed of the aggregate amounts of Indents on England from the several Presidencies and Provinces, and of affording it the opportunity of checking requisitions for unnecessary or needlessly expensive articles, may be attained without interfering with the transmission of Indents to England direct. The Honorable the President in Council accordingly resolves, that the Indents for Military as for all other Stores required from Europe, shall, after undergoing the revision of the superior departmental authority, be forwarded to England direct, this is to say, for the Madras and Bombay Armies by the Governments of those Presidencies, and for the Army on the Bengal establishment by the Military Department of this Government.

4. A copy of each Indent will be forwarded, through the channels already prescribed, to the Financial Department, for information merely, that Department not passing any order on it, except when it may be necessary to object to any items, or to suggest its supply from the surplus stock of some other Department.

5. The local Governments and the administrative Secretariats of the Supreme Government, on the one part, and the Financial Department have now their positions defined more clearly than in the order of 22nd November 1862. Indents by the Executive Departments under the former will be made on their own responsibility, and will be sent Home direct, after undergoing the revision of the superior departmental authority, while the Financial Department will have all the information requisite for check and for its Financial Statements.

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Home, Military, and Public Works Departments, to all local Governments and Administrations, and to the Audit Board.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
2nd Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1863, No. 342.

Communicated to the Public, Military and Public Works Departments and the Mint Master, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd December last, No. 894.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMoolry.

No. 1722.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 25th April 1863.

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4. A ~~duplicate~~ Copy of each Indent will be forwarded, through the channels already prescribed, to the Financial Department, for information merely, that Department not passing any order on it, except when it may be necessary to object to any items, or to suggest its supply from the surplus stock of some other Department.

5. The local Governments and the administrative Secretariats of the Supreme Government, on the one part, and the Financial Department have now their positions defined more clearly than in the order of 22nd November 1862. Indents by the Executive Departments under the former will be made on their own responsibility, and will be sent Home direct, after undergoing the revision of the superior departmental authority, while the Financial Department will have all the information requisite for check and for its Financial Statements.

ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Home, Military, and Public Works Departments, to all local Governments, and Administrations, and to the Audit Board.

(A true Extract)

W. S. Millingchamp

2d Asst Secretary to the Government of India.

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