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Read again Financial Resolutions, No. 926*a*, dated 22nd November 1862, and No. 1,722, dated 25th April 1863, on the procedure for the check, and the transmission to England, of Indents for Europe Stores.

RESOLUTION.—On further consideration, the Honorable the President in Council is of opinion that the procedure regarding Indents for Europe Stores is still encumbered by unnecessary routine.

Practically, it is not advisable that the Financial Department should be charged with any such executive duty as the collection of Indents and their transmission to England. The error on this point was corrected by the orders of 22nd November 1862, and 25th April 1863, but by the latter order, the Financial Department is still responsible for scrutinizing the details of the Indents for Europe Stores, though these are now to be sent to England direct, on the responsibility of the Local Governments or of the Administrative Secretariats of the Supreme Government.

With a view to that scrutiny, the order of 25th April 1863 directed that a copy of each Indent for Europe Stores be forwarded from every Department in every part of India, through the channels already prescribed, to the Financial Department, for information merely, and to enable it to object to any item or to suggest its supply from the surplus stock of some other Department.

But as the Financial Department has not the Returns of Stock in the several Departments throughout India, or any establishment for scrutinizing them, were the Returns to be obtained, it does not possess the means of discharging the abovementioned duty.

The Administrative Departments of the Supreme Government and the Local Governments are responsible for seeing, before they indent on England for any supplies for a Department, whether the articles applied for exceed the established proportion, and whether they cannot be provided from the surplus stock of some other Department under their control, and in the event of any unusually heavy accumulation of stock, doubtless the obvious course of informing other Governments and Departments of the excess, with a view to their taking off a portion of the surplus, would not be neglected by the Government concerned.

The whole responsibility, therefore, both for the Stores to be indented for from England, and for the judicious disposal of any unusual surplus, belongs properly to the Governments and Departments concerned, and the Financial Department should confine itself to such check as can be exercised through the Annual Budget Estimates, as is the case in England, and as is the case also with a great deal of Commissariat, Ordnance, and other expenditure.

Accordingly, the order which directed the transmission to the Financial Department, of a copy of every Indent for Europe Stores, is hereby rescinded.

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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 Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1863, No. 420.

Communicated to the Public, Military, and Public Works Departments and the Mint Master, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 21st ultimo, No. 342.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
" Public Works "
" Military "
" Mint Master.

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 2392.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 6th June 1863.

READ again Financial Resolutions, No. 926a, dated 22nd November 1862, and No. 1722, dated 25th April 1863, on the procedure for the check, and the transmission to England, of Indents for Europe Stores.

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W. W. Mumphery

2nd Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

[Exd. H. D. Bysack.]

Paid 1083 Rupees to Purv: of the Govt: of India, Fort St. George

To Public Works Dep. 21st May 69- 43-44
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Forwarded to the Public Works Department for information with reference to the Orders of Government noted in the margin.

Fort St. George, 29th June 1863.

Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Sir,

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I have &c.

Secretary to Government.

Public Works Dep. 21st May 69 No 1083
Military " 23d Dec 62 No 5421.

Written Order