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No. 95. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Fort William, 19th April 1873, No. 2495 :—

Expenditure—Stores.

Read the following despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 12th February 1873, No. 51 :—

I have considered in Council your Financial Letter, No. 15, dated 3rd January 1873, forwarding an estimate of the value of stationery stores which will be required for the Bombay Presidency during 1873-74.

2. In my Despatch, No. 464, dated 20th December 1867, I requested that such estimates might be forwarded to me annually so as to arrive not later than the 1st October preceding the "financial year to which they refer."

3. The estimate for Bombay stationery, now received, has reached me nearly four months after the date specified, and too late to be of assistance in framing the general estimates of home expenditure for 1873-74, a copy of which was forwarded to you with my Financial Despatch, No. 12, dated 23rd January 1873.

4. The expenditure on Bombay stationery, included under the head of "Administration" in those estimates, is based on the average expenditure of past years, and falls considerably short of that which is indicated by the statement now received. From the information which this statement affords, it appears probable that the total home expenditure on stores and freight, under the head of "Bombay Administration" will amount to £42,000, instead of £20,200, as stated in the printed estimates transmitted to you with my Financial Despatch, No. 12, of the present year.

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Stores	41,500
Freight	500
Total ...	42,000

5. I have to request that the Bombay Government may be directed to forward future estimates so as to reach this office by the 1st of October in each year, as desired in my Despatch, No. 464 of 1867, above quoted.

6. The attention of Indenting Officers generally should also be again drawn to the importance of rendering these estimates with regularity. In the absence of the information which they afford, the home estimates must, as regards store expenditure, be based on conjecture.

7. Estimates of the probable requirements, in 1873-74, for the services noted in the margin do not appear to have been received.

Bengal ...	Ordnance.
	Medical.
Madras ...	Medical.
	Stationery.
Bombay ...	Ordnance.
	Medical.
	Commissariat.
	Marine.

8. With reference to the estimate of stores to be demanded for public works, forwarded with your Public Works Letter, No. 124, dated 24th September 1872, I have to request that future similar statements may show for which provinces the stores for military works are required.

Ordered that a copy of the above despatch be forwarded to the Foreign, Home, Revenue, Public Works, and Military Departments; to the several Local Govern-

ments and Administrations; to the Mint Master, Calcutta; to the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency; and the Director-General of the Post Office of India.

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

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1873, No. 613.

Communicated to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, and to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
" " " of Ordnance and Magazines.
" Revenue Department.
" Military Department.
" Master Attendant, Madras.
" Government Astronomer.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Ed: J. Wright.