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## Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 7th April* 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 39. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 7th March 1874, No. 47.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1874, No. 1049 (Miscellaneous) :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel L. F. C. THOMAS, R.A., Superintendent of Stationery, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 10th December 1873, No. 605 :—

With reference to the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 8212, dated 1st, received 8th, December 1873, I have the honour, in reply, to state that this office stock of black-lead pencils is exhausted and that none will be available for issue until the receipt of our supply due from England.

2. The several complaints regarding the inferior quality of black-lead pencils were communicated to the local and Home Governments, and the description to be hereafter supplied is under the consideration of Government.

3. Annexed is an extract from the Proceedings in the Financial Department, dated 20th October 1873 :—

"The black-lead pencils complained of were supplied in accordance with the approved pattern (see specimen enclosed). The pencil sent by you is made of very soft lead, and I can furnish a better article at twenty-five per cent. less than the price quoted in the report from India."

4. The price quoted was quarter of an anna each pencil, and the specimen sent to England was in compliance with the wishes of the Revenue Board, referred to in Proceedings, No. 6294, of 4th September 1868, and the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 3rd August 1869.

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The Board resolve to submit a copy of their Proceedings, dated 1st December 1873, No. 8212, with a sample of the pencil therein referred to, and request that the sanction of Government may be accorded for the purchase of a better article in the local market.

2. The pencils now supplied by the Stationery Depôt appear to have been purchased at Madras the stock received from England having been exhausted. It is not clear at what rate they were purchased, but, whatever the price, they are useless.

3. The cost of the pencils which the Board propose to purchase in the local market will be about 6 Annas the dozen, which is less than the rate in the published price-list of the Superintendent by 2 Annas and 7 Pies a-dozen.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
*Acting Sub-Secretary.*

Under the circumstances stated the Board of Revenue are authorized to purchase sixteen dozens of black-lead pencils in the local market as a special case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

*To the Public Department.*

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Referred to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines for any remarks he may desire to make.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10*th March* 1874.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

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No. 40. From Lieut.-Colonel N. G. CAMPBELL, R.A., Officiating Deputy Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, in charge Ordnance Office, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 25th March 1874, No. 315-S.

Stationery Department.

With reference to Order* of Government, forwarded for my remarks, regarding the purchase of black-lead pencils in the local market I have the honour to annex letter† from the Superintendent of Stationery on the subject :—

* No. 47, dated 7th March 1874, herewith returned.

† No. 771, dated 20th March 1874.

"In returning enclosed the Proceedings‡ of Madras Government, received for remark with your endorsement,§ I have the honour to state that the stock of black-lead pencils is exhausted on account of the non-receipt up to date of the quantity included for supply from England in my General Indent‖ on the Home Government. Advice has been received of their shipment per *W. W. Smith* on the 25th January last; their arrival may, therefore, be looked for early in May next.

‡ No. 47, of 7th March 1874.
§ ,, 309, of 12th ,, ,,

‖ No. 74, dated 14th December 1872.

"2. Owing to the above exhaustion of stock black-lead pencils were purchased by open contract as per Order¶ of Government. T. Soobramoney's tender to supply them at 2 Annas and 5 Pies per dozen was approved of, especially as the pencils tendered by him corresponded with the approved sample furnished to this office by the Revenue Board.

¶ No. 80, of 19th January 1874.

"3. The black-lead pencils objected to by the Revenue Board as useless are of the kind which the Board considered better adapted for the Revenue Department than the pencils received from England, consequently the sample pencil alluded to in Government Proceedings** was forwarded to England. The question as regards the description of pencils to be supplied has not yet been finally settled.

** No. 1079, of 3rd August 1869.



The accompanying pencil (Faber's) at 3*s.* per gross received with Government Proceedings* has undergone a fair trial and is well suited to this climate.

I would suggest that the supply of this article from England be as follows :—

"One-fourth Cohen's, at 12*s.* per gross.
"Three-fourths Faber's, at 3*s.* do.

* No. 1225, of 20th October 1873.

"4. If the Revenue Board were of opinion that a better pencil was wanted the Orders of Government† to furnish a sample pencil to this office should have been complied with ; in such case P. Vencatarungum Chetty's tender to supply good English black-lead pencils at 5 Annas per dozen would have been recommended for acceptance.

† No. 1577, of 28th November 1861, and No. 187, of 28th January 1863.

"5. The purchase of any article by the department wanting to use it is prohibited by Order‡ of Government.

‡ No. 1295, of 3rd November 1862.

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No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1874, No. 554.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to Order in that department, dated the 7th March 1874, No. 47.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department, with sample pencil.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
No. 1049.
Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 17 February 1874
Read the following:-

No. 605
From. The Superintendent of Stationary
Fort Saint George
To. The Secretary to the Board of Rev.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Revenue
Board's Proceedings No. 8242 dated 1st
received 8th December 1873, I have the
honor, in reply, to state that the
Office stock of Black lead pencils
is exhausted, and that none will be
available for issue until the receipt
of some supply due from England.

The several complaints regarding
the inferior quality of Black lead
pencils were communicated to the
Local and Home Governments
and the description to be hereafter
supplied

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

*Dated April, 7th.*

*Read.*

*G. O., 7th April* 1874, *No.* 554.

APRIL.
Nos. 39—41.

*Stationery.*—The explanation of the Superintendent in regard to the purchase of black-lead pencils in the local market, communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the Order in that department authorizing the Board of Revenue to purchase sixteen dozens of pencils in the local market.

supplied is under the consideration of Government.

Annexed is an extract from the Proceedings in the Financial Department dated 20th October 1873.

"The Black lead pencils complained "of were supplied in accordance with the "approved pattern (the specimen enclosed). "The pencil sent by you is made of "very soft lead, and I can furnish a "better article at 25 per cent less than "the price quoted in the report from India."

The price quoted was quarter of an anna each pencil, and the specimen sent to England was in compliance with the wishes of the Revenue Board, referred to in Proceedings dated 9th September 1868 and the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 3rd August 1869.

Stationery Office, 10th December 1873.

I have &c.
(Sd) A.H. Thomas Capt. A.D.C.
Supdt of Stationery

The Board resolve to submit a copy of their Proceedings dated 1st Decr 1873, No. 8212, with a sample of the pencil therein referred to, and request that the sanction of Government may be accorded for the purchase of a better article in the local market.

2. The pencils, now supplied by the Stationery Depôt, appear to have been purchased at Madras, the stock received from England having been exhausted. It is not clear at what rate they were purchased, but whatever the price, they are useless.

3. The cost of the pencils, which the Board propose to purchase in the Local Market, will be about 6 annas the dozen, which is less than the rate in the published price list of the Superintendent by 2 annas 7 pies a dozen.

(True extract)
(Sd) A. Sathiya
Asst. Secretary
Cadet

Order thereon 7th March 1874. No 47

Under the circumstances stated, the Board of Revenue are authorized to purchase 16 Dozens of black lead pencils in the local market, as a special case.

(True Extract)

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Sy. Secretary to Govt.

To

The Public Department.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines for any remarks he may desire to make.

Fort St. George
10th March 1874

D Hannaford
Ag Chief Secretary

To

The Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines

Public 1874 Nº 383

Revr. & Govt. Dept.

Revenue Board's Proc. Nº 47 dated 7th March 1874.

Read & the Board's letter Nº 771 dated 20th March 1874.

Resolved to authorize the Collector of Canara to purchase 16 dozens of black lead pencils in the local market, as a special case.

Stationery Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE:
Fort Saint George,
25th March 1874.

No. 315.

From,

Lieut-Colonel N. G. Campbell R. A.,
Offg. Dy: Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
In charge Ordnance Office.-

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.-

Sir,

(a) Nº 47 dated 7th March 1874 herewith returned.

(b) Nº 771 dated 20th March 1874.

(a) Nº 47 of 7th March 1874.

(b) Nº 309 of 12th ——

(c) Nº 74 dated 14th Decr 1872.

(d) Nº 80 of 19th Jany 1874.

With reference to (a) order of Government, forwarded for my remarks regarding the purchase of Black Lead Pencils in the local market, I have the honor to (b) annex letter from the Superintendent of Stationery on the subject.-

"In returning enclosed the (a) Proceedings of "Madras Government, received for remark, with your "endorsement, (b) I have the honor to state, that the Stock "of Black lead pencils is exhausted, on account of the "non-receipt upto date, of the quantity included for "supply from England in my General Indent on the (c) "Home Government- Advice has been received of their "Shipment per "W. W. Smith" on the 25th January last, "their arrival may therefore be looked for, early in May "next.-

"2.- Owing to the above exhaustion of Stock, "Black lead pencils were purchased by open contract "as per Order of Government. T. Soobramoney's (d) tender

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"to supply them at 2 Annas and 5 pies per dozen, was
"approved of, especially as the pencils tendered by him,
"corresponded with the approved sample furnished to
"this office by the Revenue Board."-

"3.- The Black lead pencils objected to by the Revenue
"Board as useless, are of the kind, which the Board con-
"sidered better adapted for the Revenue Department,
"than the pencils received from England, consequently
"the sample pencil alluded to in Government (c) Proceedings
"was forwarded to England; the question as regards the
"description of pencils to be supplied, has not yet been
"finally settled- The accompanying pencil Faber's at
"3 Shillings per gross received with Government (d) Proceedings,
"has undergone a fair trial, and is well suited to this
"climate. I would suggest that the supply of this article
"from England be as follows:-

"One fourth Cohen's at 12 Shillings per Gross."
"Three fourths Faber's at 3 Shillings per Gross."

"4.- If the Revenue Board were of opinion, (e)
"that a better pencil was wanted, the Order of Govern-
"ment to furnish a sample pencil to this Office, should
"have been complied with, in such case; P. Venkatarungum
"Chetty's tender to supply good English Black lead
"pencils at 5 Annas per dozen, would have been
"recommended for acceptance"-

"5.- The purchase of any article by the Depart- (f)
"ment, wanting to use it, is prohibited by Order of
"Government."-

(c) No 1079 of 3d August 1864.

(d) No 1225 of 20th Octr 1873

(e) No 1577 of 28th Novr 1861 and No 187 of 28th Jany 1863.-

(f) No 1295 of 3d November 1862.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,

Neil Campbell Lieut. Colonel R. E.,
Offg Dy: Surveyr: Genl: of Ords & Stores:

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7 April 74 No 554

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to letter in that department of the 7th March 74. No 47.

To the Revenue Department
26/3/74.

with Sample Pencil (dupd No

Dublin 1st April 1874

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to transmit herewith, for the information of the Chief Secretary to the Government, a Return of Stamps issued to Distributors during the month of March 1874.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
[illegible]

Dated 25th March 1874
No 2 Stamp Office
Dublin

No 708 Pay 3/15

Returning explanation of the reduction under the head of Postal Orders regarding the issue of Stamps &c.

Dublin 27th March 1874

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to transmit herewith, for the information of the Chief Secretary to the Government, a Return of Stamps issued to Distributors during the month of March 1874.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
[illegible]

Dated 25th March 1874
No 2 Stamp Office
Dublin

No 708 Pay 3/15

Returning explanation of the reduction under the head of Postal Orders regarding the issue of Stamps &c.

B Auditor appr

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

1st Financial 13/5

To The Revenue Dept.

G.O. April 7, 1874, No. 554.

Nos. 39-41.

Stationery. The Explanation of the Supt: in regard to the purchase of Black lead Pencils in the Local Market Comd. to the Rev: Dept: with ref: to the order in that Dept: authorizing the Bd of Rev: to purchase 16 Dozs. of pencils in the Local Market.

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