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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th January 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 111. Extract from Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 10th November 1873, No. 3739.

Read despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, dated 17th May 1873, No. 80.

Paragraph 15. With reference to the complaints of the inferior quality of the blue foolscap-paper sent out from England for the use of the public offices at your Presidency, it is reported that, in the absence of any information as to the requisition on which the paper was furnished, or the vessels in which it was shipped, the particular supplies complained of cannot be identified.

Paragraph 16. Information in this respect, together with samples, should always be supplied when complaints of the quality of stores sent out from this country are made.

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Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 2886, dated 18th April 1873, and in view to the required information being furnished.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

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No. 112. From Lieutenant-Colonel D. SCOTT, Officiating Deputy Quarter-master-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 25th November 1873, No. 8294.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 3739, dated 10th November 1873, I have the honour, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward the enclosed specimens of blue machine-made paper complained of.

2. Adverting to the enclosed copy of letter from the Superintendent of Stationery, Fort St. George, in reply to a reference made to him for information on other points, viz., the requisition on which the paper was furnished, and the vessel in which it was shipped, I am to state that the paper appears to have been brought out by the Financial Member of Council, Sir Charles Trevelyan, in January 1863, from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.—*Vide* Order of Government, No. 530, dated 10th May 1864, Public Department.

No. 557, dated 18th November 1873.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel L. F. C. THOMAS, R.A., Superintendent of Stationery, to the Quarter-master-General, dated Fort St. George, 18th November 1873, No. 557.

With reference to your letter, No. 8071, of the 15th November 1873, and its enclosures, I have the honour, in reply, to state that the specimen machine-made paper, alluded to therein, was brought from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India by the Financial Member of Council, referred to in Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, No. 530, of 10th May 1864.

2. Further information relative thereto can be had on referring to Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 597, of 23rd April 1860, No. 1391, of 15th December 1863, and No. 771 of 6th July 1864.

3. As issues are made from this office upon indent only, the specimens, I presume, can be got from the supplies to your department.

Procs. of Govt., No. 1505, 1st May 1873.
Paragraphs 15 and 16 of despatch from Secretary of State, No. 35 of 1873, recorded in Procs. of Govt., No. 3739, 10th Nov. 1873.

Transferred to the Public Department for disposal, with a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1*st December* 1873.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1874, No. 68.

The Governor in Council does not consider the information afforded by the Officiating Deputy Quartermaster-General and the Superintendent of Stationery to be sufficient to enable the Secretary of State for India to identify upon what requisition and by which vessel the inferior quality of the blue foolscap-paper, on which the communication of the Barrack Master at Bangalore, dated the 4th April 1873, No. 12, is written, was sent out from England. The Inspector-General of Ordnance will be requested, therefore, to trace, if practicable, when the paper was issued to the Barrack Master at Bangalore, and upon what requisition of the Stationery Department the paper was supplied from England, and by what vessel it was received into store at Madras.

2. The Governor in Council observes that the complaints made of the inferior quality of the blue foolscap-paper were submitted, by the Military Department, to the Secretary of State, without reference to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, or to the Public Department, which usually deals with such matters.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Military Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Govt., d/ 10th November 1873, No. 3739.

Letter, dated 17th May 1873, No 80.

Para 15. "With reference to the complaints of the inferior quality of the blue foolscap paper sent out from England for the use of the public Offices at your Presidency, it is reported that, in the absence of any information as to the requisition on which the paper was furnished, or the vessels in which it was shipped, the particular supplies complained of cannot be identified.

"16. Information in this respect, together with samples, should always be supplied, when Complaints of the quality of stores sent out from this country are made.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Quarter Mr. Genl's letter No. 2886, d/ 18th April 1873, & in view to the required information being furnished.

(Signed) A. C. Silver Colonel
Secretary to Government

(True Copy)

Secretary to Government

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ORDNANCE AND MAGAZINES, &c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 17th.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 17th January 1874, No. 68.

JANUARY.
Nos. 111—113.

Stationery.—The Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines requested to furnish fuller information regarding the inferior quality of blue foolscap-paper sent out from England for the use of the public offices in this Presidency, and the irregularity in the submission of the complaint to the Secretary of State by the Military Department noticed.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
1st May 1873.

Read the following papers :—

No. 15. From Colonel H. H. O'CONNELL, Officiating Quarter Master General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 18th April 1873, No. 2886.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to bring to the notice of Government that a large proportion of blue machine-made foolscap paper, of a very inferior description and quite unfit for official records is issued to offices of this Department, supplied with public stationery. This paper breaks almost immediately it is folded and cannot stand any handling.

2. A letter on the subject, No. 36, dated 9th instant, from the Superintendent of Stationery is enclosed. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief would suggest that the inferiority of the paper supplied be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. CHILDERS, R. A. Superintendent of Stationery, to the Quarter Master General, dated Fort St. George, 9th April 1873, No. 36.

In returning the enclosure received with your Memorandum No. 2655 of date 7th March, received 8th April 1873, I have the honor in reply to state that the blue machine-made foolscap paper is generally disliked by all Public Departments, and that complaints regarding the inferior quality of the machine-made paper have been communicated to Government for several years past. In my Annual Report, dated 24th June 1869, Proceedings of Government, 3rd August 1869, it is stated "several complaints have been received of the inferior quality of supplies from England; these may be summarized as follows.

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Foolscap machine-made paper. Stated to be of a spongy, and at the same time of a brittle nature. In many respects unsuited to the climate. The slightest dampness of the hand indelibly stains it with a greasy mark. It tears easily after being folded, and appears to be prepared with some chalky or other material which speedily cloys up the pens.

The writing papers are received from England, from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, through the Secretary of State for India, and the Stationery Office can issue such paper only, as the Home and Local Governments consider sufficient for public requirements. The proportion $\frac{1}{3}$rd hand-made and $\frac{2}{3}$rds machine-made was issued to the Barrack Master, Bangalore, for 1873-74, according to the allotment sanctioned by Government.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1873, No. 1505.

Communicated to the Secretary of State for India.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

/True Copy/

Secretary to Govt.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Quarter Master General's Office
Fort St. George 25th November 1873

No. 8294

From

Lieutenant Colonel D. Scott
Offg Deputy Qr Mr. General

To

Colonel A. C. Silver
Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir.

With reference to Order of Govern-
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have the honor, by order of His Excellency
the Commander in Chief to forward the inclosed
Specimens of blue machine made paper Complain
=ed of.

2. Adverting to the enclosed Copy of
Letter from the Superintendent of Stationery Fort
Saint George in reply to a reference made to him
for information on other points, Viz the requisition,
on which the paper was furnished, and the
Vessel in which it was shipped, I am to state,
that the paper appears to have been brought out

by

No. 557
dated 18th Novr
1873.

by the Financial Member of Council Sir Charles Trevelyan in January 1863 from H.M.s Stationery Office. Vide Order of Government No. 530 dated 10th May 1864 Public Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
L. Scott. Lieut.t Colonel.
Offg. Dep.y Qr.r Mr. General.

Fort Saint George
Stationery Office
18th November 1873

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No. 557.

From
The Superintendent of Stationery.
Fort Saint George.

To
The Quarter Master General
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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2. Further information relative thereto, can be had, on referring to Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 59 of 23. April 1860 No. 1391 of 15th. December 1863 and No. 771 of 6th. July 1864.

3. As issues are made from this Office, upon Indent only, the specimens, I presume, can be got from the supplies to your Depart-

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(Signed) L.t.C. Thomas 54th R.A.
Superintendent of Stationery

(True Copy)
A. Scott. Lieut.t Colonel &c.
Offg. D.A. Genl. &c.

Chs. Jas. 29th Regt.

P.D. № 1505 of 1st May 73.
Paras 15 & 16 of despatch from Sec. of State № 35 of 1873, received in ult. № 3739 dated 10th Nov 1873.

Transferred to the Public Department for disposal, with a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin.

Fort St. George, 1st December 1873.

Secretary to Government.

To The Public Dept.
With the Revd Letter noted in Margin.

Public Department
Military
No. 5529.
From The Offg Dy Qr Master General
To The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Dated 17th January 1874
No. 68/74.

Public Dept 1873
No. 5529.
Copies sent to Secretary of State
No. 1642.
7 Jan 1874
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Offered in transmission to the Secretary of State for War for his information and orders regarding the enclosed application from Messrs Spicer Brothers for the appointment of their Agent Mr. Edward Bayley to be Stationer to the Madras Presidency.
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Transferred.

W.G. 10th November 1873 No. 1114
Public 1st May 1873 No. 1505 Paras 15 & 16
" 15th Dec 1873 No. 2525
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Desp. " No. 85-86.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Ex Despatch from the S. State. № 35 of 1873. Mily Dept

Read the following letter from the Offg Dy Qr Master General, through the Military Dept 25th Nov 1873 № 8294. Order thereon, 17th Jany 1874 № 68.

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The Insp^r Genl. of Ordnance
& Magazines
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Dated 17 Jany } 1874, No. 68
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Nos. 111-113

Stationery. The Insp^r. Genl. of Ordnance & Magazines requested to furnish further information regarding the inferior quality of blue foolscap paper sent out from England for the use of the Public Offices in this Presidency & the irregularity in the submission of the compliance to the Secy. of State advised.