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Read the following :—

No. 64. Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

Financial.
No. 197.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
16th April 1874.

MY LORD,—I have considered in Council your Financial letter, No. 436, dated 2nd October 1873, from which it appears that, owing to delays in the supply of stationery from this country, it had been found necessary to effect local purchases.

2. Having caused inquiry to be made on the subject, I have ascertained that the system of "sub-indents" sanctioned in the Financial despatch to your Government, No. 154, dated 18th May 1871, is not found to work in a satisfactory manner.

3. As explained in that despatch, no stock of stationery is retained in England to meet requisitions from India. Supplies are purchased as required, and, as Her Majesty's Stationery Office has no warehouse room in which paper and other supplies of stationery can be stored away until required for shipment, no steps have been taken during the last three years to provide the stationery that has been indented for until the receipt of the "sub-indents."

4. It has frequently happened that, on the arrival of these latter documents, Her Majesty's Stationery Office has been fully occupied in meeting requisitions from the Home Government, the Colonies, or from the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, and the demands from Bengal have had to stand over until those requisitions had been met.

5. As supplies are contracted for as required, delays also frequently occur from want of punctuality on the part of paper manufacturers and others in carrying out their contracts.

6. Upon a consideration of the whole subject, it appears preferable that supplies of stationery should arrive in India some time before they are required, rather than that such delays as are likely to occur under the system adopted in 1871 should render necessary local purchases at high rates.

7. I have, therefore, directed that indents for stationery should, in future, as soon as sanctioned, be transmitted to Her Majesty's Stationery Office for compliance, without awaiting subsequent communications from the Superintendent of Stationery at Calcutta.

8. It will be arranged with the Stationery Office in London that the large supplies of paper shall be shipped in convenient instalments spread over twelve months. Future indents should, therefore, state in what instalments and at what dates such supplies should be despatched.

9. In the case of the smaller and miscellaneous items in the indent, the whole quantity asked for will be provided and shipped at once, as their supply in instalments could not be economically effected.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
The Governor-General of India in Council.

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8th June 1874.

No. 3320.

Copy forwarded to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, for information, with reference to communication from this Department, No. 1547, dated 28th June 1871.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
FORT WILLIAM,
28th May 1874.

(By order, &c.)
(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1874, No. 971.

Communicated to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, for information and guidance, with reference to his letter, dated 22nd July 1871, No. 104-G.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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FINANCIAL.

To THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ORDNANCE AND MAGAZINES.

Dated June, 8th.

Recd.

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Nos. 64-65.

Stationery.—Endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State, intimating the arrangements made with respect to the supply to India of stationery in future, communicated to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines for information and guidance.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.
Jail

To
The Inspr Genl of Prisons
& Mags.

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Nos. 64-5.

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Govt. of India (Home) Despatch
Home Revenue
Dated 25th March 1874
Rec'd 4th June 1874
No. 110

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 64 dated 25th March 1874 intimating the arrangements made with a view to the supply of India of stationery in future

I have &c
(Sd) [illegible]

Acknowledged 8th June 1874 No. 971.

Communicated to the Inspector Genl of Prisons & Magistrates for information & guidance with reference to his letter of 22nd July 1871. No. 104-9-

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