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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1520.

FROM

THE HON. D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to endorsement, No. 548, dated 30th April 1875, communicating copy of Despatch from Secretary of State, dated 11th February 1875, No. 52, (Financial) and calling for report on the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 thereof, that, if practicable, Indents for Stationery should be despatched from India at intervals of not less than three months from each other, I am directed to transmit copy of a report from the Superintendent of Stationery, dated the 17th instant, No. 299, explaining that the course followed in this Presidency as regards the transmission of Stationery Indents is in accordance with that of Calcutta and Bombay.

2. I am to state that for the reasons urged by the Superintendent of Stationery in paragraph 4 of his letter, the Governor in Council is not in favor of the suggestion that Indents for Stationery should be despatched at the intervals suggested in paragraph 4 of the despatch above alluded to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
22nd July 1875.

Officiating Chief Secretary.

From W. E. WRIGHT, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 17th July 1875, No. 299.

In continuation of my letter, No. 252 of the 30th June 1875, and in reply to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1066 of 17th May 1875, I have the honor to report that the Annual Civil Estimate is despatched from this office in August every year, whilst the regular indent follows in December, or fifteen months before the stores indented for are actually wanted for use, *i.e.*, the indent despatched on the 16th December 1874, was for stores required for use in 1876-77. These stores will probably begin to arrive in February or March 1876.

2. The Military Estimate is despatched in June, and the indent follows in September, or nine months before the articles indented for are required for actual use.

3. From information received from the Superintendents of Stationery, Calcutta and Bombay, with whom I have communicated on this subject, I observe

that the same plan is in force in all three Presidencies, and that the period when these indents are despatched from all three, is about the same, namely, in December from the minor Presidencies, and in January from Calcutta.

4. Adverting therefore to paragraph 4 of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State's Despatch, I venture most respectfully to urge that it is not advisable to disturb the existing arrangement, regarding the simultaneous despatch of indents from the three Presidencies; but for the Home Authorities, on the other hand, to secure the sufficiency of time, by providing for the delivery, by the contractors, of the Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay portions of the articles at different periods, as by having all the indents before them the authorities would continue to have the advantage of knowing the full requirements of each description of goods, and could make contracts once for all, and, probably, not on worse terms; whereas if the indents arrive at intervals of three months, as suggested, three separate arrangements will have to be entered into, and these will entail extra work, and very probably extra expense, all of which might be obviated and the remedy sought in regard to time be obtained, by the mere adoption of different dates of delivery for the goods of the respective Presidencies.

5. If, however, the suggestion for the submission of the Presidency Indents at intervals of three months be adopted, the only inconvenience would be in regard to the first indents, (Civil and Military) from two of the Presidencies, as the period of despatch would probably remain the same as at present for one, and be three months earlier and later for each of the others, and sufficient time, at least a year, should be allowed prior to the introduction of the new arrangement.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

1875.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 22nd July 1875.

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No. 1520.

Enclosure.

Stationery.—Copy of a report from the Superintendent on the Secretary of State's suggestion that Stationery Indents should be despatched from India at intervals of not less than three months, forwarded with remarks.

No. 299

Stationery Office
Madras
17th July 1875

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of Stamps & Stationery
Madras

To The Chief Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

W. Wright
Supt. of Stamps & Stationery

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Financial Department.

No. 1598

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22nd July 1875

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The Secretary to the
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Dated 22nd July 1875.

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