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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

27th October 1881, No. 2044.

Stores.

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5. In regard to the question of discounts, which is clearly explained in the Director-General's report, I desire also to direct your Lordship's attention to Financial Despatch, No. 8, of the 11th January 1870.

Enclosure No. I.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 11th January 1870, No. 8.

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2. It would appear from this inquiry that some misapprehension exists at your Presidency in regard to the mode in which stores for the use of the Indian Governments are obtained in this country.

3. Except in very special cases, direct orders for such stores are not given; but contractors are invited to tender for their supply on the principle of public competition. No commissions, agencies or discount is allowed by the contractor, who, being paid for his goods as soon as they have been delivered and examined here, is not enabled to charge interest. Freight is also engaged by public competition, the Government not insuring but taking its own risk of losses by sea, which have not hitherto amounted to more than a fraction of a pound per cent.

4. You will observe that, under these arrangements, the tenders sent in show, in each instance, the lowest price at which the contractor is willing either to supply the stores or to convey them to India; but that no abatement on account of discount is allowed for by him in calculating the cost, and that none can be expected from him on receiving payment.

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Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to the—

Home Department,
Revenue and Agricultural Department,
Public Works Department,
Military Department,
Local Governments and Administrations except Bengal,

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(Signed) J. E. O'CONOR,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1881, No. 2044.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Departments.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To all Departments of the Secretariat.
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Exd. T. O'Connor.

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ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT,

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Dated October, 27th.

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G.O., 27th October 1881, *No.* 2044.

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Stores.—Communicating endorsement of Government of India forwarding Despatch from Secretary of State regarding stores purchased by the India Office without any allowance for discount.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

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To

No. 3400.

Dated Simla, the 10th October 1881.

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Stores purchased by the India Office without any allowance for discount.

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Sanitary Commissioner	..	..	.. 1
Health Officer	..	..	.. 1
Committee for the Examination of Assistants	..	..	.. 1
Private Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor	..	..	.. 1
Government Astronomer	..	..	.. 1
Superintendent, Government Central Museum	..	..	.. 1
Chemical Examiner	..	..	.. 1
Superintendent of Stationery ..	..	..	.. 1
Supervisor of the Government Press ..	..	..	.. 1
Protector of Emigrants	..	..	.. 1
Tamil Translator to Government ..	..	..	.. 1
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Hindustani do. to do. ..	..	..	.. 1
Postmaster-General	..	..	.. 1
Superintendent, Electric Telegraphs ..	..	..	.. 1
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Political Agent at Poodoocottah ..	..	..	.. 3
Collector in charge of the Special Agent's Department at Cuddalore	..	..	.. 3
Officer in charge of the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore	..	..	.. 2
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Do. Karikal ..	..	..	.. 6

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The Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras	..	..	.. 1
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