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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd February 1881, No. 308.

Stationery.

Read the following papers :—

No. 59. From L. McIVER, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 29th January 1881, No. 183.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding, for the consideration of Government, an application from G. D. Iyah Pillai for permission to supply public offices with ink-powder by contract.

No. 237.

Referred to the Superintendent of Stationery for early remarks.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

5th February 1881.

No. 60. From J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th February 1881, No. 1647.

In reply to your reference, dated 5th instant, No. 237, herewith returned, I beg to remark as follows.

2. From the correspondence forwarded by Iyah Pillai, it appears that in 1868, on his applying to supply ink-powder, and on the Inspector-General of Ordnance reporting that his sample was equal to that manufactured in England and less in price, Government ordered* Colonel Barrow to obtain a year's supply for the use of

public offices, and, if favorably reported on, to enter into a contract with Iyah Pillai for a further supply, for three years, at a price equal to the English cost, exclusive of freight and charges; and that in 1871, on the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Government authorised† a contract being entered into with Iyah

† Public G.O., 16th September 1871, No. 1404. Pillai for the supply of two-thirds of the ink-powder required annually for the various Public Departments.

3. But in 1875, it is stated in a report‡ from this office that "It has been determined to procure black ink-powder in future entirely from England. The Europe powder is of superior quality, and

is, moreover, much cheaper than that procurable either from Bombay or in the local market, the price at which it can be obtained in England being As. 4-9 per dozen papers, while in Bombay the same quantity cost As. 9-6 and in Madras As. 11-9;" and Government approved of the arrangement.

4. I advertised recently for tenders for the supply of black ink-powder for one year, with other articles of Europe stationery, and no tender was received from Iyah Pillai. In his letter under reference he says that he will be able to supply his newly invented Sumach black ink-powder at a less rate than the current one, and he offers, first, to reveal the process of making the Sumach powder, provided Government assure him

for ten years half the amount of profit that may be derived by allowing the Contractors, through the Superintendent of Stationery, the supply of his new powder prepared after his directions; second, to undertake a contract for five years, at 3 pies less than the current rate per dozen, on condition that Government procures him, through the Municipal and Public Works Departments and Collector of Saidápet, the Sumach pod at 2 pies per lb.

5. As the tenders for the supply of black ink-powder, received in reply to my advertisement mentioned in the preceding paragraph, are in my opinion too high, I have recommended in my letter of 9th instant, No. 1632, that the article should be included in the indent on England. It would be preferable if suitable ink-powder could be obtained here; but remembering the report of 1875, quoted in paragraph 3, that the Europe powder is of superior quality, the main question in disposing of Iyah Pillai's application appears to be, what is the real quality of his newly invented powder. If, after examination, it is found equal to the Europe powder, it would be

* Government thus exempting him, as in former cases, from the Order of 15th October 1833 against public servants holding Government contracts.

easy, I imagine, to obtain our supplies from him on reasonable terms,* without accepting either of his last two extraordinary offers specified at the close of the last paragraph. The Sumach pods, which he

refers to, are, I am informed, procurable without difficulty at about $3\frac{1}{2}$ pies per lb. at present.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1881, No. 308.

The Superintendent of Stationery will arrange for thoroughly testing Iyah Pillai's ink-powder, reporting the result, and furnishing samples of the ink to Government,

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
,, Registrar of the High Court, with papers.

Ed. J. Wright.

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 Fort St George 15 October 1833.

The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council is pleased
to interdict all persons whether
European or Native, who may
be in the receipt of Pay from
the Company, from being en-
gaged directly or indirectly
in Government contracts, on pain
of removal from Office.

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Through Registrar High Court Appellate Side

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Respected Sir

I beg most respectfully to bring to your kind notice that on the 16th April 1868 I presented an Appeal to Government with a sample of Blackish Powder a preparation that is equal in quality to English Manufacture to which Government was pleased to sanction that on the approval of the same by the Chemical Examiner I may be permitted to supply Government with such powder first for one year on trial at the rate of 12 Annas per dozen and then for three years at the rate of English Manufacture.

2 That after one year's trial of the powder and on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Stationery as well as the Inspector General of Ordnance my late Employer who held some correspondence with Government to allow me the rate of English Manufacture Government was pleased after a further period of one year during which time some correspondence took place to grant me the Contract for a term of three years at the low rate of eleven Annas and nine pie per doz instead of at the English rate after

vide. P. G.
Public Dept.
No 881 dated
22nd July 1868

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after such long experiments and satisfaction.

3 That by the introduction of my manufacture I showed a saving to Government at the rate of about 9 or 10 annas per dozen of English Supply also in the way of discontinuance of the use of Vinegar for my powder as will appear from the omission of such item (Vinegar) in the monthly Contingent Bills of all Public Offices.

4 That on my having reduced the rate of Black Ink Powder some merchants in Bombay & London likewise lessened their rate an event that never occurred nor appeared in any Journal during the past 15 or 20 years and for such change in the rate I was the main cause though one manufacturer named Mr. Marshall effected no reduction in his rate.

5 While I was supplying the Superintendent of Stationery with my powder in pursuance to the Order of Government that Officer all on a sudden demanded from me 100 dozen packs within a fortnight when Gallnut one of the articles used in the preparation of Government Ink not being available in Madras I discovered that a Pod called Devi-Devi or Sumack has the same effect as Gallnut and Major General Broadell C. B. R. A. & his late Head Assistant J. B. Ludoja Esquire favored me as much as I required the said Sumack pod from their

vide P. G. No. 1404 dated 16th September 1871

vide letter from Superintendent of Stationery No. 195 dated 21st May 1873

their gardens and it is with their aid I was able to meet the emergent demand of the Superintendent of Stationery within so short a period as fifteen days.

6 Particulars as to the use of Sumack or Devi-Devi in room of Gallnut are given in Doctor Ure's Dictionary of Chemistry page 757 and my work Mooches Hand Book page 8 para 9.

7 I shall be able to supply the Superintendent of Stationery with the abovesaid my newly invented Sumack Black Ink Powder at a less rate than the current one for which the Superintendent of Stationery has now tendered the Contract so that I may show some saving to Government by it, were it not for the heaviness of my work as Book Binder & in the High Court since my transfer from Ordnance Office but I shall reveal the process of making the Sumack Black Ink Powder provided Government assure me that they will for 10 years allow me yearly half the amount of profit that may be derived by allowing the contractors through the Superintendent of Stationery the supply of my new powder prepared after my directions.

8 Should my present Employer Mr. L. McIver recommend to grant me the Contract for 5 years as the Inspector General of Ordnance did I shall be happy to undertake for 5 years for the late contract the same at 3 Pies less

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less than the current rate per dozen on condition
to Government doing me the favor of procuring
the said Sumack pod through the Municipal
and Public works Department and Collector
at Lydappett at the rate of 2 pie per lb which
charge shall be met by me as the article
(though abundantly produced in the Presidency)
can ^{be more} easily obtained through those authorities.

Madras
6th January
1881

I beg to remain
Respected Sir

Your most obedient & humble servant

G. D. Iyah Pillay
Book Binder
High Court
Appellate side



Return in Office

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From

Lewis Mc Iver Esquire,
Acting Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Madras.

To

Honorable R. Davidson, C.S.I.,
Chief Secretary
to Government.

Honorable Sir,

With enclosures.

I have the honor to
forward for the consideration
of Government an Application
from G. D. Iyah Pillay,
Book binder in this Office,
for permission to supply
ink powder by contract
for use in the public Offices.

His previous appli-
cations with a similar
object appear to have
been

been forwarded through the
head of the Office in which
he was serving.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

High Court of Judicature, 3
Madras 29th January 1881.

M. M. M. M.

Deputy Registrar.
for Acting Registrar,
Appellate Side.

Copied by S. S.
N. Lakshmanan

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From
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Attorney,
The Acting Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Madras.

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To The Chief Secretary
to Government.

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Dated 29th }
Received 31 } January 1881

No 183. No 237

Enclosure - 1.

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TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

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J. Dawson
Chief Secretary.

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No 1647

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To, The Chief Secretary to Government
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Fort Saint George

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* Public G.O. 22nd July
1868, No 881.

* Public G.O. 16th September
1871 No 1404.

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(Para 20.)
recorded in
Financial G.O.
25th June 1875
No 1356.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

J G Ferrand

Superintendent of Stationery
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 From Stationery
 The Superintendent
 of Stationery
 Madras

To The Chief Secretary
 to Govt.
 R.D. Finl Deptt.
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Passing remarks on
 the application of G.D.
 Vyah Pillay for permission
 to supply public offices
 with Black Ink powder.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters

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Sup^t of Stationery Madras dated 11th
 February 1881 No. 1647.

Order thereon 22nd Feb/81, No 308

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To the Registrar, High Court
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 Madras. 15/2
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