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[Despatch Abstract.]

MADRAS OBSERVATORY.—

Directing that the charges amounting to Rs 286-3-0 for making self-recording instruments for the ---- be admitted and met from savings under 45. Civil Works.

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WITH REMARKS.

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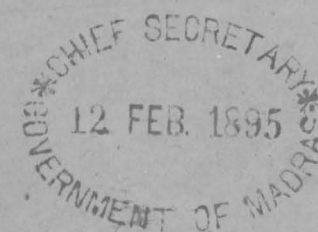
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From

*The Govt. Astronomer,
Madras.*

No. 32 Enclosures - 2 bills

*Dated 11th February 1895
Recd. 12th*



*Applying for sanction to charge
to the Observatory two bills
amounting to Rs 286-3-4 for
making self recording instruments.*

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No. 32

Madras, 11th February 1895.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

TO

The Honble Mr. J. I. Pice,
Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

I have the honor to apply for sanction
to charge to the Observatory the following
two bills:-

* to be returned

For making a self-recording
Rain Gauge - Rs 132-8-

For making a wind recording
Instrument - Rs 153-11-

2. Both instruments were made at the telegraph
workshops, ^{Arkonam} on my own design and both were,
to a certain extent, experimental and
hence I paid for them myself. Now, however,
as both are working admirably and are used
exclusively

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Note

Submitted that this procedure is objectionable and should not be allowed in future. By effecting private purchases in the first instance, public officers easily get over the various difficulties involved in the questions

Are articles newly imported in India be obtained more cheaply through the India office?

/i/ whether the articles could not be obtained cheaper through the India Office

/ii/ whether they are really indispensable for the work of the department which managed without them for so many years

/iii/ whether there is budget provision for the charge, in the year in which the expenditure is incurred

In the present case there are no savings available in the Astronomer's budget and there is no provision for the item next year.

Properly speaking therefore the Astronomer should be told to make the necessary provision in the budget of 1896-97 and submit his bill to the Accountant General

on

exclusively for Observatory purposes, I request that I may be allowed to debit them to Observatory contingencies. The necessary amount is available.

Budget 18,580
Revised 19,700

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Christine Smith

Offg. Govt. Astronomer.

Submitted that this was given only as an instance of one of the rules which might be taken to these private purchases. It was not intended to include this particular purchase under this head

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on 1st April 1895, but the amount being small, it ^{can} be met by transfer from savings elsewhere. The principle should however be laid down by a general order, and a draft is submitted for approval.

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Purchase of articles

ORDER, 1st March 1895 No 207

The charges will be admitted + met from savings under 45 Civil Works

~~Cases sometimes occur in which Government Officers purchased articles required for printing purposes at their own expenses, in the first instance, and subsequently sought to recover the cost from Government on the ground that the articles were used solely for the benefit of the public service. This procedure is really an evasion of the rules regarding Budget provision, purchase of articles of European manufacture, &c.~~

~~It should be understood that Government will not in future undertake liabilities on account of private purchases, however useful for public purposes, when they are effected without the previous sanction~~

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However necessary para 2 may be in some cases, it seems to me out of place here. I don't see how, unless scientific progress in India is to be stopped, you can tie down scientific officers as proposed. Para 1 alone is approved.

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to Port Astronomer
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