

during the month of September, and that up to date

complaint has been made of the quality.

3. If, as stated by the Superintendent of Prisons, his supplies are up to sample, I beg to point out, how very unfair it is to the Jail Department that the Superintendent of Stationery should address a complaint to Government by means of his Administration Report, and request sanction to purchase 50 per cent of his requirements of wax cloth from Calcutta, before it has been proved that the Jail is unable to supply him with a satisfactory article. It would have been more in accord with the usual practice, in such transactions, if the Superintendent of Stationery had first addressed his complaint to me or to the Superintendent of Prisons, in order that the Jail Department might have had an opportunity of remedying the defects he complains of.

4. The Superintendent of Prisons, Madras, is prepared to receive any suggestions that the Superintendent of Stationery may wish to make, to improve the quality of these supplies. I, therefore, venture to hope that Government will be pleased to reconsider that portion of his order sanctioning the purchase from Calcutta of 50 per cent of the requirements of wax cloth for the year, until the Superintendent of Prisons, Madras, has been given an opportunity of supplying an article which will meet with the approval of the Superintendent of Stationery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. J. J. J.

Ag: Inspector-General of Prisons.

Financial (189 7) Department.

CURRENT No. 70

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

The Superintendent
of Stationery,
Madras

No. 15

Dated 7 January 1897.

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Enclosures *C.N. 2593 of 96 ret'd and 12 evs (including 5 pieces of wax cloth + sticks of sealing)*

Spare copies *Retained in the Dept*

SUBJECT.

Forwarding samples of wax cloth and sealing with opinion as to the quality.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Stationery Office.

Government Telegraph Department.

From,

The Officer in charge Madras store Depot,

To,

Madras.

The Superintendent of Stationery,

Madras.

No.2849 Dated 25" March 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.364 dated the 6"

Instant I have the honor to inform you that we have had no opportunity as yet to give the white waxcloth a trial but after careful examination I am of opinion that it is more durable and consequently preferable to the cloth now in use and think it can be safely substituted for the latter.

I have &ca.

(Sd).J.A.Alphonso.

Su-Assistant Superintendent in charge of Madras store Depot.

(True Copy.)

Washed
Superintendent.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(Land Revenue).

Dated 12" June 1896.

No. 1620 Routine.

Read letter from the Superintendent of Stationery, dated
6" March 1896, No. 366.

Resolution.

The sample waxcloth forwarded with the letter read
above has been tried in this office and found satisfactory.

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(True Extract).

(Sd). L.D. Swamicunnu

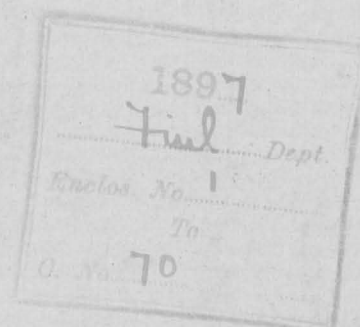
Assistant Secretary.

(True Copy).

Stationery Office.
Madras, 7" January 1897.

Wentley
Superintendent.

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No.1816.

High Court of Judicature.

Madras, 12" May 1896.

From,

The Acting Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature, Appellate side,
Madras.

To,

The Superintendent of Stationery,
Madras.

Sir,

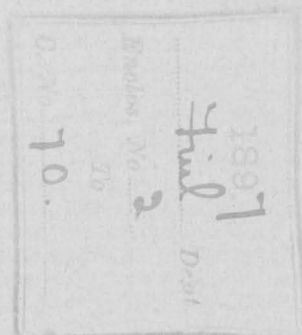
With reference to your letter No.367, dated the
6" March 1896, I have the honor to inform you that I have
tested the piece of white waxcloth forwarded therewith by
sending a parcel to Ganjam and back in it and that I consi-
der it distinctly superior to that now in use.

I have &ca.

(Sd).C.G.Todhunter
Ag.Registrar.

(True Copy).

W. A. S.
Superintendent.



Registration Department.

G.No.1627.

From,

The Inspector-General of Registration,
Madras.

To,

The Superintendent of Stationery,
Madras.

Dated Madras 15" April 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 6" March
last No.368,I have the honor to inform you that the white
wax-cloth sent with it was tried in this office and it
seems to be better in quality than the cloth now in use.

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I have &ca.

(Sd).S.SrinivasaRaghavaiyengar
Inspector-General of Registration.

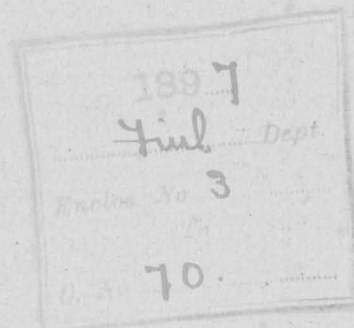
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Superintendent.

Stationery Office.

Madras 7" January 1897.



No.5255.

Government Press.
Mint Buildings, Madras.
21" March 1896.

From,

The Superintendent,

Government Press.

To,

The Superintendent of Stationery,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.370, dated
6-3-96, forwarding a piece of white waxcloth of Calcutta
manufacture, I have the honor to state that it is coated
with wax on one side only, and the wax disappears within 10
minutes of damping, and so it has no water resistant at all
the wax cloth in use now, stands this test satisfactorily. I
therefore think it will not be safe to substitute this white
wax-cloth for the one already in use.

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I have &ca.

(Sd).R.Hill.

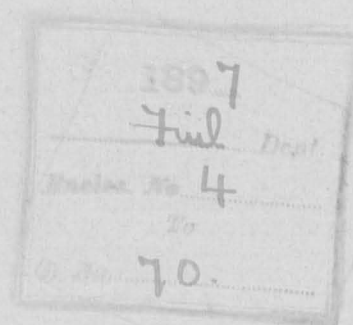
Superintendent.

(True Copy).

Stationery Office.

Madras, 7" January 1897.

W. Hill
Superintendent of Stationery.



Madras, 7 January 1897.

No. 5

CURRENT NO 70

From,

W. Austin Esq. I.C.S.,

Superintendent of Stationery,

To,

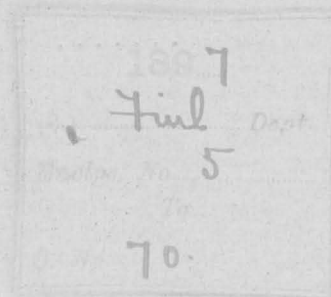
The Hon'ble Mr. J.F. Price C.S.I.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Financial Department.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No 2091 dated 13th October 1896 on letter (herewith returned) No. 6276 dated 9th idem from the Inspector General of Prisons, Madras, I have the honor to forward herewith 5 pieces of wax cloth marked "A to E" and 2 sticks of sealing wax "F and G". The piece marked A was supplied by the Jail department in February 1896. It will be observed that it goes to pieces by mere handling and is quite useless for the purposes for which it is required. That marked B was supplied in December last. It tears easily and will become as bad as the other in course of a few months. The piece marked C was forwarded by the Superintendent of Prisons, Madras, as a specimen prepared in a different manner from that usually supplied i.e. the cloth was washed before being waxed. In my opinion this is also no better than the first. The cloth D was sent to this Office in November last by the same officer and was prepared with paraffin wax. It appears to be strong now and I think it will answer, but its durability can only be tested after some time. The Superintendent says that he can supply this cloth next year at 6 as per yard. The first 3 descriptions of cloth were prepared with rosin which eats up the cloth and renders it useless in course of time. Cloth E is a portion of the supply



obtained from the Imperial Trading and Manufacturing Company Calcutta. It was forwarded to the marginally noted officers for trial and report. All these Officers except the last stated

that this cloth is superior to that supplied by the Jail Department.

Copies of their reports are enclosed for information. Its price is as 4-6 per yard while that of the jail cloth is as 6. It was under these circumstances that 50 per cent of the annual consumption was recommended to be obtained from Calcutta.

Officer in charge Telegraph Store Depot.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue Land Revenue Department.

Registrar High Court of Judicature
Inspector General of Registration
Superintendent Government Press.

The sealing wax is also a portion of the supply made by the jail department. Though it appears good when prepared and brought for supply, it becomes brittle after a short time. This also, I believe, is due to a large proportion of rosin being added to the lac. The price of the red sealing wax is as 9-6 and that of the black as 4-6 per lb. Every endeavour is made to obtain a better quality of the article.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. A. S. L.
Superintendent.

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[G.O.]
100-25-11-96.

(2) H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

(1) THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

Financial dept:

G.Os. 2593 of '96 and 70 of 1897

SUBJECT.

Re: supply of sealing-wax and wax-cloth

FOR ORDERS.

In para 10 of his report on the administration of the Stationery Dept. for 1895-96, the Supt. stated that the quality of sealing wax and wax-cloth obtained from the Jail dept. was not satisfactory and that endeavours were being made to obtain better articles. Samples of these articles manufactured by the Imperial Trading and Manufacturing Co. at Calcutta had been obtained and tried. The sealing wax was not of particularly good and its price was high, but the sample wax-cloth was considered by all who had been consulted, except the Supt., Govt. Press, as far superior to that formerly in use. The cloth appeared to the Supt. to be better than that supplied by the Jail dept. Its price was only ^{as per} 4/6 per yard including packing and transit charges while that of the jail cloth was 6 annas. The Supt. therefore proposed that about 50 per cent of the annual consumption of wax-cloth should be obtained from Calcutta and issued to officers to give it a fair trial. In para 7 of G.O. No. 516 Finl., d/ 26th August 1896, the ^{Secretary to the} I.G. of Prisons was

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drawn to these remarks and the Supt's proposals to obtain from Calcutta about 50 per cent of the amount of wax-cloth issued for use was sanctioned

2. With G.No.2593 the Ag: I.G. of Prisons forwarded a report from the Supt. of Prisons, at Madras, on the subject of ^{the} sealing-wax and wax-cloth referred to above. The I.G. considered that it was unfair to the Jail dept: for the Supt. of Stationery to address a complaint to Govt. by means of his administration report before it had been proved that the Jail was unable to supply him with a satisfactory ^{article} ~~re-~~ply. It would have been more in accord with the usual practice, in such transactions, the Ag: I.G. stated, if the Supt. had first addressed his complaint to the I.G. or to the Supt. of Prisons in order that the Jail dept: might have had an opportunity of remedying the defects ^{of which} he complained of. The I.G. therefore ventured to hope that Govt. would be pleased to reconsider that portion of its order sanctioning the purchase from Calcutta of 50 per cent of wax-cloth for the year until the Supt. of Prisons, Madras, had been given an opportunity ^{of} ~~for~~ supplying an article that would meet with the approval of the Supt. of Stationery.

3. This report was referred to the Supt. of Stationery for remarks and his reply is contained in G.No.70.

Mr. Austin forwards five pieces of wax-cloth marked "A to E" and two sticks of sealing wax marked "F and G". The wax-cloth marked A, which was supplied by the Jail dept: in Feb: 1896, goes to pieces, he reports, by mere handling and is quite useless for the purposes for which it is required. The sample bears out these remarks. Sample B was supplied by the Jail dept: in Decr. 1896. It is slightly better than A, but the Supt. reports that it tears easily and will become as bad as the other in course of a few ~~meta~~ months. Sample C was forwarded by the Supt. of Prisons, Madras, as a specimen prepared in a different by washing the cloth before waxing it. The Supt. considers that this is no better than the first. If anything, C appears to be worse than A. D was supplied by the jail dept: in Novr. 1896. It is prepared with paraffin wax and the Supt reports that its durability can be tested only after some time. The Supt. of Prisons states that he can supply this cloth next year at 6 as. per yard. Sample E is that obtained from the Imperial Trading and Manufacturing Co:; Calcutta. It has been reported on by the Telegraph dept: the Board of Rev., the High Court, the I.G. of Registration and the Supt., Govt. Press, and all these officers, except the last, state that ~~this~~ ^{it} is superior to the cloth supplied by the jail dept: Its price is ^{as is} 4/6 per yard, while that of the jail cloth is six annas. It is submitted that there can be no question as

Regards the superiority of sample E and looking to the saving of 33 per cent in the price, it is submitted that there is no other course open but to confirm ~~to~~ the action which has already been taken. It might be pointed out to ~~him~~ ^{the Sg.} that in the matter of an article the supply of which is so extensive, Govt. cannot compel its officers to go to the Jail dept: when its manufactures are inferior and more expensive. It seems to be a question whether the whole of the annual consumption of wax-cloth ^{sh} should not be obtained from Calcutta.

4. The samples of sealing wax F and G, are those supplied by the Jail dept: These appear to be good ^{but} ~~one~~ They become brittle after a short time. The Supt. reports that every endeavour is made to obtain a better quality of the article. The present articles have apparently been broken in their transit from the Stationery office to the Secretariat. The red sealing wax is known by past experience to be very brittle and not to be good, and the black does not appear to be any better in this respect. The Supt. of Stationery seems to have acted correctly.

5. As regards both the articles, ^{however,} the Supt. might have consulted the Jail dept: before ^{reporting} going to Govt on ^{inferiority of the} ~~that~~ the Jail supplies are inferior.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:--

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Current No. 2593	of 1896, dated 9 Octr, from the Insp. General of Prisons
" " 70	" 1897, " 7 Jan, " the Supt. of Stationery
" "	" 189 , " , "

ORDER. No 76 d/26th Jan 1897

The Govt see no reason to alter the arrangement already sanctioned. The Insp. General of Prisons will be informed that in the matter of an article the supply of which is so extensive, Govt is not prepared to ~~compel~~ ^{compel} its officers to go to the Jail dept ^{as long as} its manufactures are inferior and more expensive, and that it ^{may} ~~will~~ become a question for consideration whether the whole of the annual ^{supply} ~~consumption~~ of wax cloth should not be obtained from Calcutta. ~~the Insp. General of Prisons~~
2. The Supt. of Stationery should however have consented

unless the Jail Dep: can produce a better and cheaper article

the jail dept before reporting
to Govt on the inferiority of
the jails supplies.

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The Jy. of Prisons. (q of 2593
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Supplies of Stationery. (q of both)

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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