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G.O., No. 1097

Dated 22-11-88

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the Controller
of Military Accounts, Madras
Command, letter from the Capt.
of stationery regarding the
check to be exercised by him over
the supply of rubber stamps by the
stationery office to Imperial
Depts; and pointing out to the
Controller the scope of the check
which the supply proposes to exercise

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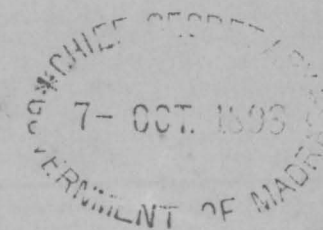
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CURRENT No. 2793



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copy out ~~from~~ position of Provincial
as regard supply of Stationary
to General Office*

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12.11.98*

From

*The Superintendent of
Stationary, Madras*

Order

No. 2473

Dated 5th October 1898

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SUBJECT.

*Forwarding for the
Consideration of Govt.
Copy of letter from the
Controller of Military
Accounts, regarding the
scrutiny of Indent for
Rubber stamps in the
Stationery Office.*

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Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stationery Madras, to the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras, No. 601 dated 9th September 1898.

Recent orders in the Office Department have reduced and consolidated the lists of rubber stamps which are an authorised issue to its various officers and have also fixed standard diagrams to act as a guide to my office in dealing with indents of officers. It would be a great convenience and result in a considerable saving if similar action were taken in the Military Department. At present the rubber stamps in use in the various Military offices under your control vary in size and shape and there is no data to enable my office to exercise an efficient check over indents.

2. In some cases the stamps are unnecessarily large and in others it would seem that they could without loss of efficiency be done away with altogether.

3. I have therefore the honour to request that, should there be no objection, I may be furnished, at as early a date as practicable, with a consolidated list and standard designs of the rubber stamps which I should be authorized to supply in future to officers under the control of your department.

Copy of a letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, to the Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, No. 4215 dated 12th September 1898.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 601 dated 9th September 1898 and to state that in this department the several Branches of my office indent for stamps of the size and shape they require, being guided by what experience shows to be best in the particular indenting office, and I do not admit that this is a matter which is open to any review in your office, and as I consider your proposal open to serious objection and likely to entail unnecessary correspondence, I regret that I do not see my way to comply with the request contained in the concluding para of your letter.

2. I would further invite your attention to the fact that this is not a Department under the Local Government but entirely under the Government of India.

(True copies),

J. N. Atkinson
Superintendent of Stationery.

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Stationery Office,
Madras, 5th October 1898.

No. 2473

From

J. N. Atkinson Esquire, I.C.S.,

SUPERINTENDENT OF STATIONERY,

MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Financial Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit for the consideration of Government copies of my letter No. 601 dated 9th September 1898 to the Controller of Military Accounts and his reply thereto. The question on which I now seek orders is whether the Superintendent of Stationery should exercise any check over the indents for rubber stamps and their appurtenances from officers belonging to departments that are under the direct control of the Government of India.

2. A similar reference was made to the Deputy Adjutant General, *The Commissary General,* and the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command, and has in no case met with such a response as in that point.

3. The Government of India in its Order No. 1005, Department of Finance and Commerce dated 28th February 1890 communicated with G.O. No. 218, Financial, dated 15th March 1890, ruled that all rubber stamps and stamping inks should be obtained from the Stationery Office on indents in the same way as other articles of Stationery. As this Department is one of check as well as supply there is a clear implication that it should scrutinise all indents whether received from Provincial or Imperial officers

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more particularly as the cost of supplies is met from Imperial revenues. The object of my circular letter was to facilitate demand and supply, and obviate intermediate references, and I cannot understand how the Controller should view it in quite an opposite light.

4. The Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, who is under the direct control of the Government of India, has never raised an objection to my checking his indents.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Thomson

Superintendent of Stationery.

*Del
4.10.98*

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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SUBJECT.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

~~THE HONBLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HONBLE MR. ARUNDEL.~~

*Supply of rubber stamps
by Stationery Office to
Imperial Depts.*

FOR ORDERS.

G.O.No.218 Finl.
d/15th March 90.

*Done - 20
15-11-98*

In its resolution No.1005 dated 28th February 1890 the Govt. of India directed that rubber stamps and inks should with effect from the 1st April of that year be obtained from the Stationery Office in the same way as other articles of Stationery. The decision to concentrate the supply of such articles was influenced by the considerations that a large expenditure is annually incurred in their purchase and that such concentration would probably result in the articles required being obtained at a favourable price and of improved quality.

2. ^{in Sept} The Supdt. of Stationery ~~recently~~ addressed the Controller of Military Accounts pointing out that recent orders in the Civil Dept. had reduced and consolidated the lists of rubber stamps which are an authorized issue ^{to} ~~in~~ its various officers and that standard diagrams had also been fixed to guide his office in dealing with

indents

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indents of officers. He also pointed out that it would be a great convenience and would result in a considerable saving if similar action were taken in the Military Dept. and he requested therefore that he might be furnished with a consolidated list and standard designs of the rubber stamps which he should be authorised to supply in future to officers under ^{the Controller's} ~~his~~ control.

The Controller of Military Accounts ~~has however~~ declined to comply with the Supdt's request ^{and has} ~~intimated~~ ^{to him} that in indenting for stamps the various branches of his office ^{are} ~~were~~ guided by what experience showed to be the best. ^{He} ~~and~~ declined to admit that this was a matter which was open to any review in the Stationery Office. The Controller considered that the Supdt's proposal was open to serious objection and was likely to entail unnecessary correspondence and he further drew attention to the fact that his

was not a Dept. under the Local Govt. but entirely under the Govt. of India.

3. The Supdt. submits copies of the correspondence and requests orders as to whether he should exercise any check over the indents for rubber stamps and their appurtenances from officers belonging to Depts that are under the direct control of the Govt. of India.

Imperial Departments are equally with Provincial offices supplied with

Stationery articles from the Central Stores. The cost of the purchase of

Stationery ^{for} the Central Stores is in the first instance charged to Imperial

and

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and the cost of the supplies are subsequently debited to Provincial. It cannot be expected that the Local Govt. which is charged with the cost of the supplies to Imperial Offices ^{can} ~~would~~ consent to such supplies being made indiscriminately and without check. In this case ^{there has been no} ~~the Local Govt. did not even~~ attempt to interfere with the supply of rubber stamps to the Controller and the Offices under him. All that the Supdt. of Stationery wanted was an authorised list from the Controller to guide him in dealing with the indents from the Officers subordinate to the Controller so as to check indiscriminate supply. A similar reference to the Dy. Adj. General, the Commissary General & the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command did not meet with any objection. Nor did the Accountant-General who is under the direct control of the Govt. of India ever raise any objection to the Stationery Office checking his indents. The Controller has apparently misconstrued the scope of the check which the Supdt. proposed to exercise and has failed to see that it would be confined to the list authorised by the Controller himself. This, it is submitted, may be pointed out to the Controller.

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The only other course open appears to be either to (1) report the matter to India or (2) to instruct the Supdt. not to supply rubber stamps except in accordance with the

indents of officers. He also

that it would. The ~~provisions~~^{conclusion}
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it fails the matter will be referred
to India.

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C. No. 2795 From the Superintendent of State, Mary No. 2473, dated 5/10/1893.

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The foregoing letter from the Superintendent of Stationery will be communicated to the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, who will observe that ~~the~~ Govt. of India Finance and Commerce Dept. resolution No. 1005, dated 28th February 1890 (copy enclosed), which directed that rubber stamps and inks should be obtained from the Stationery Office, was ~~based mainly on~~ ~~influenced by~~ the consideration that a large expenditure is annually incurred in the purchase of these articles. This Govt. has found it necessary, in view of a closer check being exercised over the supply of these articles, to fix for the guidance of the Stationery Dept. Standard lists of rubber stamps to be furnished to

officers

officers in Civil Dept. There has been
 no attempt on the part of the Supt. of
 Stationery to interfere with the supply
 of rubber stamps to the Controller and
 the offices under him. All that the
 Supt. requires is an authorized list
 from the Controller for guidance in
 dealing with indents. The Controller
 has, moreover, apparently lost sight of
 the fact that whilst the cost of all
 stationery articles purchased for the
 Central Stores is in the first instance
 charged to Imperial funds the cost of
 the supplies are subsequently debited to
Provincial. In the foregoing circumstances
 the Govt. trusts that the Controller will
 find no difficulty in complying with the
 Superintendent's request.

(from orders)

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 The Controller of Mily. *with copy 1*
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