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[Despatch Abstract.]

Authorising the Supt of Stationery to obtain supplies of locks from certain native firms, provided that the locks are first passed by the Supt, P.W. Workshop; informing Mr Jones that ~~orders will be~~ permission has been granted to the Supt of Stationery to place orders for locks of local manufacture with Messrs San Naralingam Avari Bros, Bangalore.

17.12.98

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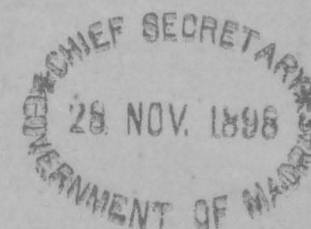
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Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3475



From
The Superintendent of Stables
Madras.

Order

No. 3458

Dated 25th November 1898

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SUBJECT.

Reporting in details on
the subject of locks, and
requesting early orders
of Government to make
arrangements with the
Dividegal Manufacturers.

financial effect of losses of Indian manufacture purchased, as compared with those of European made during the year 1897-98.

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or indication on the Secretary of State																
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Assistant Superintendent
for Insurrection.

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Stationery Office,
Madras, 25th November 1898.

No. 3458

From

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF STATIONERY,

MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

A With reference to para 12 of G.O.No.392, Financial, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honour to explain that it was found necessary to obtain locks also from Messrs Vellayanasary and Brothers of Dindigal to meet urgent demands from districts at a time when the three firms mentioned by Government were not in a position to comply with the demands of this office.

2. The present state of ^{the} supply of Dindigal locks to Treasury officers for remittance boxes is as follows:-

Out of 2635 2½" locks indented for, 1154 have been supplied to 14 districts and 1551 remain to be issued to the other 7 districts before the close of the official year. Of the balance required 75 are on hand, 249 are under reference to the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, and an order for 500 has been placed with the contractors, Periathumby Asary and Son, for supply before the ^{18th December} 10th January next.

3. The contract with Periathumby Asary and Son was for 2000 locks of which up to date they have been able to supply only 1000 and that after frequent reminders. There is small probability of their being able to complete the third 500 by the ^{18th December} 10th January the date fixed by me and thereafter there

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would still remain a fourth 500 in accordance with the contract. In order to prevent the lapse of any portion of the budget grant it is necessary to obtain locks from other manufacturers.

4. In regard to C. Seshadri Sastri, I would submit that the report of the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, on a consignment of locks supplied by him was that they were not so well made as his sample lock and fell short of the required standard. He took no steps to improve his manufacture and I was therefore precluded from giving him orders for some time, but recently a consignment of 100 (one hundred) of his locks were found to be up to the standard and were accepted.

5. The locks at first supplied by Ghose Das and co of Calcutta were very inferior, and I was therefore unable to accept them. A recent consignment has been better reported on.

6. In the meanwhile consignments of locks were from time to time received in the Stationery Office from Mamundy Asary and Brothers, Sankaralingam Asary and Brothers, Vellayanasary and Brothers, all Dindigal Manufacturers, and as they were favourably reported on by the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, and as the locks were urgently required for issue they were accepted. I have the honour to request that in the circumstances the Government will approve the action I took and will authorise my obtaining such further supplies from these firms as may be necessary to complete the orders on hand and to prevent a lapse of the budget grant, provided the locks are passed by the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, as equal to the standard.

7. In regard to the precautions taken against the possibility of fraud as respects the keys of these Dindigal locks, I beg to report that I am informed that with the six levers of which these locks are composed no less than 44000 different combinations can be obtained; that not more than one lock is made from the one combination; that although a note of this combination is kept by the manufacturer to obviate its being used again it conveys no clue to the particular lock containing the combination as the serial number on each lock is not recorded against the combination, but is used merely as the total of the manufacture. Only two keys are made with the lock and this has to be done as the lock is in process of manufacture. When it is once completed no third key can be
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made without an impression of the keys or without taking the lock itself to pieces. A further precaution that I may mention is that all the locks are distributed by this office and it is therefore almost impossible for any one at Dindigal to follow any particular lock to its eventual destination.

8. Locks of other descriptions, such as 1½", 2" and 3" padlocks, 4" cupboard locks and box locks, have been obtained solely from Periathumby Asary and Son, the contractors approved by Government. As regards the quality of these Dindigal locks I may state that though they are not so good as Chubb's yet for all practical purposes they are safe and durable. I have not received any complaints from Officers regarding their quality. Any suggestions made by the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, have received careful attention.

9. A statement showing the probable saving effected by the substitution of Country locks for those of European make during 1897-98 is appended.

10. In conclusion I would request early permission to place orders with Vellayanasary and Brothers, Sankaralingam Asary and Brothers and Mamundy Asary and Brothers of Dindigal, should I find it necessary to do so as explained above. In all cases the locks will first be passed by the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Atkinson
Superintendent of Stationery.

Per
25.11.08

Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3774

From

H. Gompertz Esq.
90 Messrs Arbuthnot & Co.
Madras.
Camp - Humsob.

No.

Order

Dated 15th

Received 17th

Registered 17th

} December 1898

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that orders
may be passed that locks
be taken as heretofore from
San Karalingam Abai & Bros
of Dindigul.

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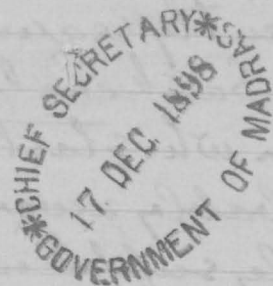
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Address C/o Messrs. Arbutnot & Co. Madras.
Camp Kurnool. 15th Decr. 1898.

To
f. Stokes Esq.
Chief Secy. G. Govt.



Sir

The Firm of Saubharalingam Asari & Bros at
Dindigul is now owned by me; I advanced them
money in the first place & finding they were doing
me all round, I resolved to have no more to do with
them & called my money in. On their failing to pay,
I had, after giving them time & every possible indul-
gence, finally to sue them & when their property was
sold, I bought it myself, together with name &
good will.

It was when I first became connected with
them that their letter No 79 of 19th Feb. 1904 was written
to Govt. on that letter, in f. C. dated 20th Sept. 1904,
No 756 Financial, Govt. passed orders that their
locks should be more extensively used & large
orders were sent them by the Stationery Dept.

After I took over the business, wh. the law pro-
ceedings had naturally disarranged, I requested
that orders m^t be continued & after some time, an
order was sent, but I learnt that large orders
had been given to other Firms at Dindigul & on
going to the Staty Dept. the other day (I am only just
out from England), Mr. Bird informed me that in
f. C. of 16th March 1907, No 233 Financial, Govt. had
sanctioned locks being got from 2 Firms at
Dindigul (not Saubharalingam Asari & Bros) &
from 1 in Calcutta & that the Staty Dept. had
now been asked why it had gone to another Firm.

Mr. Bird told me that he was unable to get suffi-

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cient locks from the sanctioned firms to spend
his allotment within the year & that the locks were
urgently required.

Sankaralingam Adari & Bros was the original
firm wh. started this business, wh. but for them wd
probably never have been heard of; that firm en-
tirely supplied the Registration Dept. for many
years & as pointed out, it was on the letter from
them that Govt. passed orders for the extended
use of Dinidigul locks. I cannot think it ever
have been intended to exclude them from the
further supply; I know some men at Din-
digul have been using their name & falsely
representing they are the old firm. Whether this
was done to the Staff Dept., I cannot say; it
will form the subject of further enquiry & mean-
time Govt. ask Govt. to pass orders that locks
may as before be taken from Sankaralingam
Adari & Bros, the firm which I now re-
present.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Yr most obed^t Servant

(G. G. Gough)
Madras Survey. (Retired) —

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Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 39



From The Superintendent of
Abadions of
Madras.

Order

No. 17

Dated 3rd. January 1899.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the favour
of early orders on the
subject of the supply of
locks referred to in para
10 of letter No 3458 of 25.11.98

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Stationery Office,

Madras, 3rd January 1899.

No. 17

From

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF STATIONERY,

MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Financial Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to request the favour
of early orders on the subject of the supply of locks re-
ferred to in para 10 of my letter No. 3458, dated 25th Novem-
ber 1898.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J.N. Atkinson

Superintendent of Stationery.

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Please see para 12 of SO 892
File of 18. x. 95. + C. No. 3475

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

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Mr. Henry Gompertz

Madras Rev. Survey, Ret.

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Financial Department.

C. Nos. 3475 & 3774.

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FOR ORDERS

Please see the note flagged IV

B in G.O. No. 233 Finl., d/16th March 1897 regarding the supply of locks of local manufacture. Those proceedings dealt with a complaint from the Superintendent of Stationery as to the difficulty experienced in obtaining a regular supply of locks from Messrs. Sankaralingam Asari & Bros. of Dindigul, whose locks were ordered to be introduced in place of Chubb's locks wherever practicable (G.O. 842 Finl., d/10th Octr. 1894). The Supdt. of Stationery was then authorised to obtain locks from Messrs. Periathambi Asari & Son and Seshadri Sastri of Dindigul and from Messrs. Ghose Das & Co., of Calcutta. In para 12 of his last report on the Stationery Dept. (page 6 of G.O. No. 892 Finl., d/18th Octr. 1898), the Supdt. reported that in addition to the ^{messrs} ~~above~~ firms he had purchased locks from Valiananchari & Bros. of Dindigul. He was accordingly requested in para 12 of G.O. No. 892 Finl., d/18th Octr. 1898, to explain the necessity for indenting upon this firm. Govt. observed at the

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same time that it was not clear, whether any precautions are adopted by the Supdt. against the possibility of fraud as respects the keys of these locks, and that this was a matter of importance when it is considered that these locks of Indian manufacture are used for treasure remittance boxes.

2. In the first current the Supdt. explains that it was necessary to indent upon Vellayanasary and Brothers of Dindigul to meet urgent demands from districts at a time when the three firms from whom supplies were sanctioned by Govt. were not in a position to comply with the demands of his office. The circumstances attending the supply of Dindigul locks to treasury offices are set out in paragraphs 2-6 of the current. The Supdt. requests that Govt. will approve the action he took, and will authorise his obtaining from the firms he mentions such further supplies as may be necessary to complete orders on hand and to prevent a lapse of budget grant, provided that the locks are passed by the Supdt. of the F.W. Workshop as equal to the standard.

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may be approved I think.
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3. In paras 7 & 8 of C.No. 3475 the Supdt. points out the precautions taken against the possibility of fraud as respects the keys of these Dindigul locks. These precautions appear to be sufficient. The Supdt. annexes to his letter a statement showing the saying (Rs. 7,585).

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(Rs. 7,585) effected by the substitution of country locks for those of European manufacture during 1897-98.

4. C.No. 3774 is a letter from Mr. H. Gompertz, late of the Revenue Survey Dept, who appears to be the present proprietor of the firm of Sankaralingam Achari & Bros. He does not explain the failure of that firm to comply with demands, which was brought to notice by the Supdt. of Stationery in February 1896 (vide para 1 of Mr. Austin's letter No. 251 d/19th Feby. 1897 in G.O. No. 233 Public, d/16-3-97), although it would appear from his letter that the cause of this failure was the break up of the firm before he bought the good-will. Mr. Gompertz points out that Sankaralingam Asari & Co., were the pioneers, so far as Govt. is concerned, of the local manufacture of locks and he asks that orders may be again placed with the firm. This request appears to be fair enough and it is submitted that the Supdt. of Stationery may be instructed to place orders with the firm of Sankaralingam Asari & Bros. on the same conditions as those offered to other firms.

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The Supdt in para 10 himself asks permission to do this. This should be given & is preferable to an instruction based on the request of one of the firms - i.e. Mr. Gompertz.

Supdt is sent

Cust. 31.12.97

H. M.

AT 5.7.99

Revised

Mr. G. H. S. No. 1.1
Please see revised draft

Financial Department.

Read again G.O.No.892/7, Financial,
d/18th Octr.1898, para 12 - (Q)

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The action of the Supdt.of
Stationery in the matter of procuring
locks of Indian manufacture is approved
and he is authorised to obtain supplies
of locks of Indian manufacture from
such firms as may be necessary to com-
plete orders on hand, provided that in
all cases the locks are first passed
by the Supdt.of the P.W.Workshop.
2. With reference to ^{his} letter of the
15th Decr.1898 ^{from} Mr.Gompertz ^{firm} ~~as~~
~~suggested by the Supdt.of Stationery~~
will be requested to place orders for
locks of local manufacture with Messrs.
Sankaralingam Asari & Sons ^{Bis} on the same
conditions as those offered to other
firms. & that this permission has

Ans. 31.12.95 been accorded
Bis

P. J. S. I

will be informed that
the Supdt of Stationery
has already requested
permission

The Supdt.of Stationery (3475 = Q
3774 = A)

,,, Acctt.Genl. (3475 = Q)

H.Gompertz Esq.,
C/o Messrs.Arbutnot & Co.

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