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(Ltr. abt.)

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., Nos. 1203, 1204, Financial, dated 10th December 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, pending the receipt of a further report, letter from the Superintendent of Stationery regarding the steps taken by him for reducing the large stock of stationery stores on hand. Copy to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

G.O., Mis. No. 242, Financial, dated 14th February 1899.

Read—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 26th January 1899, No. 517.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that among the surplus articles in store here, there are about 78,000 dozen goose quills. It will take many years before they are expended in the ordinary course owing to their issue having been restricted to Gazetted officers by G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th December 1896. In response to the many references I have made in view to reducing the stock I have as yet received only one demand from the President, Taluk Board, Wynaad, for four dozens only. The Superintendents of Stationery, Bombay and Calcutta, have both replied that they are not in need of any. I am this day addressing the Government of Ceylon to see if I can dispose of any of them there but I doubt its resulting in a material diminution of the stock. Meanwhile I am calling in portions of large balances of quills which the indents now being received show to be on hand in various offices.

2. In view to ensure the quills being utilised before they deteriorate by long storage and also to effect an economy, I have the honour to suggest that the operation of G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th December 1896, may be suspended, pending further report from this office so that I may issue quills according to the sanctioned allotment to all officers who prefer them to steel pens.

3. I would request the favour of an early reply as if this proposal is approved, I shall have to make a reduction in the number of steel pens to be demanded in my Home indent which is due with Government on the 15th proximo.

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th February 1899, No. 867.

In continuation of my telephone message of the tenth instant, regarding the sale of the surplus stock of goose quills in this office, I have the honour to inform you that the Government Auctioneer, Mr. E. Macartoom, states that some insect-eaten quills sold by him recently fetched from 10 to 11 annas a hundred and that good quills ought to fetch "anything near" the cost price mentioned by me.

Order—Mis. No. 242, Financial, dated 14th February 1899.

The Superintendent of Stationery will arrange for a small quantity of the goose quills in store being sold by public auction and report the result to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.

G.O., Mis. No. 568, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th April 1899, No. 2428.

With reference to G.O., No. 242, dated 14th February 1899, I have the honour to report that Mr. Edward Macartoom, Government Auctioneer, to whom 600 goose quills were sent to be sold by public auction, states that he was able to realise only one rupee per hundred, owing to the feathers having become moth eaten. As the cost of the quills was Rs. 19-13-5 per thousand, the price realised appears reasonable. As these quills were taken from the loose stock on hand, I have had a fresh case opened and have forwarded for sale another 500 quills which are in perfect order. The result will be duly communicated to Government.

Order—Mis. No. 568, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899.

Recorded pending receipt of a further communication.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.

Read—also the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd June 1899, Ref. No. 3065.

With reference to G.O., No. 568, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899, I have the honour to inform you that the goose quills referred to in my letter, No. 2428, dated 28th April 1899, were sold at 12 annas per hundred. Mr. Macartoom states that the party who purchased the 500 quills is willing to take 6,000 more at the same rate. This is disappointing as the quills fetched 4 annas a hundred less than the former ones which were not in such good condition.

2. I would suggest that it is hardly worth while to dispose of so small a quantity as 6,000 out of 8,88,000 and that the only remaining course seems to be to lay the matter before the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India in view to the Director-General of Stores utilising or disposing of them outside India.

ORDER—No. 743, Financial, dated 29th June 1899.

The Superintendent of Stationery will be authorised to issue during the current and succeeding year goose quills on the scale which was in force prior to the ruling in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th December 1896.

2. The Government of India will be addressed in view of ascertaining whether some of the surplus stock of quills in the Madras Stationery office cannot be transferred to other provinces.

[Here enter letter, No. 744, Financial, dated 29th June 1899.]

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
" the Accountant-General.
" all Departments of the Secretariat.
" the Postmaster-General.

Letter, No. 744, 29th June 1899.

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Goose Quills.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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Enquiring whether some of the surplus stock of — in the Madras Stationery office cannot be transferred either to Bombay or to Calcutta or to both places.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

The Superintendent of Stationery recently brought to notice the fact that amongst the surplus articles in store in the Madras Stationery office, there is a large quantity (about 80,000 dozens), of goose quills, the surplus stock having arisen partly in consequence of the orders issued by this Government in December 1896 restricting the supply of these articles to Gazetted officers. The Superintendent has made references to various officers in view of reducing the stock and has also applied to the Superintendents of Stationery at Bombay and Calcutta, but has not been successful in his endeavours to dispose of the surplus quills. He has also placed some of the quills on sale by public auction, but the experiments in this direction have not been successful, the first lot of 600 quills having realised Re. 1 per hundred and a second lot of 500 having secured 12 annas only per hundred. The value of the quills is Rs. 1-15-9 per hundred.

2. In view of ensuring the utilization of the quills before they deteriorate by long storage, this Government has decided to remove the restriction upon their use and to authorize the Superintendent to issue them during the current and succeeding year on the scale in force prior to December 1896. It is calculated, however, that this measure will not alone be sufficient to reduce the stock and I am directed to enquire whether the Government of India can suggest any means by which portions of the surplus stock could be transferred either to Bombay or to Calcutta or to both places. It is possible that the Director-General of Stores may be able to arrange to utilize the quills or to dispose of them outside India, but before addressing him it is desired to make every effort to dispose of them in the country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

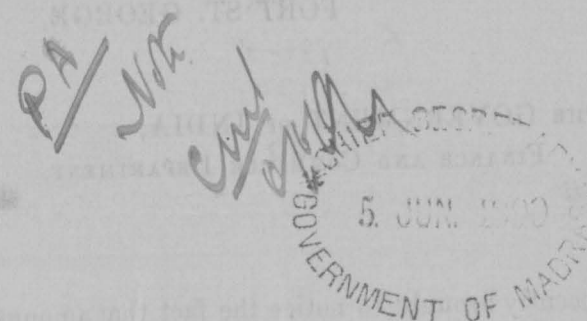
Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
29th June 1899.G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Erd. P. Seetharam.

Financial (1899) Department.

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Order

From The Superintendent of
Stationery and Printing

No. 3065.

Dated 2nd June 1899
Recd 3rd June 1899

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the second
lot of quills sent to Mr
Macartoon, realised only
12 as per 100.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Mis	568	Trul	3-8-89
—	242	—	11-2-89
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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

he had made references to several
On the other hand he
Officers ~~the~~ expected the stock of
goose quills on hand to rise by the
receipt of the portion of the large
balance of quills on hand in various
Offices which he was calling in.

4. In view to ensure the quills
being utilised before they deteriorate
by long storage and also to effect
an economy he suggested that the
operation of G.O. No. 892 Fml dated
18th December 1896 might restricting
the issue of goose quills to gazetted
Officers might be suspended pending
a further report from him so that he
might issue quills according to the
sanctioned allotment. i.e. according
to the scale in force before the above
G.O. was passed - to all Officers who prefer them to steel pens.

5. The Superintendent of Stationery
was directed to advance for a small
quantity of the goose quills in store
being sold by public auction and
to report the result to Govt.

6. On the 28th April 1897 the Suptg
Stationery reported that he had
sent 600 goose quills to Mr Edward
(Govt. auctioneer)
Macartney to be sold by public

including the Suptg of
Stationery at Calcutta &
Bombay who reported that
they did not require any of
the stock surplus stock of quills

G.O. No 242 Fml dated 14.2.97

In G.O. No 565 Fml
3-5-97

printed on page 3 of No 565

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8,88,000

auction and that they fetched only
one rupee per 100 owing to the
feathers having become much eaten.
A fresh case was subsequently
opened and another 500 quills
which were in perfect order
were sent to the Govt. auctioneer. They
were sold at 12 annas per hundred.
The Superintendent considers that
this is disappointing as the quills
fetched 4 annas a 100 less than
the former ~~one~~ ^{batch} which was in such
good condition.

7. The Superintendent of Stationery
states that it is hardly worthwhile
to dispose of small quantities at low
prices out of a large stock on hand
and suggests that the only course is
to lay the matter before the Right
Honourable the Secretary of State for
India in view to the Director General
of Stores utilising or disposing of
them outside India.

The question for ^{decision} ~~decision~~ is (1)
whether it is advisable to adopt
the suggestion of the Superintendent
of Stationery referred to in para 4 ^{supra}
namely - to suspend the operation of
G.O. No. 892 Fml dated 18th December/96

or (2) whether, as suggested by the
Supt. of Stores now, the matter
may be laid before the Secretary
of State for India in view to the
some quills being disposed of
outside India.

Judging from the consumption of
quills in 1895-96 when the scale of
supply to all officers was in force, it
will take nearly four years for the
present stock of quills to be exhausted.
This will effect a corresponding saving
in the indent for steel nibs for the
next two or three years.

If the operation of G.O. No. 8927/15-12-96
is to be suspended, it should be
for about 4 years which seems to be
a considerable length of time. After
doing so, it is submitted that the
Govt. of India may be addressed with
a view to see whether the stock
can be disposed of in a shorter time
by the direct sale of stores outside
India.

For the C.S.

The value of the quills is

* No. 296,848 in 1895-96
Para 2 of report on page 103
G.O. No. 8927/15-12-96

not printed in the
G.O. printed in
the order.

No. 15. 9 per hundred - vide
telephonic message from the
Supt. of Stores. 7/10. 2-99 in
G.O. No. 242 Fmt 7/14. 2-99 -
so that their sale by auction
at the rates obtainable will
cause a great loss, even if
it is possible to place the
whole of the 8.85 lacs on
the market, which is
very unlikely. Two courses
appear to be open:-

(1) to place the matter before
India and take note whether it
can help by perhaps permitting
the transfer of the portions of the
surplus stock to the Bombay
and Calcutta Stationary offices
& thus reducing the home
indents of those offices.

(2) to adopt the Supt's
first suggestion & all permit
the issue of quills to continue
on the old scale until this
surplus stock is exhausted.

Course (1) might perhaps
be tried first.

C.S.
B. G. V.

Why not try both?
M. K. V.

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Financial Department.

Read again G.O.No.1303/4, Finl., d/
10th Decr. 1898 ----- P

" " G.O.No.242 Finl., d/ 14"
February 1899

[G.Nos.396 & 654 ----- A
Order ----- A]

Read again G.O.No.568 Finl., d/ 3rd
May 1899.
[Current and Order ----- A]

Read also G.No.2049 ----- A

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P.S.

The Supt. of Stationery will
be authorized during the current and
succeeding year to issue goose
quills on the scale which was in force
prior to the ^{ruling} ~~direction~~ in paragraph
1 of G.O.No. 892 Finl., d/ 18th Decr.
1896, which restricted the issue of
~~these articles to gazetted officers.~~

3. The Govt. of India will ~~also~~
be addressed in view of ascertaining
whether some of the ~~articles~~ surplus
stock of ~~these~~ quills in the Madras
Stationery office cannot be transfer-
red to other provinces.

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To
The Supt. of Stationery.
" Acct. Genl.
All Depts. of the Sectt.
The Postmaster General.

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Ans
13.6.99

Harrell.

Letter No 744

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Fin: & Com: Dept.

Sir,

The Supt. of Stationery recently
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brought to notice the fact ~~of certain~~
surplus articles in store in the Madras
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Bombay and Calcutta, but ~~has not been successful in~~
~~officers have intimated that they cannot~~
~~relieve him of any surplus.~~ ^{of the quills} He has also
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not alone be sufficient to reduce the
stock and I am directed to enquire
whether the Govt. of India can suggest
any means by which portions of the surplus

Note. G.O.No.392, Finl., d/
18th December 1896. *AK*

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his endeavours to dispose*

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pose of them ~~in~~ in the country.

*RR.H.
19.6.99*

*Civil
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