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- (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 14/07
- (3) ஆதாரக் குறிப்பவர் கருக்கொப்பம்

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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
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25/4/57

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Exd. F. Cartledge.

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(True Extract.)

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
16th November 1861.*

No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 4th November 1861, No. 2,027.

Pass remarks on a letter from the Chief Secretary, forwarding Statement showing the of Stores indented for England and of the Public Works Department as of 1st July, 1861, and requesting the the Secretariat, relative to the submission of other Civil and Military Departments of Returns of Stores in the form prescribed in the Order of Government, dated 5th June last, No. 1,054, Public Works Department.

(vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 4th November 1861, Nos. 15 and 16.)

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1861, No. 371.

The Superintendent of Marine will furnish a Return in the prescribed form, if he has forwarded Indents for Marine Stores to be supplied from England for the period referred to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 2nd August 1861, No. 3,480:—

1. I have the honor, in obedience to the Orders of Government, to forward the enclosed Statement, showing the quantity of Stores indented for on England, for use of the Department Public Works for the years 1856-57 1858-59, the quantity received by this Department, as also the cost of the same, and a copy of the annual Home Indent for the year 1859-60, as specially requested. I regret to state, that the Statement is not so complete as I would wish it to be, for want of reliable information as to the actual receipts from England for the use of this Department in the above years. As the Ordnance authorities were until recently the custodians of the Public Works Stores, I have addressed the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines on this subject, requesting that he would be good enough to furnish me with a full and complete Statement of his actual receipts from England on account of this Department during the years in question. As soon as this information is received in the Central Office it shall be communicated to Government with a revised Statement.

2. In conclusion, I beg to state, that the practice observed in this Office in preparing the annual Home Indent is as follows: on the probable demands of the Districts being ascertained in the Central Office for the ensuing year, they are carefully scrutinized and compared with the demands and entries of previous years, after which, the general Indent is prepared and forwarded to Government for transmission to the Secretary of State.

ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1861, No. 2,027.

1. This letter of the Chief Engineer purports to be a reply to two Orders of Government, viz.:—

I. Government Order, 5th June 1861, calling for a Statement of Machinery, &c., indented for, received, and on its way from England.

II. Government Order, 6th June 1861, calling for the same information, and a copy of the Indent for 1859-60, to enable Government to discover whether any portion of the Stores, worth 13 lacs, believed to have been sent from England in excess of actual requirements and expectations, had been received in this Department.

2. The Chief Engineer can however only partially meet these calls. He sends a statement of the Stores indented for in the three years selected, and of the Stores which passed into the possession of his Department. But formerly the Ordnance authorities were the custodians of the Public Works Stores, and the Chief Engineer has not yet been able to ascertain what Stores were received or are now retained by them.

The first thing to be done is clearly to find out what Public Works Stores the Ordnance Department has. The Chief Engineer has called for a statement but it would be better, if his Assistant Captain Rawlins were to visit the Arsenal and in communication with the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Stores ascertain what property belonging to the Department is still there. Books of the Ordnance ought to show what Stores were received on account of the Public Works Department and what became of them. Once it is known what the Department Public Works have in this General Depot, it can be decided what shall be done with any surplus Stores there may be; and future demands can be regulated accordingly. The Chief Engineer now keeps his own Stores; but this is only a recent arrangement and it is absolutely necessary to ascertain the balance of the receipts of previous years.

As regards the Indents the result of this enquiry shows that the custom of the Department in past years has been to reiterate indents from year to year, so that in point of fact there have been, till quite recently, orders in England for an amount of stores very far in excess of present

wants. Taking for instance the third article in the Chief Engineer's list, viz., Pickaxes 7lbs., it appears that,

In 1856	10,000	were demanded.
In 1857	7,250	do.
In 1858	7,250	do., and
In 1859	9,000	do.

Making a total of 33,500

Of these 1,000 have been received, and if the demands there would still be due an amount at

So also with other items, Printing Presses with a cost of 20,338 Rupees; and in 1858, twenty-two have been received, so that thirty-eight are still were demanded in 1857 (an enormous and absurd seldom used), and in the same year 100 six-horse Power. In addition to these, twenty four horse Power Engines were asked for in 1857, twenty in 1858, twenty-eight more in 1859, of which also 10 have been supplied; so that there till quite recently, an outstanding order for:—

70 Pile Driving Machines.
220 Six-Horse Power Steam Engines.
58 Four-Horse Power do. do.

The conclusions to be drawn from the returns already furnished are:—

(1.) That very little care or attention has heretofore been paid by the Department in framing Indents, that is, in scrutinizing the demands sent in from the different Districts.

(2.) That some very extraordinary mismanagement has existed with reference to the receipt and accounting for Stores. The simple facts noted above are conclusive as to the first, the difficulty of getting from the Ordnance Department the receipts of Stores for different years seems to prove the second conclusion.

The last Indent of the Department Public Works Indents, so that the evil is stopped for the future, and the Government are satisfied that Colonel Horsley will strictly scrutinize the future demands of his Department.

In paragraph 2 of his letter the Chief Engineer shows how the Indents are now prepared. The basis is three years' demand. In regard to several articles however, this is too much, especially considering that there is now weekly communication with England and orders can be sent speedily. Large stocks involve much sinking of capital, and much expense in keeping the articles in good order, and they induce waste. Further, they cause delay in supplies, which come out at long intervals in small quantities instead of promptly as wanted. The system also shuts Government out from the advantage of new improvements. As regards Military Stores the case is quite different; but in the Public Works Department the allotment should be graduated according to the character of the articles, and this the Chief Engineer can easily do.

The Indent of 1861-62 is very moderate, and the form of Indent seems sufficient.

The results which have followed this partial enquiry into the Public Works Store Department render it desirable to ascertain how the Indents of other Departments are prepared. The Governor in Council therefore desires that returns in the same form as prescribed in the Government Order, 5th June 1861, No. 1,054, above recorded may be submitted by other Civil and Military Departments, with returns from the Ordnance Department of Stores received, amount of each showing how these Stores have been expended, and the balance in hand. Necessary orders will accordingly issue from the different Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extract)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

- Principal Commissary of Ordnance and Magazines.
- Military Department.
- Public, &c., do.
- Judicial do.

Marine Ho. with Order No. 1054.
Exd. R. H. Lee.

No. 378-16 November 1861

The Supdt. of Marine
with furnish a return
in the prescribed form,
if he has forwarded
Indents for Marine Stores
to be supplied from
England for the period
referred to

The Supdt. of Marine 21/10/61

No. 378
Pressing Remarks on
a letter from the Chief Eng.
forwarding statement showing
the quantity of stores in-
dented for in England for the use
of the P. W. D. for the years speci-
fied & requesting the return of
stores from the different districts
the statement relative to the
submissions by other Civil
Military & of Ordnance stores
on the form prescribed in the
Government Order No. 1054
of 5th June 1861.
With an Order.

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