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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

Read the following papers.

No. 47. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 6th January 1858, No. 42.

Read letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, 7th December 1857, No. 327; to the Secretary to Government Military Department.

I am directed to transmit to you, for submission to the Government of Fort Saint George, and for communication to the Inspector General of Ordnance at that Presidency, copies of the documents as per margin,* laying down rules for the guidance of the Officers of the various Departments from Bengal and Madras serving in Pegu, in their mutual transactions, and to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may be moved to cause the rules to be followed by the Ordnance Officers in the Pegu, Tenasserim, and Martaban Provinces.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, 24th July 1857; to Secretaries to Governments Bengal 3691, and North Western Provinces 3692, Governor Straits Settlements 3693, Chief Commissioners Punjab 3694, and Oude 3695, Commissioners of Pegu 3696, and T. M. Provinces 3697, Nagpore 3698, and Mysore 3699, and Resident at Hyderabad 3700.

With a view of preventing the differences of opinion which have, on some occasions arisen between Officers of the Ordnance and Public Works Departments, as to the proper Classification and valuation of Ordnance Stores returned into Magazine by Officers of the Public Works Department, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has been pleased to resolve that henceforth the Ordnance Officer in charge of any Magazine into which Stores may be returned by any Officer of the Department of Public Works, shall determine, in concert with the Executive Engineer of the Station, the condition of all Stores thus returned to the Ordnance by the Public Works Department, and record their value in accordance with the Rules laid down on such subjects. A third Officer, named by the Officer Commanding the Station, will be associated with the Ordnance and Public Works Officers to act as Umpire if they differ, and his decision on all matters in dispute will be final.

2. All Stores in charge of Public Works Officers at Stations where Magazines do not exist, which are recorded on sufficient authority to be returned to the Ordnance Department, shall be consigned by such Officers to the Executive Engineer of the nearest Station where a Magazine is to be found and he shall proceed to dispose of them as above directed.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, 20th November 1857, No. 5630; to the Commissioner of Pegu.

In reply to your letter No. 73, dated 17th Ultimo, with enclosed communication from the Chief Engineer bringing to notice the expediency of prescribing some definite line of action for the guidance of the Officers of the various Departments from Bengal and Madras serving in Pegu in their mutual transactions, I am desired to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has been pleased to decide that each Department requiring aid from another, shall conform to the system of that Department—Thus when the Public Works Department requires Ordnance or Commissariat or other Stores, it will indent for and obtain them according to the system prevailing in the Magazine, Arsenal or Department indented on, and similarly mutatis mutandis.

2. This it is considered, is as good a general rule as can be devised, but in as much as circumstances may arise in which Regulations may Clash, His Lordship in Council desires that in such a case, the question shall be determined agreeably to the Regulations laid down by, and in accordance with the practice under the Government of India.

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3. But there is one point which has been recently legislated for viz. the classification and valuation of Ordnance Stores returned into Magazine by Officers of the Public Works Department, in which it is advisable that the Madras Ordnance system should, if differing, be made to conform—To effect this preliminary steps have been this day taken.

Vide this Office Circular No 3696.
3697 to Tanasserim and Martaban Provinces.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance and to Departments concerned.
(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 48. Letter from Captain E. F. FASKEN, for Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 20th January 1858, No. 605.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Minutes of Consultation No. 42, dated 6th January 1858, forwarding letters from the Government of India, in the Military Department No. 327 of 7th December 1857, and in the Public Works Department of 24th July 1857, No. 3701 and 20th November 1857, No. 5630, laying down new rules connected with the valuing of Ordnance Stores handed over by the Public Works Department to the Ordnance Department.

2. The transactions between the Public Works Department of our Presidency and the Ordnance Department of another Presidency are small, in comparison with the transactions in the Military Department, and by this new order there will be two systems in force for bringing to account, the same description of Stores; and I submit to Government that, hitherto, the course followed has been generally found to answer well.

3. The transactions in this Presidency between the Ordnance Department and Public Works Department can easily be settled on our present system, without new rules; and the rule and practice of the Government has been, to allow that Presidency which had a right to take credit for Stores, to debit the transactions against the receiving Presidency, according to the rules of the Presidency which takes credit.

4. Before this rule be departed from, and the new one acted upon, I recommend Government to declare, if possible, the extent to which the Ordnance Department of this Presidency is to be called on to supply Ordnance Stores; I suggest this as I presume only those Stores are to be given over by the Officers of the Public Works Department of the Bengal Presidency which have been received from the Ordnance Department.

5. The practice of the Bengal Ordnance Department as to supplying the Public Works Department of that Presidency differs from the practice in this Presidency; our custom is to aid the Department Public Works as much as possible, on the very proper condition that the Stores are fully paid for; in Bengal I believe the issues of Stores from the Ordnance to the Public Works Department are discouraged.

6. As both these points are, by the letter of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department No. 5630 of 20th November 1857, ordered to be modified if clashing with the Bengal practice, I shall feel obliged to Government to ascertain the exact practice of that Government, both as respects extent of Stores and mode of paying for the same.

7. Again, the authority for returning of Stores to Arsenals being, by the letter of the Government of India of 24th July 1857, left undefined, I shall feel obliged to Government to have this point clearly settled.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 608; dated 8th April 1858.

Para. 1. In the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department dated 6th January 1858, are communicated the orders of the Government of India, directing, in reference to certain rules laid down for the guidance of the Officers of the various Departments from Bengal and Madras serving in Pegu, in their mutual transactions, that the Ordnance Officers in the Pegu, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces be instructed to observe those rules.

2. The rules in question were framed with the view of preventing differences of opinion which are stated to have, on some occasions, arisen between Officers of the Ordnance and Public Works Departments, as to the proper classification and valuation of Ordnance stores returned into Magazine by Officers of the Public Works Department, and indicate the course which should be pursued in these respects.

3. The Inspector General of Ordnance in his letter of the 20th January, apparently objects to the course here prescribed, and suggests that, before the Bengal rule be adopted, the Government should declare the extent to which the Ordnance Department of this Presidency is to be called on to supply Ordnance stores, presuming that only those stores are to be given over by the Officers of the Public Works Department of the Bengal Presidency which have been received from the Ordnance Department. He adverts to the difference in the practice prevailing in Bengal and in Madras, in the supply of stores from the Ordnance Department to that of the Public Works, and asks that more particular information may be obtained for him as to the exact practice of the Bengal Government, both as respects extent of stores, and mode of paying for the same, as well as in regard to the authority for the return of stores to Arsenals, which he adds is not sufficiently defined in the orders of the Government of India.

4. The Government observe that the rules communicated by the Government of India do not apply to the Public Works Department of this Presidency, they merely indicate the course to be followed between the Bengal Public Works Department and the Madras Ordnance Department in Pegu, Tenasserim, and Martaban, in the valuation of stores returned by the former to the Ordnance, and they are of opinion that any orders that may be given to the Ordnance Department here, should issue from the Military Department.

Ordered that the letter of the Inspector of Ordnance and the above Resolution be communicated to the Military Department, for such further orders as may be called for in that Department.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance and to Departments concerned.
(True Extract and Copies.)

M. B. M. L.

* Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.

- „ Department Public Works. *With 3 spare Copies.*
- „ Commissary General.
- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Adjutant General.
- „ Accountant General.

Exd. R. Spears.

Ordnance Department.

No. 605.

From
The Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

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42 dated 6th January 1858, forwarding letters
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Ordnance Department.

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Works Department of our Presidency and
the Ordnance Department of another Presidency
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Delivered to the
Ordnance Department
by the Public Works
Department
No. 42

Extract from the Minutes
of the Committee
of the Ordnance
Department

Received by the
Ordnance Department
No. 42

No. 605. 8th April 1858.

Transmitting copies of
certain documents from the
Government of India, laying
down rules as to the classifica-
tion and valuation of ord-
nance stores, returned into
Magazines by officers of the
Public Works Department.

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in the Military Department, and by this new order there will be two systems in force for bringing to account, the same description of Stores; and I submit to Government that, hitherto, the course followed has been generally found to answer well.

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4. Before this rule be departed from, and the new one acted upon, I recommend Government to declare, if possible, the extent to which the Ordnance Department of this Presidency is to be called in to supply Ordnance Stores; I suggest this as I presume only those stores are to be given

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over by the Officers of the Public Works Department of the Bengal Presidency, which have been received from the Ordnance Department.

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6. As both these points are, by the letter of the Government of India in the Public Works Department No 5630 of 20th November 1854, ordered to be modified if clashing with the Bengal Practice, I shall feel obliged to Government to ascertain the exact practice of that Government, both as respects extent of stores and mode of paying for the same.

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of stores to arsenals being, by the letter
of the Government of India of 24th July
1857, left undefined, I shall feel obliged
to Government to have this point clearly
settled. -

Inspector Genl's Office,
Fort St. George,
20 January 1858.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. P. Lakee Capt^y

For Inspector General, of Arms
and Magazines.

P. W. D.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th April
March 1858.

Read the following Papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Cons.
in the Military Department.

(Here enter 6th January 1858 55-12)

From the Inspector General of Ordnance
and magazines.

(Here enter 20th — — — 605)

At. In the Extract from
the Minutes of Consultation
in the Military Department
dated 6th January 1858, are com-
municated the orders of the
Government of India, directing,
in reference to certain rules
laid down for the guidance
of the Officers of the various
departments from Bengal
and attached serving in Sepoy,
in

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From
The Director General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

At.
The Director General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

Dated 20th January 1858.
Recd 22nd 3 January 1858.

J. E. A. 608-8 22nd Jan

On the subject of New Rules

connected with the delivery of

Ordnance Stores handed over by

Public Works Department to Ordnance

Department. It is desired that the

same be laid before the Board of Ordnance

and approved well. It is desired that the

minutes of the Board of Ordnance

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in their mutual transac-
tions, that the Ordnance
Officers in the Pegue, Tenasserim
and Martaban provinces
be instructed to observe those
rules.

2. The Rules in ques-
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view of preventing differences
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arisen between Officers
of the Ordnance and Public
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Ordnance Stores, presuming
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be given over by the Officers
of the Public Works Department
of the Bengal Presidency which
have been received from the
Ordnance Department. He
alludes to the difference in the
practice prevailing in Bengal
and in Madras, in the
supply of stores from the
Ordnance Department to that
of the Public Works, and asks
that more particular information

may

may be obtained for him
as to the exact practice of the
Bengal Government, both
as respects extent of stores,
and mode of paying for
the same, as well as in
regard to the authority for
the return of stores to arsenals
which he adds is not diffi-
culty defined in the orders
of the Government of India.

4. The Government
observe that the Rules
communicated by the
Government of India
do not apply to the Public
Works department of this
Presidency; they merely
indicate the course to be
followed between the
Bengal Public Works
Department and the Madras

Ordnance

ordnance department
in Pegu, Tanasserim,
and Martaban, in the
valuation of stores return-
ed by the former to the
ordnance, and they are
of opinion that any
orders that may be
given to the ordnance
Department here, should
issue from the Military
Office.

Ordered that the
letter of the Inspector of
ordnance and the above
Resolution be communi-
cated to the Military depart-
ment for such further
orders as may be called
for in that department.

R. J.

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Dy. to Comd. 9th April.

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Extract Minis. of Comd.
Dated 8th April/58.

G.S.

Observing that the rules
communicated by the Govt of
India, do not apply to the Public
Works Department of this Presidency
they merely indicate the course to
be followed between the Bengal
Pub. Works Dep^t and the Ordnance Dep^t
in Bengal, Calcutta, &
Madrass. - the valuation of
stores returned by the former to the
Ordnance, & this Govt are of opinion
that any orders that may be given
to the Ordnance Dep^t here, should
issue from the Military Department.

No 47 at 49.

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