

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th March 1868.*

No. 306. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department :—

Communicating, for information and guidance,
Proceedings of the Government of India for-
warding copy of a Home Despatch regarding
the transmission of priced estimates for stores
required from England in the following year. } (Here enter 9th March 1868, No. 312.)

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1868, No. 709.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of
Revenue, Director of Revenue Settle-
ment, Superintendent of Revenue Sur-
vey, Inam Commissioner, and Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Director of Revenue Settlement,
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
,, the Officiating Inam Commissioner,
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests, } With Procs. Public Department, No. 312.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th March 1868.

No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 19th February 1868, No. 810.

Read the following :—

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council; dated 23rd December 1867, No. 464.

Accounts.

I have considered in Council your Financial letter, dated 4th October last, No. 221, forwarding copies of Financial Resolution No. 295, of 4th October, and of the documents referred to therein, regarding the procedure which you have adopted for the transmission to this country, at fixed periods, of priced Estimates or Indents, showing the probable value of stores required from England in the following year.

2. The result of your proceedings appears to be that, with the exception of the Public Works Department (from which an Estimate of probable requirements is to be sent home), the annual Indents are to be prepared at an earlier date in all indenting Departments, and, after being priced, they are to be sent home so as to reach this country by 15th October in each year.

3. I am not, however, prepared to approve of this arrangement, as the substitution of priced annual Indents for Estimates will tend rather to frustrate, than to meet, the object which is in view, for the following reasons :—

1st.—That if the Indents are sent home some months before the period for which the stores are required, they will be purchased, and, for the most part, paid for, before the financial year for which their value has been estimated.

2nd.—That by the preparation of annual Indents so long in anticipation of the year to which they refer, it will be impossible to calculate with any degree of correctness the exact requirements of the year, and which will either be exceeded at unnecessary cost, or, by falling short, involve the necessity of sending home supplementary indents—a course which should be avoided as much as possible.

4. Estimates of stores and of their value are not required to be prepared with the same precision and in the same detail as Indents, but should show, under the heads of the various principal articles of store, the probable gross quantities and the estimated value, such as—

	Tons.	Rate.	Value.
Iron... ..			
Copper... ..			
Machinery... ..			
Canvas Bolts... ..			
Ironmongery... ..			
Ordnance... ..			
Shot and Shell... ..			
Anchors... ..			
Cable, &c., &c.			
Miscellaneous... ..			

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5. I have therefore to request that you will give directions for Estimates (not Indents) to be sent home, showing the estimated gross quantities, rates, and value of the stores required for the ensuing financial year, which estimates should be carefully arrived at from previous experience, modified to meet the known or probable requirements of the service for the year which they may represent.

6. The commencement of the financial year having been fixed at 1st April instead of 1st May, such Estimates should be sent home so as to reach this country not later than the 1st of October of each year, instead of the fifteenth of that month.

7. I desire that the necessary instructions hereon may be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above Despatch be forwarded to the Foreign, Home, Public Works, and Military Departments; to the several Local Governments and Administrations; to the Mint Master, Calcutta, and to the Head Commissioner and the Commissioners for the issue of Paper Currency, with reference to Financial Resolution, dated 4th October 1867, No. 2959.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

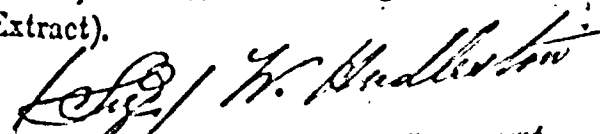
(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERRY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 69.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1868, No. 312.

Communicated to Departments concerned, for information and guidance.

(True Extract).


Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

- „ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Government Astronomer.
- „ Superintendent of Marine.
- „ Revenue Department. ✓
- „ Financial do.
- „ Judicial do.
- „ Public Works do.
- „ Military do.

