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No. 512. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 11th March 1870, No. 149-A.-G. :—

Mode in which stores for the Indian Government are obtained by the Secretary of State.

Read the following Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 28th February 1870, No. 1,358.

Read the following from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 11th January 1870, No. 8.

I HAVE considered in Council your letter dated 18th October 1869, No. 259, intimating that it has been ruled by your Government that the orders which prohibit the procuring of stores from Europe ~~or America~~, except through indent on this office, are applicable to stores chargeable to Local Funds. You inquire, however, with reference to an allegation that, if the stores be obtained through the India Office, the trade discount of twelve per cent. will be lost to the Local Funds; whether any discount, not allowed for in the price charged, will be credited to the Local Funds by the Home Government.

2. It would appear from this inquiry that some misapprehension exists at your Presidency in regard to the mode in which stores for the use of the Indian Government are obtained in this country.

3. Except in very special cases direct orders for such stores are not given, but contractors are invited to tender for their supply on the principle of public competition. No commissions, agencies, or discount are allowed by the contractor who, being paid for his goods as soon as they have been delivered and examined here, is not enabled to charge interest. Freight is also engaged by public competition, the Government not insuring, but taking its own risk of losses by sea, which have not hitherto amounted to more than a fraction of a pound per cent.

4. You will observe that, under these arrangements, the tenders sent in show, in each instance, the lowest price at which the contractor is willing either to supply the stores or to convey them to India; but that no abatement on account of discount is allowed for by him in calculating the cost, and that none can be expected from him on receiving payment.

5. There is every reason to suppose that stores for India can be thus supplied by the Home Government more economically than by the direct action of the local Committees, and that any abatement received for trade discount would be entirely illusory, as it could only be made when the rates charged in the first instance had been unnecessarily high.

6. With reference to the request contained in paragraph 4 of your Resolution of 18th October last, I have to inform you that all payments made in England for stores, clearly shown in the indents to be chargeable to Local Funds, will, in future, be debited in the Home accounts as remittances to India, for adjustment with the Local Funds on account of which they have been authorized.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Public Works Department, and to the Comptroller-General of Accounts, and the several Accountants-General, with reference to Financial Resolution, No. 4,092, dated the 18th October 1869.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st March 1870.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy be forwarded to the Government of Bombay for information, with reference to the letter from the Secretary to that Government, No. 98-A., dated 24th July 1869.

Ordered further, that a copy be forwarded to the other Governments and Administrations for information.

(Signed) G. CHESNEY,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops.
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