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Government of Madras.

Public Works

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th May 1872.*

No. 191. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th April 1872, No. 207 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 923, dated 8th April 1872, I have the honour to

* No. 230, dated 16th April 1872.

„ 4483 „ 25th „ „

submit letters* from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways in regard to the inquiry made

by the Government of India as to whether the purchase of European stores from the local market, or through the Home authorities, is conducive to economy.

2. Both Agents are of opinion that the stores received from England compare most favourably, both as regards quality and price, with those purchased in India.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 16th April 1872, No. 230.

With reference to your endorsement No. 238, dated the 10th instant, upon Circular from the Government of India, No. 1,806 of the 12th of March 1872, having reference to the prices of stores purchased in the local markets as compared with those obtained from England, I have the honour to inform you that the general practice on this Railway is to obtain from England, upon sanctioned indent, all European stores, and to purchase in India only those stores which consist of native produce or manufacture.

2. There are of course exceptions to this, as we occasionally run short unexpectedly of European stores, although every effort is made to foresee and provide for our requirements.

3. Under these circumstances, we have had occasionally to purchase such stores in the local market, but our experience is that the articles sent out by the Directors compare most favourably, both as regards quality and price, with those purchased in this country.

4. Solitary cases have occurred where we have been able to purchase locally European stores at unusually favourable rates, but these are exceptional and due to peculiar circumstances, such as the market being overstocked with any particular article by shippers or speculators, the desire of agents or merchants to close consignments, etc., etc. For instance, we have occasionally purchased cargoes of coal at singularly favourable rates, but we cannot rely upon such opportunities for our regular supply, and local sellers at once take advantage of our wants as soon as they ascertain that we are running short of any article in general use.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 25th April 1872, No. 4,483.

In reply to your memorandum No. 136 of the 10th instant, I have to state, for the information of Government, that so far as this Company is concerned the local purchase of European stores has necessitated a larger outlay than would have been incurred had such stores been received from the Home authorities.

2. I may mention that the cost for carriage of stores from Madras to Negapatam exceeds the freights lately paid by my Directors for shipments via the Cape from London to Negapatam. There are no houses of business at this station, and no shipments are made from England except for the Railway Company.

3. As a rule, too, articles received direct from England are superior in quality to similar articles purchased in this country, many of which may have been in stock for long periods. I attach a comparative statement of average prices paid for articles in general consumption.

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10th May 1872.*

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY COMPANY.

*Statement showing difference in price of various Articles purchased in England
and India.*

Names.		England.	India.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Augers, screw	each	0 7 0	0 8 6
Bath-bricks	lbs.	0 0 9	0 2 0
Canvas	yds.	0 9 2	0 10 0
Chisels, assorted	each	0 5 2	0 7 6
Copper	lbs.	0 7 10	0 8 0
Cotton, waste	"	0 2 2	0 3 6
Files, assorted	each	0 12 3	1 2 3
French polish	lbs.	0 10 10	1 1 0
Hinges, butt, brass	each	0 0 9	0 2 4
Do. do., iron	"	0 0 11	0 1 9
Iron, assorted	lbs.	0 0 10	0 1 4
Lead, white	"	0 2 4	0 2 6
		to	to
Lead pig	"	2 10	2 10
Oil, linseed	"	0 2 0	0 1 11
		to	
Padlocks, iron	each	5 4	0 6 0
		to	
Paper, emery	sheet	9 9	0 8 0
Paints and powders of sort	lbs.	0 0 6	0 0 8
Screw-drivers	each	0 2 11	0 14 0
Steel, assorted	lbs.	0 11 7	0 11 0
Sulphate of copper	"	0 2 4	0 7 6
Tar, coal	"	0 2 4	0 3 4
Varnish	"	0 0 3	0 0 7
Wicks, assorted	doz.	1 1 10	2 9 4
Wire, brass and copper	lbs.	0 1 4	0 5 5
		0 9 5	0 14 8
<i>Stationery.</i>			
Form No. 23	1 Book	1 2 8	3 12 0
" " 24	"	1 2 10	3 2 0
" " 29	"	2 5 10	7 8 0
" " 35	"	2 1 10	4 13 6
" " 39	"	0 14 1	3 12 0
" " 21	"	2 3 3	5 10 0
" " 5	"	0 14 1	1 11 6
" " 6	100 Copies	0 4 3	0 14 0
" " 7½	"	0 8 7	1 4 0
" " 8	"	0 14 1	2 3 0
" " 18	"	0 14 1	2 3 0
" " 27	"	1 5 1	1 8 0
Envelopes, assorted	per 100	3 5 4	4 0 0
		0 2 6	2 12 0
		to	
Paper foolscap	per ream.	3 2 2	5 8 0
Do. blotting	"	9 14 4	12 8 0

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

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10th May 1872.*

No. 192.

ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1872, No. 1,202.

RAILWAY, No. 26.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their orders dated 28th March 1872, No. 429-A. R.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

No. 193.

(DOCKET No. 1,203, dated 10th May 1872.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

No. 230

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 16th April 1872

From

Colo. B. Edwin Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M.R.

To

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
Consulting Engineer for Railways. Esq.

Sir,

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endorsement of 238 dated the
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for our regular supply, and local
sellers at once take advantage
of our wants as soon as they
ascertain that we are becoming short
of any article in general use -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. H. P. L. M.
Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

1864

Per

No. 4483

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, April 25th 1872

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer.

for Railways

Madras

SIR,

In reply to your memorandum No. 136 of the 10th instant I have to state for the information of Government that so far as this Company is concerned the local purchase of European stones has necessitated a larger outlay than would have been incurred had such stones been received from the Home Authorities.

I may mention that the cost for carriage of stones from Madras to Negapatam exceeds the freight lately paid by my Directors for shipments via the Cape from London to Negapatam. There are no houses of business at this station and no shipments are made from England except for the Railway Company.

As a rule, too, articles received direct from England are superior in quality to similar articles purchased in this country, many of which may have been in stock for long periods. I attach a comparative statement of average prices

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MAORAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager,

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

15th April 1872

Per

W. M. 258.

Madras the practice

is to purchase in the Madras

Market with regard

to the purchase of

stones from the

local market.

P. N. 2182/72.

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Name		England			India			Remarks
		R ^s	a ^s	P	R ^s	a ^s	P	
Sugars Screw	ea	"	7	"	"	8	6	
Bath Bricks	tho	"	"	9	"	2	"	
Canas	ga	"	9	2	"	10	"	
Chisels assorted	ea	"	5	2	"	7	6	
Copper	th	"	7	10	"	8	"	
Cotton waste	"	"	2	2	"	3	6	
Files assorted	ea	"	12	3	1	2	3	
French Polish	lb	"	10	10	1	1	"	
Hinges But Prop	ea	"	"	9	"	2	4	
" " Iron	"	"	"	11	"	1	9	
Iron assorted	lb	"	"	10	"	1	5	
Lead white	"	2	4	6	2	6	10	
" Pig	"	"	2	"	"	1	11	
Oil Linseed	"	3	9	6	"	6	"	
Pad locks Iron	ea	7	7	6	"	8	"	
Paper Emery	lb	"	"	6	"	"	8	
Paints & Powders of Sort	th	"	2	11	"	14	"	
Screw Drivers	ea	"	11	7	"	11	"	
Steel assorted	lb	"	2	4	"	7	6	
Sulphate of Copper	"	"	2	11	"	3	11	
Tar coal	"	"	"	3	"	"	7	
Varnish	lb	1	1	10	2	9	11	
Wicks assorted	dog	"	1	4	"	5	5	
Wire Prop & Copper	th	"	9	5	"	11	8	
Stationery								
Form No 23	/Book	1	2	8	3	12	0	
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Name		England			India			Remarks
Form etc 36	1 Book	"	14	1	3	12	"	
" " 39	"	2	3	3	5	10	"	
" " 21	"	"	14	1	1	11	6	
" " 5	100 Cops	"	4	3	"	14	"	
" " 6	"	"	8	7	1	4	"	
" " 7 1/2	"	"	14	1	2	3	"	
" " 8	"	"	14	1	2	3	"	
" " 18	"	1	5	1	1	8	"	
" " 27	"	3	5	4	14	"	"	
Envelopes apt	per 100	"	2	6	2.12	6	58	"
Paper Foolscap	" Ream	3	2	2	5	8	"	
" Blotting	"	9	14	14	12	8	"	

William Stott
Agent

Att-

Consulting Engineer's Office,

Railway Department,

N^o 287

From,

Lieut: Col: J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
Cons: Eng^r for Railways

To,

Colonel, G. W. Walker. R.E.

Ag: Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Port Saint George

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Proc. 10th May 1872
S. B. L. R.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Leasing Agents
for the
To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India

10th May 1902
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English Stores. Papering orders

Forwarded to the
the papers reporting the price
of the Agents of the Madras
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in the purchase of English
Stores in local markets

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