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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 27th November 1873.

No. 405. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government in the Financial Department, dated 29th September 1873 :—

From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 18th September 1873, No. 3,127.

It has been brought to the notice of the Governor General in Council that the Government of Madras has recently obtained *direct* from the designer in England an experimental set of valves, and has also remitted to him the price thereof by a private bill of exchange.

2. It will doubtless be in the recollection of the Government of Madras that the orders prohibiting the purchase of articles in England, save through the Secretary of State, are stringent, and should never be transgressed except with the consent of the Governor-General in Council, who would always have to report the case to the Home Government; and, further, that the remittance of public money to England, save through the Secretary of State, is forbidden.

A COPY to the Public Works Department, with reference to endorsement from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, No. 2,261, dated 19th July 1873, to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

TRANSFERRED to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 406. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1873, No. 2,874.

IRRIGATION, No. 22.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 2,875, dated 27th November 1873.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 27*th November* 1873.

No. 407.

No. 2,875.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

SIR,—In reply to the letter No. 3,127, of the 18th September 1873, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor General in Council, copies of the Proceedings of this Government as per margin, which show clearly under what circumstances arrangements were made with Mr. Stoney for the supply of certain experimental sluice valves, and I am to add that, as it would manifestly have been open to this Government to authorize Mr. Stoney to construct the valves at Madras, and as it was necessary for the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to communicate with him regarding many of the details of the designs, the arrangements made were appropriate and indeed unavoidable. When an approved design shall have been obtained the requisite number of valves will be indented for in the usual manner.

11th April	1870, No.	1,007.
12th February	1873, ,,	457.
20th March	,, ,,	884.
2nd June	,, ,,	1,467.

2. The remittance of public money to England, otherwise than through the Secretary of State, will, I am to say, be avoided for the future.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 2874 P.W.D.

Pro. of the Madras Govt

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From the Govt of India (H.E. No: 3127 of 18 Sept/73

Ordered that the following
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No. 2875

To the Secy: to the
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 27 Nov 1873. No. 2874-2875

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Sluice Valves. Passing orders on letter from the Govt of India calling for an explanation of the circumstances under which an experimental set of valves was obtained direct from the designer in England & the cost remitted to him by private bill of exchange contrary to law & rules.

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Ltr. 22/10/73

Desp. to Sec. of State. Copies of Proc. noted in the margin.