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26th March 1874.*

No. 723. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 16th February 1874, No. 83 A—G. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 181, dated 27th ultimo, reporting that the value of the excess stock of sheet copper noticed in No. 3,083, dated the 30th December last, is not included in the ordinary stock balance of the department. Under these circumstances, I am to state that the Governor-General in Council is unable to sanction the purchase of timber as it would cause an increase to the stock balance and therefore an excess in the outlay over the ordinary Imperial grant for the current year.

No. 724. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1874, No. 861.

ACCOUNT, No. 40.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of this letter, and that, looking to the urgent necessity that exists for laying in a stock of seasoned timber at Madras, and having in view the profit to the Imperial exchequer from the transfer of the copper sheeting to Calcutta, a special assignment be requested.

(Here enter No. 862, dated 26th March 1874.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 26th March 1874.

No. 725.

No. 862.

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.

ACCOUNT, No. 41.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 83 A.—G., dated 16th February 1874, intimating

that the Governor-General in Council is unable to sanction the purchase of the timber referred to in my Nos. 3,083 and 181, dated respectively 30th December 1873 and 27th January 1874, as it would cause an increase to the stock balance, and therefore an excess in the outlay over the Ordinary Imperial grant.

2. I am to point out that no excess over the ordinary grant would probably have arisen by the purchase of the timber required had not this grant been considerably reduced by the resumption of the greater portion of the allotment for the Telegraph Office, which was transferred for expenditure elsewhere. On this ground, and having in view the urgent necessity that exists for laying in a stock of seasoned timber at Madras, and the profit to the Imperial exchequer by the transfer of the copper sheets in question, which will no doubt enable a reduction to be made in the indent for copper for the Calcutta Mint, I am to request that the Government of India will be pleased to sanction the purchase of the timber, allowing any addition to the stock balance to be adjusted as an authorized excess against the grant for next year.

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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Govt. of Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA

Dated March 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 20th March 1874, No. 562.

MARCH

No. 725

REQUESTING, under the circumstances
stated, sanction may be accorded to
purchase of seasoned timber at Madras.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 83. S.G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Account.
General.

To The Secretary to Govt. Madras,
Public Works Department.
For William 10th Feby 1874.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your No. 181 dated 27th
ultimo, reporting that the value
of the excess stock of sheet copper
noticed in No. 3083 dated the 30th
December last, is not included
in the ordinary stock balance
of the Department. Under these
circumstances, I am to state that
the Governor General in Council
is unable to sanction the purchase
of timber as it would cause

an

an increase to the stock balance
and therefore an excess in the
outlay over the ordinary Imperial
Grant for the current year.

Have the honour
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

(Dillemas) Col R. S.
Secretary to the Govt of India

for 26 Feb 1874
Chc 1723

Chc 847. 862. 26 Feb 1874

Subvining
that the purchase
of timber cannot
be sanctioned from
the value of the
copper sheets which
are to be obtained
with.

Made at 16th Feb 1874
Received at 21 Feb 1874
88-88 of A. Y.

From
The Government of India

to the Honble Secy to the Govt of India
for the Govt of India
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P. W. D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the

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Read the following:—

The Govt. of India (H. C. No. 83. A. G. of 16th Feb 1874)

Ordered that the
Government of India be
addressed on the subject
of this letter, and ^{that} looking
to the urgent necessity that
exists for laying in a
stock of seasoned timber
at Madras, and having
in view the profit to the
Imperial Exchequer
from the transfer of the
copper

Md
27/2

Sd/-

copper sheeting to Calcutta,
as a special assignment
as be requested.

on 862
G. H. C. No. dated

To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Sir,

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acknowledge the receipt of
your letter No. 83 A. G. dated
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and 27th January/74, as
it would cause an increase
to the stock balance and
therefore

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outlay over the Ordinary
Imperial grant.

I am to point out that
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 will be pleased to sanction
 the purchase of the timber,
 allowing any addition to
 the stock balance to be
 adjusted as an authorized
 excess against the grant
 for ^{next} year.

Yours

To D. C. Prest
 Controller

Dec^r 2^d 1851 C. 80/8/74

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For 26 Feb 74

Copper & ...
 Calcutta Mint

Mr Colonel Walker

As the matter at
 present stands, Madras
 has asked for help -
 that is, to be relieved of
 what it has no use
 for in order that some
 useful might be bought
 for the money representing
 the value of the useless
 Article - Copper. - The
 Govt of India cannot
 gain nothing by the
 proposal except the

Satisfaction of arranging
to transfer our Copper to
a place where it is more
likely to be utilized, but
doubt if that Govt.
in its present difficulties,
will agree to a proposal
which involves extra
expenditure in Madras
of more than half a
lakh of Rupees -

So much for the
proposal at present

the remark in the Govt.
"to the Madras Govt."
before the Govt. of India
The Madras Govt.
suggests in my Govt.
note would be to transfer
like the following extract
from Madras Govt.
~~is~~ adopted -

"We make no comment
in respect to the Copper
We want nothing in place
an equivalent of the
transfer is all that is required
the Govt. of India in
its present difficulties
or if the Govt. of

offer for the Calcutta
mint can be reduced
by it, Madras would
gladly help by placing
the Copper at the
disposal of the Govt
of India -

Yours truly
J. J. J.

26/1/74

W. As you might, at
first sight, think there
was a contradiction
between my first
letter (Official) and

the remark in this note
that the proposal now
before the Govt of India
involves Extra Expenditure
in Madras, I may explain
that according to the
rules of the M. S. Dept
Expenditure on Stock
does not go against
the Budget grant unless
the Stock balance is
in excess of the Stock
balance at the close
of the previous year -

Therefore, if the Copper
had been included in

the Stock balance, our
purchase of timber in
place of the Copper (as
was proposed) would
leave the balance
unaffected and there
would be no extra
charge against the
M. Profit, though
there would have been
extra expenditure from
the Treasury —

Jan
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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Asst. Engineer
Presidency
and

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 26th March 1862

Nos. 723-724 & 725

Requesting under the
circumstances stated
sanction may be ac-
cording to the purchase
of seasoned timber
at Malacca.

Timber

Ordered that the
Government of India be
addressed on the subject
of ~~seasoned timber~~ the
purchase of seasoned
timber at Malacca.