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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1877, No. 75 W.

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Read the following paper:—

No. 145. Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Public Works,
No. 5.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
12th April 1877.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have received your letter in this department, No. 7, dated 23rd February 1877, requesting the supply of certain tools for use on Famine Relief Works, and I have sanctioned their supply, with the exception of 58,000 of the mamooties, which could not be obtained at a sufficiently early date to meet your requirements.

2. I forward for your information a copy of a report by the Director-General of Stores of this Office, showing the steps which have been taken towards providing these supplies.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

From G. C. TALBOT, Esq., Director-General of Stores, dated 22nd March 1877.

WITH reference to the accompanying Public Works letter from Madras, No. 7, dated 23rd February 1877, I have to report as follows:—The telegram of the 15th February therein referred to requesting the supply of tools for Famine Relief Works reached my department on the 17th of that month. Several of the leading Firms who have been in the habit of supplying this department with similar tools were at once communicated with, and the following were ordered:—

22,000 Mamooties.
30,000 Pickaxes.
30,000 Stone Hammers, 1 to 3 lbs.
2,000 Hammers, 10 and 12 lbs.
3,000 Bill Hooks.

The suppliers undertook that the above, which comprise the full quantities asked for except as regards the mamooties, should be ready for delivery by the 31st of March at latest.

Ascertaining that no mamooties were to be had ready-made and that the manufacture of so large a supply would require some time, I submitted on the 21st of February the following telegram to the Government of Madras, which was approved by the Under Secretary of State on that day and forwarded to Madras:—"Yours of 16th. Mamooties not procurable ready-made. Sixteen thousand may be shipped in April. Remainder might follow in May, June, and July. State whether these latter would be in time." On the 23rd February a reply to the above was received:—"Do not ship any mamooties that will not reach Madras by end of May."

As I found on inquiry that no further supply of mamooties in addition to the 22,000 actually ordered could be got in time to ensure their arrival by the end of May, due allowance being made for examination and packing, and for the interval which must elapse between their completion and the departure of the vessel conveying them to Madras, no further supplies of these tools were ordered.

Of the 30,000 pickaxes, 10,000 were obtained from the War Department, these were furnished with handles complete. This drew my attention to the fact that possibly, under the urgent circumstances, handles for all the tools should be furnished from hence, so as to admit of their immediate issue on arrival. In reply to an inquiry on the subject the Governor of Madras, however, telegraphed on the 7th March, that handles would be provided locally. Prior to the receipt of this the 10,000 War Department Pickaxes with their handles had been shipped.

The total cost of the supplies will be about £8,100.

No. 146.

ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 75 W.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Presidency.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.

(Copy)

22nd March 1877.

With reference to the accompanying Public Works Letter from Madras, No. 4, dated 23rd February 1877 I have to report as follows:- The Telegram of the 15th February therein referred to requesting the supply of Tools for Famine Relief Works reached my Department on the 14th of that month. Several of the leading Firms who have been in the habit of supplying this Department with similar Tools were at once communicated with and the following were ordered:-

22,000 Mamooties
30,000 Pickaxes
30,000 Stone Hammers 1 to 3 lbs
2,000 Hammers 10 & 12 lbs.
3,000 Bill Hooks.

The suppliers undertook that the
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above, which comprise the full quantities asked for except as regards the Mamooties, should be ready for delivery by the 31st of March at latest.

Ascertaining that no Mamooties were to be had ready-made and that the manufacture of so large a supply would require some time I submitted on the 21st of February the following telegram to the Government of Madras which was approved by the Under Secretary of State on that day and forwarded to Madras:- "Yours of Sixteenth -

"Mamooties not procurable ready made, Sixteen thousand may be shipped in April - Remainder might follow in May, June & July - State whether these latter would be in time." On the

23rd February a reply to the above was received:- "Do not ship any Mamooties that

"that will not reach Madras by end of May."

As I found on enquiry that no further supply of Mamooties in addition to the 22,000 actually ordered could be got in time to ensure their arrival by the end of May - due allowance being made for examination and packing and for the interval which must elapse between their completion and the departure of the vessel conveying them to Madras - no further supplies of these Tools were ordered.

Of the 30,000 Pick Axes, 10,000 were obtained from the War Department, these were furnished with Handles complete - This drew my attention to the fact that possibly under the urgent circumstances, Handles for all the Tools should be furnished from hence so as to admit of their immediate issue on arrival.

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arrival. In reply to an enquiry on the subject the Governor of Madras however telegraphed on the 4th March that handles would be provided locally. Prior to the receipt of this the 10,000 War Department stores with their handles had been shipped.

The total cost of the supplies will be about £8,100.

(d) Gerald F. Talbot

Director General of Stores.

By O. 15th May 77, No. 145

Public Works
No 6

India Office, London.
12th April 1877.

My Lord Duke,

1. I have received your Letter in this Department, No 7, dated 23rd February, 1877, requesting the supply of certain Tools for use on Famine Relief Works, and I have sanctioned their supply, with the exception of 58,000 of the Mamooties, which could not be obtained at a sufficiently early date to meet your requirements.

2 I forward for your information a copy of a Report

His Excellency,
The Most Noble,
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

report by the Director General
of Stores of this Office,
shewing the steps which have
been taken towards providing
these supplies.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord Duke,
Your Grace's most obedient
humble servant,

Desp No 7 d/23.2.77

No 3.

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12th April 1877

The
Letter to Lord St. George
No 6

No 75 Wd/15th May/77
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Communicated to the
D.E. Presidency.

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By Q. 15th May/77 J.B. 145

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