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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

24th December 1879, No. 7202.

Commissariat--Contracts.

Read the following papers:—

No. 350. From Major-General R. CADELL, C.B., R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 8th November 1879, No. 310-G.

I have the honor to request that you will bring to the notice of His Grace the Governor in Council the following subject:

2. In consequence of Order of Government, No. 1080, dated 17th July 1878, the Superintendent of Stamps was requested to state whether it was necessary that contracts for the supply of Ordnance stores should in future be prepared on manuscripts and denoted with stamps. In reply the Superintendent stated that he was not competent to determine whether the contracts should be stamped or not.

3. The subject was then referred to the Government Solicitor, who stated that in his opinion a stamp was necessary and should be paid for by the contractor. Stamps had not hitherto been used.

4. The Ordnance Officer was consequently on the 3rd October 1878 desired to place himself in communication with the Government Solicitor in order to have the existing contract forms originally prepared by the Government Solicitor altered so as to conform to the requirements of the Order of Government above quoted and present law. Before, however, the legal form had been received from the Government Solicitor, it was necessary to advertise for tenders for Ordnance supplies for the half-year commencing 1st April 1879, and in so doing the old form was used, which did not include any clause binding the contractor to pay for the stamps. The new form had not been received from the Solicitor up to the date of my having authorized the acceptance of certain tenders which had been made in terms of the advertisement above alluded to.

5. The Ordnance Officer however, on the contractors being called upon to sign their deeds, directed them to pay for the stamps. Some of these men objected and some paid for the stamps, but unwillingly and with an appeal to myself for a refund of the money. My decision was that it was not just in the present case to charge the contractors for the stamps as they could not possibly have taken this charge into consideration when they made their tenders; but, as it was then legally necessary that the contract deeds should be stamped, I authorized the Ordnance Officer to pay for the stamps, viz., Rupees 103, and charge them under the contingencies in his account to be submitted to the Control Department.

6. In the audit of the accounts, however, received from the Control Department in August last, objection is made to the payment for these stamps without the sanction of Government, which I now request.

7. A similar charge of Rs. 3-8-0 was also incurred by the Ordnance Officer, Nagpore, on my sanction, for the purpose above mentioned, and I request the sanction of Government for that charge also being passed.

No. 351. With report from the Controller of Mily. Accounts, 24th Nov. 1879, C.

No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1879, No. 7202.

The charge of Rs. 106-8-0 on account of stamps affixed to Ordnance contract deeds is sanctioned.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council directs that in future all contract deeds for the supply of Military stores be stamped at the expense of Government.

3. It will be decided in other departments whether this rule should be applied to contract deeds for supplies to their respective branches of the service.

(True Extract.)

Michael.

Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.

- " Adjutant-General.
- " Inspector-General of Ordnance and Ammunition.
- " Commissary-General.
- " Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.
- " Remount Agent.
- " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- " Surgeon-General, British Medical Service.
- " Controller of Military Accounts.
- " Judicial Department.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Public Works Department. *with one copy.*

MEMORANDUM.

For C. No. 147.

REQUESTED for *Info* reference the under-mentioned papers:—

10 copies of B. L. No. 7202, dated 24th December 1879.

John P. S. J.

Major R. C.

Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.
P. H. D.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Public Works Department.

15 January 1880.

To

The *Secy. to Government*

Military Department

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No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1879, No. 7202.

The charge of Rs. 106-8-0 on account of stamps affixed to Ordnance contracts is sanctioned.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council

Frederick. Leitch
Secy. Genl.

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G.O. 25th December 1879, P.W.D.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 350-352.

Sanctioning the charge of the 100-8-0 on account of stamps affixed to (b) - duance contract deeds, and directing that in future all contract deeds for the supply of Military stores be stamped as the expense of Government.

No 1576 d/20 Jan/80

*Communicated to the
Officer concerned with
the remark that
Contract bonds exist
in the P.W.D. should
be duly stamped at
the House of Contract
who should be clearly
made to understand
that in the advertisement
in the case.*

*2. The Secy M.C.C. will make
inquiry on this matter
with the new P.W.D. Secy.*

*Deskd
21-1-80*

*To the Officer of the
M.C.C. Secy*

13-1-80