

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

11th August 1881, No. 1460.

Stores.

Read the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce (Stores), dated Simla, 29th July 1881, No. 2070 [Current No. 2081].

Read the following papers regarding the supply of stores required for the public service :—

Financial Resolution No. 3574,	dated 3rd Nov. 1880.
" " " 953,	" 10th June 1881.
" Circular " 220,	" 28th April "
" " " 621,	" 14th May "

Read also the following letters from the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces :—

No. 1680— 94,	dated 12th May 1881.
" 2412—125,	" 1st July "

RESOLUTION.—It appears that for the public service in the Central Provinces no European stores were indented for from England during the last two years, the articles required having been procured locally. In future the orders contained in the Resolution of the 10th ultimo cited above should be carried out in the Central Provinces as elsewhere.

2. In pursuance of the policy of the Government of India that it is expedient to encourage Indian industries, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that the following articles shall in future be procured of *bonâ fide* Indian manufacture wherever possible and when they can be supplied at rates not higher than imported goods of the same quality can be obtained.

3. *Pasteboards*.—Over Rs. 1,000 worth was bought during the last two years. These should be obtained either from the Girgaum (Bombay) or the Bally Paper Mills, or elsewhere, according to cheapness and convenience of supply.

4. *Turkey Red Cloth*.—Over Rs. 13,000 worth was bought during the last two years, and there is a large yearly demand for this cloth in the Central Provinces and in other local Administrations. It is understood to be largely used for turbans for the Police. There will probably be no difficulty in having the cloth woven in the Indian mills, and dyed either with imported madder or with Indian dye-stuffs, such as *Al* (*Morinda tinctoria* and *M. citrifolia*), which is common over Northern India. Should difficulties in obtaining a suitable red present themselves at the outset, the Indian dyes of other colors are excellent and equally suitable for the purposes of Government. The Chief Commissioner should give public notice of his requirements in respect of this cloth and of the price hitherto paid for it, and invite tenders for their supply within those limits for a term of years not exceeding five.

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council desires that a similar course may be followed by all local Governments and Administrations requiring cloth, and that the purchase of the imported articles may be henceforward discontinued.

5. *Brass Rules for printing ; Iron Tanks and Pipes.*—These can be made by local manufacturers in Bombay and elsewhere, and should be obtained, whenever required, by private reference or public tender.

6. *Spirits of Wine and Rum.*—These are largely manufactured of good quality in India, *e.g.*, at the distilleries at Shajehanpur, Simla, Cossipur (Calcutta), and Aska (Ganjam), and should not henceforward be indented for from England or purchased of English manufacture in the local market.

ORDERED that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, and to the other local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance, with the request that the instructions here given may be carefully carried out.

Ordered, also, that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(Signed) J. E. O'CONOR,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1881, No. 1460.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat, to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, the Superintendent of the Government Press, and the Inspector-General of Police.

(True Extract.)

J. E. O'Connor
Asst. Secy.
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
,, Inspector-General of Police.
,, Superintendent of the Government Press.
,, Departments of the Secretariat. (PND)

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To
THE SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
&c., &c., &c.

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Stores.—Communicating for information and guidance Resolution of Government of India directing the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to procure certain articles from the Indian manufacturers.

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