

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd September 1876. No. 988.*

Telegrams.

No. 7. *Read Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.*

Public.
No. 79.

INDIA OFFICE,
LONDON, 6th July 1876.

MY LORD,—I am desirous of drawing the attention of your Excellency in Council to the subject of telegrams.

2. It seems to me that it will conduce to the public service if, when an official message is addressed to me by telegraph by Your Excellency in Council, or by any Local Government, on any question of a public character, the telegram be followed on the first opportunity by a despatch reciting it, and if need be, explaining more fully the subject to which it refers.

3. I desire that your Lordship in Council will issue the necessary instructions on the subject. I have given directions that a similar course should be pursued with respect to telegrams sent from this Office to India.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable,
The Governor-General of India in Council.

No. 23—1304.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance.
(By Order of the Governor-General of India in Council.)

HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC,
SIMLA, 19th August 1876.

(Signed) T. J. C. PLOWDEN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1876, No. 988.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Military Department.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

23rd August 1880, No. 1264.

Correspondence.

Read the following papers:—

No. 45-A. *From Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, 17th June 1880, No. 54.*

I have had before me in Council the letter of your predecessor in Council, No. 23 of this year, submitting a proposal that formal communications of four classes specified, which are now sent home in letters signed by all the Members of the Government, to the address of the Secretary of State, should in future be sent to this Office in letters from the Secretaries in the Departments concerned, addressed either to the Under Secretary of State for India, or to the Departmental Secretaries concerned, at the India Office.

2. In reply, I have to accord my sanction to the proposal both as regards post copies of telegrams and advices of the despatch of annual reports, if not accompanied by explanations or remarks of the Government, and also as to lists of casualties.

3. As regards indents for stores, I would refer your Government to the orders contained in my predecessor's despatches in the Public Works and Railway Department No. 68 of 1878 and No. 147 of 1879 respectively, which permitted the transmission of indents by the Local Governments and Administrations, and by the Secretary to your Government in the Public Works Department, provided that they were in all cases accompanied by a statement that the supply has been authorised by the responsible Government.

4. I see no objection to the extension of this principle to all indents for stores, the essential point being that there shall always be a communication showing that the demand has been duly considered by the Government which is responsible for the expenditure, and containing explanations when necessary.

5. I request that your Excellency in Council will communicate this despatch to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for their guidance.

No. 34—1253.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 68, (Public Works), dated the 14th November 1878, and enclosures.
Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 147, (Railway), dated the 18th September 1879.

Copy, with copy of the despatch to which it is a reply, and of the papers marginally noted, forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

(By Order.)

HOME, REV., AND AGRIL. DEPT.
(PUBLIC),
SIMLA, 10th August 1880.

(Signed) F. C. DAUKES,
Under Secy. to the Govt of India.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC.

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

to

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Despatch September, 2nd.

Issued

Recd.

G.O., 2nd September 1876, No. 988.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 7-8.

Telegrams—Endorsement of Government of India, forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State requesting that when a telegram is addressed to him, on any question of a public character, it may be followed by a despatch rectifying it; or if need be, explaining more fully the subject to which it refers, communicated to all departments of the Secretariat for information and guidance.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Government of India, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Fort William, the 24th March 1880, No. 23.

We have the honor to solicit Your Lordship's sanction to our modifying, in respect of purely formal correspondence, the present system under which we submit certain classes of papers for Your Lordship's information or orders. At present it is the rule that all formal communications such as—

Postal copies of telegrams,
Advices of the despatch of annual reports,
Departmental indents for stores,
Lists of casualties among Uncovenanted European servants of Government,

are submitted to Your Lordship under cover of despatch signed by all the Members of the Government, and addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State. We think that convenience and promptitude in the despatch of business would result, if purely formal communications of this kind were submitted to the India Office under cover of a letter, from our Secretary in the Department concerned, addressed to either Her Majesty's Under Secretary of State, or to the Departmental Secretary at the India Office. We solicit sanction to our adoption of this procedure for the future.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 14th November 1878, No. 68.

Your Excellency's Despatch, No. 70, dated the 13th August last, suggests that the duty of checking provincial indents for Public Works stores required by Local Governments and Administrations directly subordinate to your Government be vested in your Director of State Railway Stores, and requests the acceptance by this Office of all such indents countersigned by that officer.

2. I forward herewith a memorandum* on the subject by the Director-General of Stores of this Office, with the opinions expressed in which I am disposed generally to concur, and, subject to the modifications suggested, in which I agree to the proposed alteration of procedure.

* Dated 17th October 1878.

Memorandum by G. C. TALBOT, Esq., Director-General of Stores, dated 17th October 1878.

The accompanying Public Works letter from India, No. 70, dated 13th August 1878, proposes that indents for Public Works stores required from England by Local Governments and Administrations directly subordinate to the Government of India should be forwarded direct to the Secretary of State in Council, and not, as heretofore, through the Government of India. There appears to me to be no objection to this course if the indents are accompanied and authenticated by communications from the Local Government or Administration in question. For instance, an indent for materials required for a Provincial Public Work in British Burmah should be accompanied by a communication from the Chief Commissioner supporting the application.

I may observe that ever since the establishment of provincial budgets, the arrangement which the Government of India now advocates has been practically in force, as regards indents for other than Public Works stores. That is to say, the Local Governments have very frequently sent home indents for miscellaneous supplies direct to the Secretary of State, and the said indents have been complied with. In such cases it is set forth in the indent, or in the accompanying correspondence, that the cost of the stores will be paid for out of the Provincial funds. If this is not clearly shown, it would be the duty of this department to suggest a reference to India, as it would be evidently objectionable that a provincial Government or administration should create a charge on the Imperial revenues without the concurrence of the Government of India. With regard to indents from the Superintendent of the Roorkee Workshops, &c., it appears to me that these too should be accompanied by confirmatory letters, either from the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces, or the Governor-General in Council, as may be thought most convenient.

There is another point alluded to in paragraph 9 of the letter under report, reference being made to the Report of a Committee, in which it is stated that the establishment of a home agency such as is proposed by Lieutenant-Colonel Stanton in a letter dated 23rd January 1878 would be advantageous. The contemplated agency is to be separate from the Store Department of the India Office, and analogous to the London Boards of the Guaranteed Railways. Upon this I

have to state that the separation from the Stores Department would, in my opinion, be inconvenient generally, and more especially in connection with shipping arrangements. And that, as regards the proposed Board, the Committees of Members of Council, which deal with railway and store matters, appear to secure all the advantages and safeguards obtainable by the institution of such a Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, the 18th September 1879, No. 147.

I have received Your Excellency's letter in this Department of the 12th July last, No. 182, stating that, in consequence of "the number and frequency of indents for stores for State Railways now despatched to England," you are of opinion that it is desirable that a change in the mode of transmitting the same should be adopted, and accordingly proposing that, instead of these indents being sent, as at present, with a covering despatch from Government, they be forwarded in future by your Public Works Secretary to the Secretary in the same Department at this office.

2. I assent to this proposal so far as regards ordinary indents; but in doing so I would suggest that measures may be adopted for reducing the number and frequency of small indents which appear to be needlessly great under present arrangements. The purchase of stores in small quantities leads to much additional trouble and expense, besides involving in many cases the necessity for paying higher prices. By proper forethought and under suitable rules for combining small demands, it would apparently be easy to transmit indents at monthly or even longer intervals instead of almost every week as at present; and I request that ordinary indents for the future be so despatched. Any pressing indent should be accompanied by an explanation of the urgency.

3. A future condition of the new practice should be that all indents be accompanied by a statement that the supply asked for has been authorized by your Government, and that it is for a duly sanctioned work for which provision has been made in the budget grant, naming the grant and sub-head. This statement should be certified by your Public Works Secretary.

No. 45-B.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1880, No. 1264.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

R. D.
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Government House

Mr. Gordon.

I'm very sorry
to hear that beam
is laid up. He
writes me that he is
applying for bridge
leave. Please

Obdt. of 1880: 24th Dec.

PUBLIC.

To
THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 23rd.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 23rd August 1880, No. 1264.

AUGUST.

Nos. 45-A-45-B.

Correspondence.—Communicating letter from
the Government of India forwarding copy of
Despatch from Secretary of State sanctioning
certain alterations in the present system of sub-
mitting certain class of papers to the Secretary of
State.

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Chief Secretary I should
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as to whether the
despatch of the S.P.
referred to in S.O.
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seded by the sanction
conveyed in S.O. 1264
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bably suffice?
18.10.81 Att.

Distribution of the Public Works
Secretariat Manual Revised paragraph 178.

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Under Secy. Works Branch	1
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Second Assistant	1
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The following will
be substituted for para
178 of the Public Works
Secretarial Manual.

"When an official
telegram is addressed
to the Secretary of State
it should be followed on
the first opportunity by a
post copy, and if need be,
by a despatch explain-
ing more fully the
subject to which it refers."

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27.10.81

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This para differs
slightly from the order
proposed in the
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