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Communicated to
the Genl Supt. P. W. Store
& the Supt Mr. H. Walker
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Sd. in Receipt Regs

With order

Packing Accounts of Stores.—Communicating
despatch from Secretary of State directing that
all packages on arrival from England should be
weighed and the weight inserted in the duplicate
packing account.

11TH MAY 1882, No. 364, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 13th April 1882, No. 5 (Financial—Stores):—

It is the practice to insert, in the packing accounts of stores shipped in this country for India, the weight of the packages on shipment.

2. The principal object of giving this information is in order that, by weighing the packages on arrival, any deficiency in the contents may be discovered, and a column is provided in the form of the packing account for the insertion of the weight of the packages upon receipt in India.

3. This column is very rarely filled up in the packing accounts returned to this office, as it is probably found inconvenient or impracticable to weigh every package on arrival. But it is thought that cases or packages containing either articles of value, or stores especially liable to theft, such as wine and bottled beer, or printed documents, in which deficiencies have of late been most frequently reported, might be weighed without difficulty, and that an additional means of tracing or accounting for any loss or deficiency would thus be afforded.

4. I therefore request that the attention of the officers concerned may be drawn to the desirability of weighing all packages on arrival, whenever practicable, and of inserting the weight in the column left in the duplicate packing account for that purpose.

5. It is important that the packages should be opened in the actual presence of the Members of the Committee of Survey, as directed in paragraph 3 of the Regulations in the packing account, in order to ensure that there may be no tampering with the contents in the interval which elapses between the opening of the packages and the examination of the stores by the Committee.

6. When it is considered advisable that stores which have been lost or damaged should be at once replaced, a special indent should be submitted, as otherwise steps will not be taken to resupply such stores.

ORDER—dated 11th May 1882, No. 364, Financial.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat and to Heads of Departments for information and guidance, with special reference to the instructions enjoined in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the despatch.

(True Extract.)

Pass
for Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" the Military Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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