

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 18th April 1884, Mis. No. 746, Financial.

Read—the following letter from P. ALAGARACHARI, Manufacturer, Brass Locks, Chinnakadai street, Dindigul, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Dindigul, March 1884 :—

Being assured of your exalted honor's sympathy and benevolence towards deserving applicants of whatever class or profession, I beg most respectfully and humbly to submit the following few lines to your honor in hopes that they will meet favorable reception at your honor's hands, and that my intrusion upon your honor's valuable moments will be pardoned.

2. I have opened a workshop for the manufacture of brass locks in imitation of Chubbs', and I have been working it on the same model as any other recognised foundry at an enormous expense. I have had the fortune to win the approval and patronage of every one who ever chanced to inspect them.

3. I feel, therefore, confident that if they once happen to be inspected by your honor and His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor they will infallibly secure your conjoint approval and consequently a large demand for them from every quarter of the presidency. I am accordingly emboldened to transmit separately by rail to-day to your address one 3" padlock valued at Rs. 10 and an almirah lock 4" x 2½" valued at Rs. 5-8-0. These rates are, it will be observed, the cheapest yet charged by any other Indian manufacturer. The rivets unlike those of the locks of other workshops are made of brass, while the key and the turning point in the bolt are made of polished steel, so that they can stand the test of wear and tear for any length of time. I may also confidently assert that they are superior in every way to locks of other Indian manufacturers.

4. I therefore again crave very respectfully the favor of your honor being pleased to inspect the 2 locks, and after testing their qualities to issue orders to every one of the departments under your control to indent on me for any number of locks they may require and thus patronize me.

5. For which act of charity, I shall ever pray.

Order—dated 18th April 1884, Mis. No. 746, Financial.

A professional opinion on the quality of the locks will be obtained in the Public Works department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department, with original letter, and 2 locks.

READ—also the following paper :—

From Captain W. L. C. BADDELEY, R.E., General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, dated Madras, 30th April 1884, No. 144 W.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 42-E, of 24th instant, with enclosure, I have the honor to report that the locks are very well made, but the price is higher than Chubbs :—

				Alagarachari.			Chubbs.		
				RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
3" padlock	..	..	..	10	0	0	7	8	0
2½" almirah or press lock	..	..	..	5	8	0	4	8	0

2. The locks are copied direct from Chubbs, and the samples sent are of excellent quality, but I am certain that a large order would be supplied of more uniformly good make and considerably cheaper by Messrs. Chubbs and Co.

No. 88-E.

Transferred to the Public department, with advertence to Proceedings in that department, Mis. No. 746, dated 18th April 1884, the enclosures of which are herewith returned.

OOTACAMUND,
6th May 1884.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 13th May 1884, No. 1063, Financial.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

J. D. REES,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

Copy to the memorialist, with locks returned.
,, Public Works department.

Exd. J. Wright.

No: 1422 W d/6 June/84

Gobt. of (1884) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

Communicated to officers of
the P. W. Department, in continuation
of G.O. No: 1729 W d/19th June 1883

Sof J. S. S.

S. S. C.
PW 4442/0

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 13th May 1884, No. 1063.

No: 1422 W d/6th June/84

MAY.

Suptg. Engrs
Ch. Engr: for S.
Commr: Engrs for Rys:
Ex^{ts} P. W. Accts.
Ex^{ts} Ry: Accts.
Commr: Arch. to Govt.
Genl. Suptt. P. W. S.
Suptt. M. & Works
Engrs - in - Chief State Rys:
with copy of G.O. 1729 W
d/19th June 1883.

Locks.

Recording remarks of the General Superintend-
ent, Public Works Workshops, on the — supplied
by P. Alagarachari of Dindigul.

With order