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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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4. A copy of the revised regulations is enclosed; and I request that such instructions may be issued as will ensure the examination by a committee, whenever practicable, of all Government stores when landed at the different ports in India.

ENCLOSURE.

N.B.—To be returned to the Director-General of Stores by the first opportunity after the Stores have been surveyed.

PACKING ACCOUNT OF _____ STORES
SHIPPED FROM ENGLAND PER _____ FOR _____
Date of Sailing _____ 188 .

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECEIPT AND EXAMINATION OF STORES IN INDIA.

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2. Each package should be inspected, and if any are received from the vessel in a defective state, or appear to have been tampered with, they should be immediately opened, due notice having first been given to the Master to attend, or to depute some person to do so on his behalf, in order that the amount of any damage, for which the vessel is liable, may be deducted from the freight, in conformity with the undermentioned provision in clause 13 of the Conditions for Freight and Conveyance of Stores :—

“In the event of any loss being sustained by Government by reason of any injury to the Stores, or of any deficiency in the quantity delivered, not covered by the printed exceptions in the bill of lading, the Government may deduct the value of such loss from the portion of freight payable in India, or, if necessary, recover the same from the owner.”

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4. Should any articles appear to have original defects, samples, upon which a judgment may be formed, should in all cases be sent home with the complaint, whether it relate to quality or to pattern.

5. When cloths are short in measure, or hides deficient in quality or weight, the lead seal stamped on the piece should be returned with the Packing Account.

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7. If any article, not herein described, be received, full particulars thereof should be entered in the packing account. If it belong to another Presidency, intimation should immediately be sent to such Presidency.

By order of the Secretary of State in Council.

To the _____

A. ABERCROMBIE JOPP,
Director-General of Stores.

India Office, _____ 188—.

STATEMENT.

Order—

Ordered that a copy of the despatch and of its enclosure be forwarded to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay; to the Chief Commissioner, British Burma; and to the Public Works and Military departments, with the request that special care may be taken to ensure the examination by a committee, whenever practicable, of all Government stores when they are landed.

(Signed) J. F. FINLAY,
For Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 7th April 1885, No. 747, Financial.

Communicated to all heads of departments.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the departments of the Secretariat.
„ all heads of departments.

P. W. D.

Gobt. of {1885} Madras.

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Suptg: Engineer & Circle

(Signed) J. H.

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Exd. J. Wright.

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