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Proceedings, 12*th March* 1885, *No.* 832.

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Communicated to Officers of the P. W. D. in continuation of G. O. No. 1422 W dated 6th June 1884

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From Messrs. WHITAKER and Co., Lock Manufacturers, Wolverhampton, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Wolverhampton, 19th December 1882.

In one of our Trade Journals we notice an article on "Indian manufactures for India," which is composed chiefly of extracts from the Bombay Gazette of November 2nd, referring to cupboard locks purchased by your Government from Messrs. Chubb and Son of London, and latterly from a Native smith at Dindigul.

2. It appears from these extracts that your Government are willing to purchase English manufactures, when they can be obtained of equal quality and lower price than those of India.

3. We have to ask you if you will allow us to quote you a price for the locks referred to, and, if you will favor us with a sample for that purpose, we shall have pleasure in defraying the cost of carriage or postage, and of returning the same to you in good condition.

4. We may mention that our prices for the ordinary pattern cupboard locks range from 2*s*. to 5*s*. each, viz., medium quality with six tumblers (levers) 2*s*. each, best quality six tumblers 2*s*. 6*d*. each, and "Whitaker's patent protecting detector" six tumblers 5*s*. each.

5. With reference to the quality of our manufactures, we have made during the last six years many thousands of lever locks of various kinds for the Indian Government, and during that time, we believe, we have given entire satisfaction to the officials at the Store Department of the India Office, who will, we feel sure if referred to, bear us out in this statement.

6. Trusting to be favored with your reply.

Order—dated 5th February 1883, No. 214, Financial.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat and to Heads of Departments.

2. It is observed that, under Resolution of the Government of India, dated 10th June 1881, No. 953, all articles of European manufacture must be obtained, in the ordinary course, through the Store Department at the India Office.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To Departments of the Secretariat.
" Heads of Departments.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

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Recd. Encl.

G.O., 5th February 1883, No. 214.

No. 485 wdf. 13° Feby/83.

FEBRUARY.

Communicated to the Genl. Supt. P.W. Stores
sd/ J.P.

Genl. Supt. P.W. Stores / u.s.

Stores.

Communicating to all Departments of the Secretariat and to Heads of Departments, with remarks, letter from Messrs. Whitaker and Co., Wolverhampton, intimating their willingness to manufacture locks for the use of Government.

30th May 1883, No. 1077, Financial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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From P. M. PEREANAYAGUM PILLAI, Agent and Manager, S. I. Press and Workshop, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 28th March 1883, No. 246—280.

In continuation of my letter, No. 240, dated 13th December 1882, I have the honor to state that I have this day forwarded to your address by post a parcel containing one of 3-inch padlock and 4-inch till or almyra lock (number noted in the margin) as samples of the work turned out in the Workshop, and trust they will meet with the approval of His Excellency.

Nos. 7 and 6.

2. Should they meet with approval, I request that orders may be forwarded to the Heads of several Departments and Superintendent of Stores to procure the required number of locks from this Workshop.

No. 891.

Referred, through the Public Works Department, to the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, for report as to the quality of the locks.

Ootacamund,
7th May 1883.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department,
with two specimen locks and four keys.

No. 96-E.

Forwarded.

Ootacamund,
8th May 1883.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

From Lieutenant W. L. C. BADDELEY, R.E., General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th May 1883, No. 190 W.

With reference to your No. 96-E, of 8th May 1883, I have the honor to return the locks and the papers, and to report that the box lock is of very fair quality, and is of exactly the same pattern as those supplied to the Registration Department by a native smith at Madura.

Accompaniments—
One padlock.
One box lock with keys, in duplicate, returned.

2. The padlock is not as well made as good English ones, or as those made in this Workshop.

3. Neither of the locks has a detector, and the use of iron rivets in a brass padlock is a mistake.

No. 107-E.

Transferred to the Financial Department, and the referred paper, with enclosures, returned.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
17*th May* 1883. *Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

To the Financial Department, with original papers
returned, and with one padlock, one brass lock, with keys in duplicate.

ORDER—dated 30th May 1883, No. 1077, Financial.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Departments.

2. The attention of the applicant will be drawn to the remarks contained in the letter from the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, in view to his endeavouring to improve his locks.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department.
,, the Military Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, all Heads of Departments, including Collectors and District Judges.
,, Agent and Manager, S. I. Press and Workshop, Madura, with locks returned.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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No. 1729 Lr d/ 19th June 1883

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Communicated to officers of the P.W. Dept.

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P.W.C. No. 4976

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

20 S.C

Requisition sent for 3 S.C dated 4-6-84.

Issued

Recd. 13/6/83 *Encl.*

G.O., 30th May 1883, No. 1077.

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MAY.

No 17.29 Wd/19th June/83

Supdg Engr

Ch: Engr for I

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Cong: Architect to Govt.

Genl Supt: P.W. Stores

Supt. M. H. Works.

Stores.

Communicating to the Departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Departments correspondence regarding locks manufactured at the S. I. Press and Workshop, Madura.

With Order

South Indian Press & Workshop,
Madura 24th July 1883.

No. 276

From,

~~Madras~~

RECD 9 AUG 83

CHIEF SECRETARY
30 JUL 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

P. M. PEREANAYAGAM PILLAI,
Agent & Manager,
SOUTH INDIAN PRESS & WORKSHOP,
MADURA.

To

THE HONORABLE E. F. WEBSTER.
Ag. Chief Secretary,
GOVERNMENT OF FORT SAINT GEORGE,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the rceipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government dated 30th May 1883 No. 1077, Financial Department, and to state that I applied to the General Superindentent P. W. Workshop, Madras for a Padlock provided with detector mannfactured in his Workshop either as sample or for value, but regret to inform the Government that I received no answer up to date.

2. I would here bring to the notice of Government that certain Collectors had given orders to one Sangaralingam Achari of Dindigul for supply of Padlocks.

3. I respectfully beg that the General Superintendent P. W. Workshop may be authorized to send as a specimen a Padlock provided with *Detector* manufactured in the Workshop at Madras which I shall return in a very short time from the date of its receipt.

4. In conclusion I beg that instructions may be sent at an early date to the Madura Collector on whom indents are made by other Collectors to procure supply of Padlocks &c., from this Workshop as well and not to patronize a single individual.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Pereanayagam Pillay
Agent & Manager.

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No. 1487

Transferred to the Public Works Department with request that the Superintendent may be desired to supply the applicant with a specimen lock.

(By Order)

Ag: Under Secy.

P.W. Cot: called for

[9] Financial 6/8 DEPARTMENT.

~~P.O. 6705~~

Petition P.W. Encl 6-22/83

From the Agent & Manager S.I. Press & Workshop Madura.

No. 276.

Dated 24 July }
Received 30 - } 1883.
Enclosures ~~9/7/83~~

SUBJECT.

CURRENT No. 2330.

No. 269 E d/ Augt. 6th 1883
" 283 E d/ Augt. 14th 1883

Ootacamund }
6th August 1883 }
No. 269 E

P.W. Department.
Ootacamund
Augt 6th 1883.

Forwarded to the General Supt. P.W. Workshops for compliance.

R H Sankey
Major Genl R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

For

Forwarded

PRESIDENCY PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,
Madras, 9th August 1883.

No. 612 W.

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Ootacamund

SIR,

* & return

Enclosures. 1

With reference to the petition* No 276 of 24th July 1883 from the Agent and Manager of the South Indian Press and Workshop, Madura, I have the honor to report that on the 18th June last I received a letter from the Agent and Manager asking me to send him a specimen Workshop lock, and on the same day I replied that there were no locks in store, and therefore I could not comply with his request.

2 I shall now have a padlock made in the Workshop and send it to Madura as ordered.

3 Several padlocks have been sent to me for examination and I think it would be advisable that the prices of the Dindigul and Madura lock should be communicated to me in order that

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I may compare them with the English prices.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed^t Serv^t
[illegible] Lieut R.E.
Genl Suptt P.W. Workshops

x2 p/w.

No. 1729 W. 19.6.83.
" 485-W. 13.2.83.

No. 283 Edf Augt 14/83

Memo
Memorandum

The General Supt Public Works Workshops can obtain the [illegible] of the locks [illegible] direct from the [illegible] manufacturers.

Attd
13.8

Genl Supdt PWW
Genl Supt S.O. 10 Sept 3.1/8

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Public Works Workshops.

From
THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
P. W. WORKSHOPS,
MADRAS,

To
The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.
Madras

No. 612 W.

Dated 9th
Despd. 9th August 1883.
Recd. 1/10

No. 283 Edf Augt 14/83

NO. OF ENCLOSURES.

Subject

States that this Workshop will now make & supply the Agent & Manager South Indian Press & Workshop Madras a Padlock with Detector &c as received by the Chief Engineer D.P.W.

F.C.
No. 1622 W of 6-6-84

W. Hs [illegible] [illegible]

13TH MAY 1884, No. 1063, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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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″ × 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, (Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
6th May 1884. *Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

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

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

B. No 1729 W. dated 19-6-83

No: 1422 W d/ 6th June/84
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Communicated to officers of the P. W. Department, in continuation of G. O. No: 1729 W d/ 19th June 1883

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Locks.

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

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Board of Revenue, 12th March 1885, No. 832.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1884, Mis. No. 1126 :—

Abstract.—Recording Government Order awaiting further report regarding the Dindigul locks.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th November 1882, No. 2940 :—

Abstract.—Requesting the Collectors of Madura and Tanjore to give the locks made at Dindigul a fair trial, and to report the result after a year's experience.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1883, No. 388 :—

Abstract.—Sanctioning the estimate of extra charges of the Vizagapatam District for 1882-83, stating that Chubb's padlocks should be obtained by indent on the Store Department of the India Office, and informing Collector that he is at liberty to purchase Dindigul locks.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1883, No. 1224 :—

Abstract.—Passing orders on letter from Collector of Madura stating that it is inadvisable for the present to invest largely in the Dindigul locks till the result of the trial ordered by the Board has been reported.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1884, Mis. No. 8103 :—

Abstract.—Requesting Superintendent, Canal Foundry and Workshop, Roorkee, to favor the Board of Revenue with his opinion on a sample of brass padlock and lock made by a native mechanic in the Madras Presidency as to their quality and general finish as compared with those already forwarded for examination, and enclosing a statement showing the prices.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1884, Mis. No. 3414 :—

Abstract.—Requesting the Collector of Madura to send for examination samples of locks and padlocks made by Sankaralingum Asari and Seshadri Sastri.

Read—also the following papers :—

From the Collector of Tanjore,	dated 21st May	1884,	No. 1710.
,, ,, of South Canara,	,, 22nd September	,,	,, 2166.
,, ,, of Vizagapatam,	,, 26th November	,,	,, 374.
,, Supt., Canal Foundry and Workshop, Roorkee,	,, 15th December	,,	,, 12006.
,, ,, ,,	,, 16th ,,	,,	,, 12078.
G.O., Financial Department,	,, 25th February	1885,	,, 465.

Resolution—dated 12th March 1885, No. 832.

In G.O., dated 10th November 1882, No. 3665, Government requested the Board to give the locks made at Dindigul a trial in one or two districts, and to report the

result after a year's experience. The Collectors of Tanjore and Madura were accordingly directed to make the trial and report their opinion after twelve months. Subsequently the Board also desired the Collectors of Vizagapatam, Kistna and South Canara to purchase Dindigul locks in lieu of Chubb's, for which application was made in the statement of extra charges.

2. These locks have all been made by Sankaralingum Asari of Dindigul and have been in use for more than a year in Kistna, Tanjore and Madura and for more than six months in South Canara and Vizagapatam. The Collector of Kistna has not yet submitted his report on the subject.

3. In his letter of May 1884, the Collector of Tanjore stated that forty-six locks were in use in the district, and that they were reported to be in good order except in a few cases. Mr. Pennington, however, doubts if the locks are so strong and durable as those made by Messrs. Chubb. In Madura, four locks which were tried in the Huzur Treasury are reported to have stood wear and tear fairly, but the Collector thinks that they are not of first-class make, are considerably lighter than Chubb's, and that the mechanism is decidedly weaker. In Vizagapatam 3-inch locks were tried in the Huzur and in six of the Sub-Treasuries and were found to "work well." In South Canara, ten of these locks were in use for more than six months on the date of the Collector's report and are said to have given satisfaction to the officers who tried them, and to be in good condition. The Collector states, however, that after an experience of only six or seven months he cannot confidently say if they will prove as durable as Chubb's. He was directed in Board's Proceedings, dated 8th November 1884, Mis. No. 10460, to report again after a further trial.

4. In July 1884, the Government referred to the Board for report a petition from another native mechanic of Dindigul, named Alagara Asari, who offered to make locks and supply them at the prices charged by Messrs. Chubb. Previous to this a similar application had been received by the Board from the Agent and Manager of the South Indian Press and Workshop. Many of these locks had been examined by Captain Baddeley, but the Board deemed it desirable to obtain the opinion of another professional officer, and accordingly obtained samples of the locks made by Sankaralingum Asari, Alagara Asari and the Agent and Manager of the South Indian Press and Workshop, and forwarded them to Mr. Campbell, the Superintendent of Workshops at Roorkee, for examination. His opinion as to the merits of the several locks is given in his letter, dated 15th December 1884. As regards those made by Sankaralingum Asari he says:—

> "Of the six locks sent in June, No. 1 is a skeleton detector padlock. The workmanship of this is good enough; but, as it has evidently been got up for show, and extra care taken with it, we may put this aside and only remark that a lock like this would work well and be reasonably safe. The iron or steel parts inside might be objectionable in damp climates.
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> No. 2, padlock No. 450, with all brass inside. This would do for a damp climate, and, as far as the lock can be examined from the outside, it seems well made.
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> No. 3, brass padlock, for shops, magazines and salt godown is of the same class as No. 2, but the works are not so well fitted. The key should be made of bronze.
>
> No. 4, box brass padlock No. 374. The same kind of padlock as the preceding two and about the same quality as No. 3.
>
> No. 5, skeleton detector box lock. The same remark applies to this as to No. 1.
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> No. 6 is not a detector lock. It is fairly well made and would be found serviceable and, as far as I know, safe."

Mr. Campbell considers that these locks are by no means cheap. He reports that the samples sent by Alagara Asari are of the same quality as the above, and that the price charged, though less than that demanded by Sankaralingum Asari, is more than the locks are worth. The locks sent from the South Indian Press and Workshop are said to be of inferior make.

5. The Board, upon a careful consideration of these reports, are not prepared to recommend that the locks made at Dindigul should be substituted for locks of the best English make now generally in use in Government Treasuries. With every desire to stimulate local industries, the Board consider that, having regard to the interests concerned, it would be unsafe to use, for the security of Government treasure, locks which, whatever their merits, are decidedly inferior to those of Messrs. Chubb in these respects, viz., the names of the makers afford no necessary guarantee of excellent workmanship, the locks are not patented and it is not pretended that each lock is unique or that several are not made of the same pattern; while in regard to price the local manufacture offers no advantage.

6. The Board accordingly recommend that in all cases in which good locks are required, those of Messrs. Chubb's and Sons may invariably be supplied.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with seven papers in original.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture.
" " Collector of Tanjore.
" " " of Madura.
" " " of South Canara.
" " " of Vizagapatam.
" " " of Kistna.

Order thereon 10 April 1885 No. 751, Mis

The Government are not prepared to prohibit the use of country-made locks "in all cases where good locks may be required", but so long as there is no saving to be effected by their substitution for Chubb's locks, there can of course be no objection to procuring treasury locks from England.

(True Extract)

A Wannick
for Chief Secretary

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

To The Board of Rev: with recds retd
" Revenue Depth
" Public Works Depth

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

1885.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Printed March 23rd.

Proceedings, 12*th March* 1885, *No.* 832.

Submitting to Government papers relating to *locks* made at Dindigul by certain private firms, and recommending that in cases in which good locks are required, those of Messrs. Chubb and Sons, English Manufacturers, may invariably be supplied.

G.O. 1422. W d/ 6-6-84
No. 283. E d/ 14-8-83
G.O. 1729. W d/ 19-6-83
" 485 W d/ 13-2-83

B No. 1012 W d/ 29th april/85

Communicated to officers of the P.W. Dept, in continuation of G.O. No. 1422. W d/ 6th June 1884

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To
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Proceedings, dated 10 April 1885.
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B. No. 1012 W d/ 29th april/85

Subject.

Stating that Govt. do not prohibit the use of country made locks "in all cases where good locks may be required", but that there can be no objection to procuring treasury locks from England.

with order