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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

Office note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 18th June 1886, No. 220.

ORDER—dated 2nd July 1886, No. 1679 W., Public Works.

With reference to the proceedings marginally noted, sanctioning the purchase in the local market of European stores required in the Public Works Workshops and Nilgiri divisions, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, points out that the information necessary to enable his office to compile the statement prescribed at

page 23, appendix I to the Public Works Code, is not fully given in any case. The attention of Superintending Engineers is therefore drawn to proceedings, No. 3770 W., dated 20th November 1885, and No. 202 W., dated 25th January 1886. In the letter from the Government of India recorded in proceedings of Government, No. 202 W., dated 25th January 1886, attention is invited to paragraph 3 of Financial Resolution,

No. 135,* dated 10th January 1883, under which alone English stores may be purchased in this country. The paragraph in question is as follows :—

* Vide appendix I, Public Works Code.

"The special cases in which, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, stores of European manufacture may be obtained in India are—

"1st, when for any special reason it may be more economical to do so ;

"2nd, when stores indented for from England have not arrived, and inconvenience is anticipated from delay in the supply ;

"3rd, when the articles are perishable ;

"4th, the sanction of Government is not necessary in the case of petty purchases in the local market not exceeding Rs. 10 in value. The previous sanction of Government should only be obtained in cases in which the cost of the article required exceeds Rs. 10."

2. In submitting applications for sanction to the local purchase of English stores, Superintending Engineers will, in future, invariably adopt the form hereto annexed, in the remark column of which should be given the reasons which render the purchase necessary, and the clause under which sanction is sought. Particular attention is drawn to the fourth clause, under which the sanction of Government is not needed to the purchase of articles not exceeding Rs. 10 in value. The lists submitted for the sanction of Government would be greatly reduced if such petty articles were excluded. It is also noticed that the lists received from the Public Works workshops include sundry articles required for supply to Collectors or other departments of Government. There appears no reason why the workshops should undertake such purchases, and the practice should be discontinued.

3. To enable the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to prepare the annual statements required by the Government of India, it is necessary, whenever English stores are purchased locally, that the probable estimated loss or gain caused by the transaction should be stated. The Government of India Circular No. 17 of 1885, recorded in proceedings of Government, No. 2770 W., dated 20 November 1885, rules that, "if the probable price of the articles, if obtained from the India Office, is not known locally, a clear specification of them, as well as weight, when necessary, and all needful information should be sent to the Director-General of Railways, with a request that he will assess the probable value." Superintending Engineers will adopt this course in future, and communicate the result to the Examiner. When articles are required emergently, and the English price is not known, the reference to the Director-General can be made after sanction has been given to the purchase; but in such cases it should be stated, in the remark column of the application, that the needful reference to the Director-General will be made.

4. All applications for the local purchase of articles of European manufacture, which do not comply with the orders now given, will be returned for revision.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation, for information.

Edw. B. Remondet,
Superintending Engineer.

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Gobi. of 1886 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 2nd.

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G.O., 2nd July 1886, No. 1679 W.

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English Stores

Issuing certain instructions as regards the
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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 18 JUNE

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Office Note No. 220

To
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G.O. NO. 1236 W. DATED 15TH.
MAY 1886.

DO NO. 1315 W. DATED 26TH.
MAY 1886.

DO NO. 1387 W. DATED 1ST.
JUNE 1886.

DO NO. 1479 W. DATED
11TH. JUNE 1886.

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE ORDERS
NOTED IN THE MARGIN SANCTIONING
THE PURCHASE OF EUROPEAN STORES
IN THE LOCAL MARKETS, I BEG TO
POINT OUT THAT THE INFORMATION
NECESSARY TO ENABLE ME TO COMPILE
THE STATEMENT AT PAGE 23 OF CODE
APPENDIX I, IS NOT FULLY GIVEN IN
ANY CASE: IN THE FIRST MENTIONED
G.O. NOTHING IS SAID AS TO THE GAIN
OR LOSS EXPECTED, AND IN THE LAST
THE PRICE OF MANY ARTICLES IF
OBTAINED THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF
STATE IS NOT KNOWN. WHEN THIS
IS THE CASE, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF RAILWAYS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS
DIRECTED IN GOVT. OF INDIA P.W.D.
CIRCULAR NO. 17 OF 1885.

2. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDENCE BY OFFICERS REGARDING TO
PURCHASE EUROPEAN STORES WERE
FIRST NOTED TO SUPPLY WITH THEIR

APPLICATIONS A STATEMENT IN THE
FORM OF PART (2) OF THE STATEMENT
ABOVE MENTIONED, WITH ALL THE COLUMNS
COMPLETELY FILLED IN, THE REASONS FOR
PURCHASING BEING GIVEN IN A COLUMN
REMARKS.

3. I beg to invite your
ATTENTION ALSO TO THE 4 SPECIAL
CASES (PARA 3 PAGE 15 OF CODE
APPENDIX I.) IN WHICH ONLY THE LOCAL
GOVT. MAY SANCTION THE PURCHASE OF
EUROPEAN GOODS IN INDIA, AS SOME
OF THE RECENT SANCTIONS DO NOT APPEAR
TO FALL UNDER ANY OF THESE CASES.

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13974 1.6.86
14697 12.7.83
15024 20.11.88
15468 20.11.88
15660 27.7.83
15664 15.5.86
15811 2.11.85
16028 25.1.88
16040 27.7.83

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In his note CD 220 of
18 June 1886, I state that
with reference to several
late orders sanctioning
the purchase of European
articles in the Local market,
sufficient information
is not given to enable
him to compile the state-
ment given in Code ap-
pendix I, page 15, and he
points out that according
to Govt. of India Circular
No 17 of 1885 when the prices
of articles if obtained
through the Secretary of
State is not known the
Director General of Railways
should be addressed on the
subject.

There are many
cases in which the prices
if obtained from the
Secretary of State, cannot
be given by the Indenting
offices and as permis-
sion to purchase articles
locally is only given
when

when delay would otherwise be caused, it seems to me that the object of such sanction will be frustrated if time has to be wasted in reference to the Director General of Railways.

The easiest way of settling the difficulty would be if the Director General of Railways were to furnish this Govt. with a monthly list of prices of articles if obtained through the Secretary of State.

As the price of many of these articles varies from time to time according to the market rates, it is necessary that the price list should be submitted periodically.

In para 2 C points out that much correspondence would be saved if officers submitted with their applications a statement in

form Part (2) page 20
Appendix I the reason for purchasing being given in a column of remarks. I think the suggestion is a good one and if the forms were printed it would throw no extra work on Divisional Offices.

In para 3 C calls attention to the cases in which only local Govt. may sanction the purchase of European stores in India as given in para 3 Appendix - these cases are:

1. When for any special reason it may be more economical to do so.
2. When stores intended for from England have not arrived and incurrence to the public service is anticipated from delay in the supply.
3. When the articles are perishable.

Therefore I conclude,
that in every case of the
cake sanctified the spirit
of God is present. Page 10 Code
Appendix I has been added
up to

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The object of the rules is not apparent. There is no doubt that it is advocated that articles such as machinery, scientific instruments, gas analyzers, should be got from England, as they require careful inspection by a specialist, but ^{why} such articles as brass screws, files, glass measuring tanks, should be obtained from England is not apparent.

The Co suggestion that applications for assistance to local purchase of long-term articles should be made in a regular form seems all right.

disposition of the property of the
estate of the deceased.

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The letter might mention
the question of translating
account & calculating work
which would be done in the office
of the district superintendent
of the Census

The reference is to the
Spencer Parkways, referred
to in Ci not might easily
be made a few minutes
has been given to the further
efforts in the local health
department, have been

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd July 1886

Read the following

Office note from the Examiner
S. W. Roberts

(Pl. H. 220 of June 10 1886)

- 1236 W dated 15th May 1886
- 1255 W dated 26th May 1886
- 1257 W dated 1st June 1886
- 1479 W dated 11th June 1886

With reference to the
proceedings marginally noted,
sanctioning the purchase in
the local market of European
stones required in the Public
Works Workshops and Milner
divisions, the Examiner
S. W. Roberts points out
that the information supplied
to enable his office to

complete the statement
prescribed at page 23, Appendix
I to the S.W. Code, is not
fully given in any case.

The attention of Supply
Engineers is therefore drawn

to Proceedings No. 2770 W of
20th January 1885 and No. 202 W
25th January 1886. In ~~reference~~

the letter from the Govt of
India recorded in Proceedings

of Govt No. 202 W dated 25th

January 1886, ~~in~~ attention
is invited

to para 3 of General

Resolution No. 155 dated

10th January 1883, under which

about half the stores may be

purchased in the country

the paragraph is quoted

* see Appendix I, S.W. Code

is as follows:- ¹⁸⁹⁹/₁₀

"The special cases in which,
with the previous sanction
of the Local Govt.

"a store of European

"manufacture may be obtained

"in India are:-

"1. when for any special

"reason it may be deemed

"unconvenient to do so;

"2. when stores intended for

"from England have not

"arrived, and procurement

"is anticipated from

"delay in the supply;

"3. when the articles are

"perishable;

"4. the sanction of Govt

"is not necessary in the
"case of petty purchases
"in the local market not
"exceeding Rs 10/- in value."

The previous sanction of
"Govt should only be
"obtained in cases in which
"the cost of the article
"required exceeds Rs 10/-."

2. In submitting applications
for sanction to the local
purchase of high class stores,
Capt. Engineers will, in
future, invariably adopt
the form ^{hereto} annexed, &
~~thereafter~~ in the
remark column of which
should be given the

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reasons which render the
purchase necessary, and the
clause under which the
sanction is sought. ~~and~~
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fourth clause, under which
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articles not exceeding Rs 10/-
in value. The list submitted
for the sanction of Govt
would be greatly reduced
if such petty articles were
excluded. It is also noticed
that the list received
from the Public Works Works,
includes ^{various} articles, which

and required for supply to
collectors or other departments
of Govt. there appears no
reason why the Workshops
should undertake such purchases,
and the practice should be
discontinued.

3. To enable the Examiners
of Accounts to prepare
the annual statements required
by the Govt. of India, it is
necessary, whenever English
stones are purchased locally,
that the probable estimate of
loss or gain caused by
the transaction should be
stated. The Govt. of India Circular
No. 12 of 1885 provided that

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Proceedings of the Govt. of India
dated 30th November 1885, provide
that if the probable price
of the articles, if obtained
from the Indian office, is
not known, a clear specification
of them, as well as weight,
when necessary, and all
useful information should
be sent to the Indian office
of Railways, with a request
that he will ascertain the
probable value. The
Engineers will report the
cost for future, and com-
municate the result to the
Examiners. When articles
are required urgently, the

the English price is not
known, the reference to the
Director General can be made
~~after~~ ^{after} purchase has been
given to the purchaser, but
in such cases it should be
stated, in the remarks
column of the application,
that the needful reference
to the Director General
will be made.

All applications for
the purchase of
articles of European
manufacture, which do
not comply with the
orders and prices, will be

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returned for revision.

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English Stores

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