

STORES manufactured in Europe but purchased in India under paragraph 3 of Government of India Financial Resolution, No. 185, dated 10th January 1883.

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

No. 1236 W., dated 15th May 1886.
" 1315 W., " 26th " "
" 1387 W., " 1st June "
" 1479 W., " 11th " "
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. 2770 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. 185,* 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 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 20th 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.)

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

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

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Gobt. of (1886) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 2nd.

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

JULY.

English Stores

Issuing certain instructions as regards the
local purchase of —.

25TH JANUARY 1886, No. 202 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 12th January 1886, No. 12 M. :—

I am directed to communicate, for your information and guidance, the accompanying revised rules laying down the procedure to be followed in future in obtaining stores from England for the Public Works Department, other than railway stores, and to request that they may be brought into operation at once.

2. I am to invite your attention to paragraph 3 of Finance Department resolution No. 185, dated 10th January 1883, under which alone English stores may be purchased in this country; and to state that, whenever English stores are authorised to be purchased locally, the reasons for allowing the purchase must be placed on record, as well as the probable estimated loss or gain caused by adopting such a course.

3. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts should be furnished with a copy of each order issued under the preceding paragraph, and should be requested to enter and attach its substance to the annual return under paragraph 23 of the Finance Department resolution quoted above.

4. I am further to point out that, under the rules in force, the purchase of English stores by means of orders given to agents or firms in India, who have to send such orders to England for execution, is absolutely prohibited. If any case of such a nature should occur, it should be seriously noticed and should be forwarded, together with the orders passed thereon, to the Government of India for information.

ENCLOSURE.

REVISED RULES FOR PROCEDURE IN OBTAINING STORES FROM
ENGLAND FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OTHER THAN RAILWAY STORES.

Indents for Public Works stores, other than railway stores, so long as they are within the grant assigned for the purpose for expenditure during the year, should be sent direct by the Secretaries in the Public Works Department of the several local Governments and Administrations to the Director-General of Stores, India Office.

2. All indents transmitted to the India Office must be in duplicate, and must give full particulars, and be accompanied by all information likely to be of use in guiding their supply. One copy of each indent and of the documents accompanying should be simultaneously sent to the Government of India in the Public Works Department. If the indents are not printed at the time of first despatch, one manuscript copy only need be sent to the India Office, and one manuscript copy to the Government of India. On being printed subsequently, two printed copies should be sent to the India Office, and one to the Government of India.

3. Indents must be made out only on the authorised form as at present in use. Calculations and specifications must be clear and complete, and must be accompanied by all necessary drawings, models, or samples; the indenting officer being responsible that all information necessary for an accurate and complete comprehension of his wants is given.

4. English money, weights and measures are alone to be used in all indents sent to England and in all correspondence thereon, the money values being entered in conventional sterling at two shillings per rupee.

5. Indents are to be numbered progressively; and should, in addition, have each item numbered consecutively, commencing from unit (1) upwards in each indent. Particular attention

must be devoted to this, so that the quotation of the number of an indent and the number of an item may fully identify the article in question.

6 Stores intended for Provincial, as well as for Imperial services, may be included in the same indent; but in such cases the only fund heading to be entered must be "Provincial," subsequent adjustments being made in India.

7. Indenting officers are responsible that the store lists of neighbouring administrations and railways have been, as far as possible, searched, and that none of the items entered can be advantageously procured from such sources.

8. If any indent on England contains items which it is possible to obtain of Indian manufacture, or of indigenous origin, it should be distinctly explained on the face of the indent in the column of remarks why such articles have been indented for from England instead of having been procured in India; otherwise they will be liable to be cancelled.

9. Each indent must carry a certificate of the necessity for the stores indented for, and that they cannot be advantageously procured of local manufacture, or from surplus stores of other departments, railways, or administrations.

10. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts should attach a certificate to each indent to the following effect:—

"I certify that funds to meet the outlay which it is estimated will be incurred in England in connection with this indent during the year 18 18 , have been provided for in the estimates of the Public Works Department to the extent of £

or, when necessary, in place of the words italicised—

"will be provided by the Government of India* in the estimates of that year, vide Government of India letter, No. , dated ;"

and, when it is expected that the outlay will be incurred partly in one year and partly in another year, the following addition should be made to the certificate:—

"and that the balance of the estimated outlay in England, or £ , will be provided by the Government of India* in the estimates of the year 18 18 , vide Government of India letter, No. , dated ."

11. It must be remembered that the Director-General of Stores will not proceed to consider an indent, if transmitted in an incomplete form.

12. Local Governments and Administrations are authorised to communicate freely with the Director-General of Stores, India Office, regarding future requirements and on all matters connected with the supply of stores; this power may, at the discretion of the Local Government or Administration, be delegated to Superintending Engineers.

13. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts will send forward monthly to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, a statement showing—

(I)—The grant for outlay in England during the year.

(II)—The number and amount of each indent certified during the month just closed.

(III)—The amount of the grant for the year actually apportioned up to the end of the month, corrected by latest advices from England.

(IV)—The balance available to meet further indents.

* NOTE—In the case of stores for Provincial services, the sanction of the Local Government or Administration will suffice for the Examiner, but for stores needed for Imperial purposes in a year not yet begun, the sanction of the Government of India must be obtained to the proposed allotment before the Examiner may give his certificate.

ORDER—dated 25th January 1886, No. 202 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department, for information and guidance, with advertence to appendix I to the Public Works Code, in which these rules will in due course be incorporated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To Superintending Engineers.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.

" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for issue of the requisite S.O.

Ed. A. Aubert.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 25th.

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G.O., 25th Jan. 1886, No. 202 W.

JANUARY.

Stores

Orders of the Government of India communicating revised rules laying down the procedure to be followed in obtaining from England —, other than railway stores, communicated to officers of the Department.

Stores manufactured in Europe but purchased in India under para 3 of Govt of India Fincl. Resolution No 105 dated 10th January 1886.

Description or class of Stores	Quantity	Actual cost in India			Estimated cost if obtained through the India Office			Remarks
		Average price or rate	Incidental charges Carriage Sea	Total Cost	Average price or rate	Incidental charges Freight Exchange	Total cost	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
		R. a. p.	R. a. p.	R. a. p.	R. a. p.	R. a. p.	R. a. p.	
Iron Flat 5' x 1/2" Bars	2	21 87	" "	21 87	20 18	" "	20 18	
" " 2 1/2" x 1/2" Ft	65	15 65	" "	15 65	14 6	" "	14 6	
Tim block	250	104 1	" "	104 1	not known	" "	" "	
Braces carpenter								
with Bits — Sets	2	38	" "	38	not known	" "	" "	
Iron Round 2 1/2" Bars	5	92 12	" "	92 12	87 11	" "	87 11	
Chains iron 3/8" Ft.	256	120	" "	120	154 10 8	" "	154 10 8	
Auto Iron 4 x 3/4" Cast	10	385	" "	385	280	" "	280	

These stores are not in the P. W. Stores Deptt and are required for immediate use for execution of orders.

Madras }
24th July 1886 }

Wm. O. Cunnell
Genl Suptl P. W. Workshops

No. 2117

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Ponnyamuttu V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepate, 4th August 1886.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures. /

Statement.

I have the honor to forward for sanction a Statement in the form circulated in G.O. No. 1679 dated 2nd July 1886, of articles of Cur. & of manufacture required to be purchased locally for the P.W. Workshops.

2. The information at present not available of cost of certain articles in the Statement if obtained through the India Office has

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has been asked for
from the Director General
of Railways and it will
be furnished when re-
ceived from that Officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most obedt servant

W^m Burton

John P. C.
Superintendent
of Circles

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P.W. Department

Dated 4th } August 1886.
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Articles of Europe
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