

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 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 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 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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Issuing certain instructions as regards the
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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepak, 12th August 1886.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to Submit,
for sanction, a Statement
in the prescribed form of
articles of European Manu-
facture required to be pur-
chased locally for the P.W.
Workshops.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt.

W. Whitton Secy. P.W.
Sup. Eng.
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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE

Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Dated

12th August 1886.

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