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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ the following papers:—

From R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 12th September 1887, No. 336 M.

The statement of expenditure on stores in the Madras Presidency for 1886-87, forwarded with your docket No. 2177 W., dated 16th August 1887, shows that $478\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. of corrugated iron sheets were purchased in India at a cost of Rs. 6,385. The estimated cost of this quantity, if obtained through the India Office, is entered in the statement as Rs. 6,699. How this figure has been arrived at is not known, but I am to point out that it appears doubtful whether it is correct.

2. Corrugated iron sheets, 20 B.W.G., were procured from England in 1886 for use on State Railways at £10-15-0 per ton f.o.b. At this rate the $478\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. = 23 tons $18\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., delivered at the port of Madras, would have cost as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Primo cost	257	3	10
Entire sea freight at 25s. per ton	30	0	0
Total	287	3	10
	RS.	A.	P.
Converted at 1s. 6d.	3,829	3	6
Add—			
Insurance at 1 per cent.	38	4	8
Landing charges at 3 per ton	72	0	0
Total cost	3,939	8	2

round figures Rs. 4,000.

3. It would therefore appear to be the case, from the above calculations, that the local purchase of the iron instead of having resulted in a gain of Rs. 814 to the State has really caused a loss to the extent of about Rs. 2,385.

4. I am to request that further explanation may be afforded in regard to this matter.

From A. JOYCE, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, &c., to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Madras, 28th October 1887, No. 776 S.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 2856 A., dated 15th October 1887, on G.O., No. 2663 W., dated 11th October 1887, I have the honor to state that the value of corrugated iron sheets shown in the statement of expenditure for 1886-87 referred to was erroneously calculated at the rate given in the Public Works Stores lists for corrugated iron floor plates for bridges.

2. No corrugated galvanised iron roof sheets were at any time obtained by this department from the India Office, consequently this item is not entered in the price list of Public Works Stores, nor can I find the rate in the list, class G., furnished with circular No. 1 of 1887 from the Director-General of Railways.

3. Taking the cost, however, of 478½ cwt. of corrugated iron to be Rs. 4,000 as given in the letter from Government, the probable charges for conveying them to the Nilgiris will amount to about Rs. 700; this, added to the cost of the corrugated sheets if obtained through the India Office for works at that station, will amount to Rs. 4,700, and the loss by the local purchase of the same will be Rs. 1,685.

4. I may add that the purchase was not made by this office.

No. 3112.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to G.O., No. 2663 W., dated 11th October 1887.

BANGALORE,
2nd November 1887.

(Signed) H. M. VIBART, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

ORDER—dated 5th December 1887, No. 3319 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the General Superintendent's explanation be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. The Superintending Engineer will issue instructions for more careful preparation in future of the annual statement of expenditure on stores. It is obvious that the entry of incorrect figures is calculated to mislead Government into sanctioning a local purchase which would not, if the true facts were known, be permitted.

3. This correspondence will be communicated to all Superintending Engineers for information. The purchase in this country of corrugated iron sheets required for public works will not be permitted in future, except in cases of proved emergency, or unless it can be shown clearly that they can be obtained in India more economically than through the India Office.

(Here enter No. 3320 W., dated 5th December 1887.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. C. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
To Other Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 5th December 1887, No. 3320 W., Public Works.

Copy to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

Captain R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

Exd. J. Moses.
Spare Copies

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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 5th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 5th Dec. 1887, No. 3320 W.

DECEMBER.

Stores

Forwarding information in regard to the cost of corrugated iron sheets purchased locally.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 336 M.

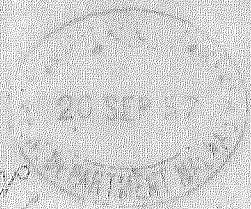
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras,
P. W. Deptt

Simla, 12th September 1887.

Sir,

The Statement of Expenditure on
Stores in the Madras Presidency for
1886-87 forwarded with your despatch
No. 2177 W, dated 16th August 1887, shows
that 478½ Cwt. of corrugated iron sheets
were purchased in India at a cost of
Rs 6,385/. The estimated cost of this quantity
if obtained through the India office is
entered in the statement as Rs 6,699/-.
How this figure has been arrived at
is not known, but I am to point
out that it appears doubtful whether
it

it is correct.

2. Laminated iron sheets 20 B.M.G. were procured from England in 1886 for use on State Railways at £10-15- per ton F.O.B. At this rate the 478 1/2 ^{tons} ^{cost.} delivered at the Port of Madras would have cost as under:—

Prime cost — £ 257-3-10

Entire sea freight — } 30 — — —
at 255 per ton — }

£ 287-3-10

Converted at 1-6 — Rs 382-3-6

add

Insurance at 1% — 38-4-8

Landing charges at

3/ per ton — 72-0-0

Total Cost Rs 3939-8-2 or in

round figures Rs 4,000/-

3. It would therefore appear to be the case, from the above calculations, that the local purchase of the iron instead of having resulted in a gain of Rs 814/- to the State has really caused a loss to the extent of about

about Rs 2,385/-

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4. I am to request that further explanation may be afforded in regard to this matter. —

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Yours most obedt. servt.

N.B. Medley.

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying

Nil.

J.B.

The General Supt.
P. W. Stores will explain
how he arrived at the
values included in his
return.

John
8/11/87

MUM
11-10-87

176-7W-16-8-87
176-1W-18-9-86
1788C-2-9-86
1789-6-1W-17-8-86
1799W-10-6-86
1770W-10-4-85
1760W-17-7-85
1769W-12-2-85
1771C-10-9-87

Under 5 Circle

with order

Public Works Stores Department
No 776 S
From
The General Superintendent,
Public Works Stores &c,
The Superintending Engineer
5th Circle
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement
No 2856 A dated 15th October 1887 + on 9.0
No 2663 W dated 11th October 1887, I have
the honor to state that the value of
corrugated iron sheets shown in the
Statements of Expenditure for 1886-87
referred to was erroneously calculated
at the rate given in the P. W. Stores lists
for corrugated iron floor plates for
bridges.

No corrugated galvanized
iron roof sheets were at any time
obtained by this Department from
the India Office, consequently this item
is not entered in the Price List of P. W.
Stores

Stores, nor can I find the rate in the
list class B furnished with Circular
No 1 of 1887 from the Director General
of Railways.

Taking the cost however
of 470 1/2 cwt of corrugated iron to be
Rs 4000/- as given in the letter from
Government, the probable charges for
conveying them to the Nilgiris will
amount to about Rs 700/- this added
to the cost of the corrugated sheets if
obtained through the India Office
for works at that station will amount
to Rs 4700/- and the loss by the local
purchase of the same will be Rs 1685/-

I may add that the
purchase was not made by this
office.

I have to
(Sd) A. Joyce
Genl Supt P.W. Stores.

No. 3112.

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Forwarded to the Chief
Engineer P.W. Department - with re-
ference to G.O. No 2663 W dated 11th
Octob 1887.

Chief Engineer
Coll. R. E.
Superintending Engineer
5th Circle

Bangalore
2 November/87

almost in every year

Forwarded copy of letter
from Genl. Supt. P. H. Moore
explaining how he ac-
quired at the values in-
cluded in his Return
of expenditures on
the Colorado Boundary
for 1886—87—

with reference to the Hon. Member's remarks on the enclosed draft order, attention is solicited to the statement enclosed in current No 9734.

It will be seen that the whole of the 478½ Cwts of corrugated iron mentioned in the Govt of India letter of 12.9.87 was purchased by the Nilgiri division - without further reference to the Circle Office. It is not practicable to identify the several orders sanctioning the purchase of the iron, for the statements containing the lists of European articles to be purchased, are almost in every case

Case 2-12-67

Returned to the Supply Dept.

It seems probable however, that the Executive Engrs Kilgore division on each occasion when applying for sanction to purchase corrugated iron locally, entered "not known" in the

Column "Estimated cost if obtained through India Office" - vide the statement with No 1932 W of 21.7.86 In the statement attached to current No 97 N also, the India office rate is not given by the Engrs.

The incorrect rate entered in the annual statement submitted to the Govt. of India must therefore have been wrongly calculated in the P.W. Store at Madras as already explained.

The letter to India might perhaps go on? *for 21/10/87*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

From the Government of India No. 2076 A.E. No. 336 of 12 September 1887.

From the Superintending Engineer T. Birch A.E. No. 3119 of 2nd November 1887.

Where is the order sanctioning the purchase? I want to know who is responsible for misleading for

PPH
10 Nov

Ordered that the General Superintendents explanation be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. The Superintending Engineer will issue instructions for more careful preparation in future of the annual statement of expenditure on stores. *vide 10/11/87*

The entry of incorrect figures is calculated to mislead Govt into sanctioning a local purchase which would not be the true facts and which should not be permitted.

PPH
4 Dec

3. This correspondence
will be communicated
to all Superintending
Engineers for information.
The purchase in this country
of corrugated iron sheets
required for public
works will not be
permitted in future,
except in cases of proved
emergency, or unless
it can be shown clearly
that ~~it~~^{they} can be obtained
in India more
economically than
through the India Office.

A.C. 13320 Wap. 18/10/1897

Copy to the
Government

Government of India

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P. W. Department.

Wm
21/11/87 J. H.
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15/12

Supy. Engineer D. B. Cole ✓
Other Supy. Engrs ✓ Recd
Examiner M. A. B. ✓ 15/12

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Stores

Orders in letter from the
factory India regarding
explanation in regard
to the cost of the corrugated
iron sheets purchased
locally.

Stores

Forwarding information
in regard to
the cost of corrugated
iron sheets purchased
locally.