

*I. H. M. Hutchinson*

*No 3486 W of 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1887*

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The local purchase  
of the stores is sanctioned,  
but with reference to  
G.O. No 3135 W dated 19<sup>th</sup>  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 1887 and 3319 W dated  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1887, endeavours  
should be made to  
obtain the corrugated  
iron at a cheaper rate.

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16.12.87*

*See  
16/12/87*

*No 1679 W of 2.7.86  
" 3320 W of 5.12.87*

*B W 12/12*

*SE IV Circle. ✓ 24/12  
Ex PW. Accts. with list  
for note & return to SE.  
16.12.87*

*P.W.C. No 10207*

FROM  
COLONEL J. BEATTY R. E.,  
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,  
FOURTH CIRCLE.

Dated: } 10<sup>th</sup> December 1887.  
Recd: } 14.12.87

No. 494

*No 3486 W dated 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1887  
E. M.  
ENCL: 1.*

Stores. Submits for  
sanction of Government  
an application for —  
manufactured in England  
and required to be purchased  
locally for works in the  
Nilgiri Division.

*With order*

Superintending Engineer's Office 4th Circle.

*Coimbatore, 10<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1887.*

No. *494*

*E.M.*

FROM,

COLONEL J. BEATTY R. E.,

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FOURTH CIRCLE.

TO,

*The Chief Engineer  
P.W. Department*

*Enclosure 1.*

SIR,

*I have the honor to submit  
for sanction of Government an appli-  
-cation for stores manufactured in  
England and required to be purchased  
locally for works in the Nilgiri Divi-  
-sion under clause 2 of the rules laid  
down in G.O. No. 1679 W. of 2<sup>d</sup>  
July 1886.*

*I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>*

*J. Beatty. Colonel R.E.  
Suptg. Engineer IV Circle*

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.

## 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 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 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 478½ cwt. = 23 tons 18½ cwt., delivered at the port of Madras, would have cost as under:—

|                                       | £     | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Prime cost .. .. .                    | 257   | 3  | 10 |
| Entire sea freight at 25s. per ton... | 30    | 0  | 0  |
| Total ...                             | 287   | 3  | 10 |
|                                       |       |    |    |
| Converted at 1s. 6d. ... ..           | Rs.   | A. | P. |
| Add—                                  | 3,829 | 3  | 6  |
| 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, Y 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  $478\frac{1}{2}$  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. O. 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.

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

Exd. J. Moses.  
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G.O., 2nd July 1886, No: 1679 W.

JULY.

English Stores

Issuing certain instructions as regards the local purchase of — .

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

No. 1236 W., dated 15th May 1886.

" 1315 W., " 26th " "

" 1387 W., " 1st June "

" 1479 W., " 11th " "

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.

Exd. E. Fernandez.  
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