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Communicated to
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of G.O. 359 W of 1887

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Stores.

Communicating to departments of the Secretariat concerned letter from the Government of India regarding the procedure to be adopted by Port Trusts and similar corporations in obtaining — from Europe.

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P.W.C. No. 571

20th August 1887, No. 2233 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Honorable R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th August 1887, No. 2373.

I have the honor to forward herewith, in triplicate, for transmission to England, indent for sundry stores required by the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works for harbour construction.

2. I also enclose copy of a letter, No. 434 S., dated 26th July 1887, from the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, intimating that the following can be supplied by him :—

Item No. 18, iron flat, $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$, bars 20,
„ „ 19, iron round, $1\frac{3}{8}''$, bars 12,

and the indent has been altered accordingly.

Enclosure.

From A. JOYCE, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, to the Secretary, Harbour Trust Board, dated Madras, 26th July 1887, No. 434 S.

In returning indent, in triplicate, on the Home Government, received with your letter, No. 2005, dated 25th July 1887, I have the honor to state that the undermentioned articles are available in the Public Works Stores, and can be supplied if indented for at once :—

Item 18, iron flat, $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$, bars 20.
„ 19, iron round $1\frac{3}{8}''$, bars 12.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

Ootacamund,
15th August 1887.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Ag. Asst. Secy., Marine Dept.

Order—dated 20th August 1887, No. 2233 W., Public Works.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Home Government for compliance.

(Here enter Nos. 2234, 2235 W., dated 20th August 1887.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chairman, Madras Harbour Trust Board.
„ Marine Department.

Exd. J Moses.
Spare Copies

GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [1887] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th Aug. 1887, No. 2233 W.

AUGUST.

Stores required for the Madras Harbour Works

An indent for certain —, ordered to be forwarded to the Home Government for compliance.

20th August 1887, No. 2235 W., Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Letter—from

Colonel J. O. HASTED, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL of STORES,
INDIA OFFICE, LONDON.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for compliance, an indent for stores required for the Madras Harbour Works, and to state that it includes the four pairs crusher jaws asked for in telegram from this Government, dated 28th July 1887.

2. The usual certificate by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is not attached, as the expenditure on the works is not now audited by that officer, but I am to state that provision to meet the cost of the stores has been made in the estimates of the Harbour Works for the current year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Fort St. George,
20th August 1887.

Endorsement—dated 20th August 1887, No. 2235 W., Public Works.

Copy of the above, with copy of the indent, forwarded to the Government of India.

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

Exd. J. Moses.
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Govt. of {1887} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

20th Aug. 1887, No. 2235 W.

AUGUST.

Stores for the Madras Harbour Works

Forwarding copy of letter to the Director-General of Stores with copy of indent for certain —.

Public Works Department.

Copy Telegram sent to the Governor Madras
on the 28th Sept 1887.

Your Public Works Secretary's letter 20th ult. See my Public Works despatch to India 33 of 1887 and telegraph whether you still wish stores obtained through this office or shall Indent be handed to Parkes.

Secretary,
Public Works Department.

India Office, London,
7 Oct. ~~Sept~~ 1887.

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Government House

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I'm not sure if it was Marine or P.W. If the latter will you kindly pass this on?

Dear Stokes

What was the subject referred to in the Public Works Telegram sent you yesterday? H.E. asks me. A reference was necessary to the despatch [illegible] to send out [illegible]

[illegible].

stores obtained

with the original

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Local No. 1226

To (Station) Ootacamund

From (Station) London.

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.
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OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION.

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To (Person) Vacillet Madras.

From (Person) Bg: Rs three and as: ten.

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Chief Secy

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M. Samuel

RECD. FROM L. N.
AT Hrs. Mts., By

SENT TO L. N. 38
AT Hrs. Mts., By

Date

OOTACAMUND 29 3 87 Telegraph Master.

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~~Petition from~~ A Telegram.

Dated 28th. Sept. 1887.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

Private Secretary.

Government House,
Ootacamund
29th Sept. 1887.

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" 359, 360 W. 9. 2. 87
" 3099 W. 23. 11. 86

P.W.C. No 7845

(1887) DEPARTMENT.

From

The Private Secretary
to the Right Hon. the Governor,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Department.

Dated 29th } September 1887.
Recd. 6.10.87 }

Enclosure.

CHIEF SECRETARY 30 SEP 87 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Transfers a ~~petition from~~ Telegram.

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Your telegram 28th September
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Please supply Harbour Works
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C.S.
Please see above
This is about as short as it can be put in Code form – Perhaps it can be copied in draft on its return from Hon: C. G. Master?
J.P.
8-10-87

This will do. C.S. 8-10-87

S.W. Dept.

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Resubmitted to C. 6.10.87

Can. Have gone through all our orders & books, also searched in the Marine Dept. & cannot trace the No. 33 of 1887 quoted in the telegram.

D. S.
1-10-87

S.A.W.

I cannot reply to this message without the S. of State's Despatch quoted. Please look it up. Soon.

C. S.
1-X-87

S.W. Dept.

C. No. 8516

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8.10.87

CAW

The despatch to India quoted in the telegram. does not appear to have been ~~received~~ communicated to this Govt.

The papers in S.D. No. 359-60 W of 9.2.87 appear to have some bearing on the point, & the Secy of States despatch No. 383 of 1887 was probably a reply to the despatch sent to him by India on receipt of our No. 360 W.

You will apparently have to wire to India for a copy of the despatch ~~as~~ quoted.

C.

6.10.87

To W. Draft telegrams submitted for approval RS 8-10-87

RP

Resubmitted to C. 6.10.87.

S.W. Dept.

necessary before it can be replied to - The matter will receive prompt attention -

Yours

C.L.S.
1. 10. 7

Mr. Rees informed to this effect

Ootacamund,
1-X-1887

Dear Rees.

Your note to Stokes of yesterday enquiring the subject of a telegram from the Secretary of State has been passed on to me together with the Telegram itself. The message relates to some Harbour works Stores, but it has been so mutilated in transmission that a refe
to the Madras records wil

C. 6.10.87.

Resubmitted to Co. 6.10.87.

P.W. Dept.

C. No 7845

No 636 D dated 10th Octr 87

Ordered that the following telegrams be sent.

To
The Secretary of State for India.

"Your telegram 28th September. Please supply Harbour Works Stores through India office pending further advice."

No 637 D dated 10th Octr 87

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India P.W. Dept.

"Secretary of State quotes his Despatch to India No: 33 of 1887. Subject, Harbour works Stores. Please supply a copy for reference".

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To Dept

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~~The Hon Mr Master~~

No. 636/637 D. of 10th Octr 1887

...n 8.10.87

No. 6420

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India P.W.D.

Ootacamund, 10th Octr 1887.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the following telegram was despatched to the Right Honble the Secretary of State for India on the 10th Octr 1887.

" Your telegram 28th Sept Please supply Harbour Works Stores through India Office pending further advice.

I have &c

C.S.

Jon
15/10/87

W.

No 642 Day 10th Octr 87

despd 11/10/87

No. 641 D

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Under Secretary of State
for India, India Office
London.

Ootacamund, 10th Octr 1887.

SIR,

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despd thro' Madras Office 11-10-87

C.S.

Jon
10/10/87. W

No. 641 D. dy 10th Octr. 87

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All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 403 M.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.
Miscellaneous.

To

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

Simla, 17th October 1887.

Sir,

+637 D - In reply to your telegram of the + 10th October '87, I am directed to state that the despatch from the Secretary of State No. 33 P. W. dated 23rd June 1887, regarding the obtaining of European Stores by Port Trusts and similar Corporations in India, is under the consideration of the Govt. of India. A Resolution dealing with it will probably be issued shortly: in the meantime it is considered desirable to defer the

Communication

P.W.C No 8516

communication of the despatch
to the Governments concerned.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.

R. B. Buckley
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompy.
Nil.

No. 641D d/10-10-87
" 642D " 10-10-87
" 636-7D " 10-10-87
G.O. 2235W " 20-8-87
" 2233W " 20-8-87
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" 1382W " 20-5-87
" 359-60W " 9-2-87
B. No 662W " 3-3-87
G.O. 451W " 14-2-87
Despatch 2/451 W " 14-2-87
G.O. 3099W " 23-11-86

R 25.10.87

No 2943W d/5th Novr/87

~~The Hon P. P. Hutchins~~

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CAW

Original file of G.O. Genl. No 426 d/28.8.88 forwarded herewith as requested

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S.W.

Submitted for information. The paper was merely "recorded" in the P.W. Dept.

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I had forgotten it. The order should certainly have been commd. to the P.Es. & the Exect.

SAW

11/9/88

This should now be done

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Please see over & have copies of the G.O. made & sent to Supdg Engrs & the C.

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Attended to
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CAW

It is possible the Marine Dept will communicate this order for guidance to the Harbour Trust Board, & if so, the G.O. can be simply recorded by Board.

Inquiry might be made in Ch. Secy's office at Doby.

Ch
9.6.88

CAP.

Will you kindly let me see the orders in the Marine Dept on this matter.

R.S.
11-01-88 P.O.

Note

It has been ascertained that the Marine Dept are taking the requisite action as regards the H. T. Board

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Resubmitted R. B. 6. 10. 87.

28th May 1888, No. 426, Financial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From A. P. MacDONNELL, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Municipalities), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 10th May 1888, No. 1—73.

To Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 21, P.W., dated 25th April 1887.
From Secretary of State, No. 33 (Public Works), dated 23rd June 1887.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a correspondence with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India on the subject of the procedure to be adopted by Port Trusts and similar corporations in obtaining stores from Europe, I am directed to request that effect may be given to His Lordship's wishes as specified in paragraph 2 of his despatch. In the opinion of the Government of India, it is expedient that a system of inviting tenders for materials required for all important works or for the supply of plant, &c., should, as far as possible, be followed by all public bodies; and it is also desirable that, in the annual report of the public body concerned, a brief statement of the extent to which during the year the system has been followed should be included.

Enclosures.

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2. The matter has received our full and careful consideration, and we are of opinion that Government could not impose upon these bodies any restrictions as to their manner of procuring European stores without assuming a responsibility which it is desirable to avoid, or without an amount of interference which might prevent our obtaining for local boards the services of non-official gentlemen of standing. We think, therefore, that Port Trust and similar corporations should be allowed, subject to any control provided by the local laws, to make their own arrangements for the supply of stores, unless they should at any time be expending Government revenues on behalf of Government, or the Government should, in any special case in which it may advance to them funds for particular works, think proper to make a condition on the subject.

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2. I agree with your Excellency's Government that, having created bodies of this description with duties which involve distinct obligations and responsibilities, it is on the whole desirable that they should be left to carry out their own arrangements, including the supply of materials from this country, subject to the general powers of control which the Acts of the Local Legislatures may confer on the Government. It is, however, desirable in all such cases that publicity should be given to their proceedings, which should be regularly recorded, and that periodical reports should be rendered to show how their duties are performed. In the event of agents being appointed in this country, it may also be desirable that the instructions given as to the system of inviting tenders and so forth should be communicated to the Local Government.

3. Subject to these conditions, I agree in the conclusion at which you have arrived in this matter, and authorize the procedure in question being adopted in future by local bodies.

Order—dated 28th May 1888, No. 426, Financial.

Communicated to departments of the Secretariat concerned, for the issue of the necessary orders.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. P.W.D.
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Public Works Department. ✓
,, Marine Department.
,, Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Communicated to the Chairman Madras Harbour Trust Board for information and guidance with reference

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Govt. of 1888 Madras.

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Order thereon No. 1828 W of 19th June 1888

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sd/ J. O. H.

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S.E. V Circle with copy of G.O. No 359 W of 1887

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