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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Enclosure of Resolution No. 257 of 1891.

No. 285 (Financial), dated 18th December 1890.
From—The Secretary of State for India,
To—The Government of India.

I have considered in Council your letter dated the 29th of April last, No. 115, enclosing returns of stores purchased in India during the year 1887-88, with your remarks thereon.

2. I observe with satisfaction that an increased proportion of the stores purchased was of Indian manufacture, and that in future returns stores procured from Government factories will be distinguished from those obtained from private dealers.

3. A report by the Director General of Stores on sundry purchases is enclosed, and should be communicated to the officers concerned.

No. 6861-90, dated 8th November 1890.
Report by the Director General of Stores, India Office.

With reference to the annexed India Finance and Commerce letter No. 115, dated 29th April 1890, forwarding returns showing the expenditure on stores for the year 1887-88, I may observe that the tabulated statement in paragraph 2 shows a considerable decrease in the expenditure on imported stores purchased in India and a considerable and steady increase in the value of stores manufactured in India and substituted for imported stores. It will be remembered that the returns for 1885-86 did not include the expenditure of the Military Works Department, so that the improvement in respect of imported stores is even more satisfactory than appears from the figures.

It will also be observed that the total expenditure on stores for 1887-88 is considerably less than it was in 1886-87, so that the increased utilisation of native products and manufactures is even more striking than appears at first sight:—

	Total expenditure on stores. R	Expenditure on local products. R	Percentage.
1886-87	44,062,716	6,774,737	About 15
1887-88	38,055,201	8,217,380	„ 22

Turning to the abstract on page 3, the items which call for remark appear to be the following:—

Cabinet Ware and Furniture.—This is a small item, but it may be thought desirable to suggest that locally-made furniture should be substituted for European whenever possible.

Coal and Coke, &c.—There has been a very large increase in the local purchase of imported fuel:—

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1885-86	5,39,306
1886-87	9,45,156
1887-88	14,07,033

This increase is mainly due to the purchases of the North-Western Railway, as appears from the figures given in paragraph 4 of the India letter. The reasons for the local purchase of coal and coke are stated in enclosure No. 2 of Financial Despatch to India, No. 141, dated 26th May 1887, and it may be presumed that advantage was taken by the Government to offers of cargoes of coal at a low rate which, although, perhaps, not equal in quality to that obtained through this office, was sufficiently good for the purposes for which it was required. Of the total expenditure of the North-Western Railway, *viz.*, R9,44,915, R559,019 were expended on patent fuel, which could, it is estimated, have been obtained through this Department at a cost of R4,72,354. It, therefore, appears desirable that the local purchase of patent fuel should not be continued.

Lead.—There are large stocks of lead in the Ordnance Departments in India, which are unsuited for the manufacture of small arm cartridges, but are adapted for ordinary purposes and for the manufacture of type metal. It may be desirable to suggest that Local Govern-

ments and Departments might be instructed to ascertain before indenting for supplies of lead, whether their requirements could be met by the Director General of Ordnance.

Oils.—The expenditure on Indian oils shows a satisfactory increase over that of 1886-87. Some samples of such oil were recently sent home by the Director General of Railways, and were found to be of good quality. The Government of India were addressed on the subject in Financial Despatch No. 203, dated 18th September 1890, to which they might now be referred.

Paper and Pasteboard.—The continued progress shown in the utilization of local products of this class is very satisfactory.

The following remarks apply to special returns:—

No. 4, Bombay.—Reference is suggested to the remarks made on the subject of paper in the enclosure to Financial Despatches to India, No. 219, dated 3rd October 1889, and No. 154, dated 24th July 1890. It is thought that the materials for a comparison between local prices and prices of paper obtained through this office might be obtained from the Stationery Department at Bombay.

No. 5, Assam.—Morris' aiming tubes and ammunition for them would be more satisfactorily, and probably more economically, obtained from the Ordnance Department than from local agents.

It is suggested that the type purchased by this Department might have been obtained, with advantage, through the Government Central Press, Calcutta, the return from which Department (No. 14) shows a saving of 50 per cent. effected by the use of locally-made type.

No. 6, Burma.—The return from this Department gives no comparison with English rates, and does not furnish the description of the canvas, or the size of the chain purchased. It is desirable that such information should be furnished in future returns.

No. 9, Bengal.—With regard to the question of the method of estimating the cost of paper, if obtained through this Department, which is referred to on page 6 of this return, reference is suggested to Financial Despatch to India, No. 154, dated 24th July 1890.

No. 10, Hyderabad.—This Department purchased ten gross of imported brass rules for printing at a cost of Rs246, and a further supply of 10 gross, manufactured in India, at a cost of Rs180.

If the quality of the two supplies was the same, locally-made article is so much cheaper that its use might be extended with advantage.

One thousand two hundred and two gallons of imported linseed oil were obtained by this Department at an estimated loss of Rs45. It is suggested that trial might be made of the linseed oil manufactured at Bombay, which has, it is believed, given satisfaction in the Bombay Ordnance Department. Reference is also suggested to Financial Despatch to India No. 203, dated 18th September 1890.

No. 14, Government Central Press.—As a saving of 50 per cent. has been effected by the use of locally-made type, it seems desirable that the employment of such type should be generally adopted by other presses. This point was remarked upon in the enclosure to Financial Despatch to India, No. 219, dated 3rd October 1889.

No. 18, Mathematical Instrument Department.—This Department furnishes no explanation of its large local purchases of imported instruments, including eight theodolites, at prices considerably in excess of those at which such instruments could have been obtained through the Secretary of State. It seems desirable that an explanation of such departures from the regulation should be furnished in future.

Nos. 22 to 34, Military and Marine Departments.—The returns of Military and Marine expenditure on stores have already been dealt with in the Secretary of State's Military Despatch to India, No. 106 of 5th June 1890, paragraph 1.

No. 35, Telegraph Department.—Reference is requested to the remarks as to cable, with enclosure to Financial Despatch to India, No. 219, dated 3rd October 1889.

No. 37, Madras Public Works Department.—This Department purchased 536½ cwt. of corrugated iron at an estimated loss of Rs1,479. It would be advisable to obtain future supplies through the Secretary of State.

No. 44, Public Works Department, Punjab, General Branch.—It appears from the papers attached to this return that an indent was prepared for certain materials, but was not sent to England, as funds had not been allotted for the work. The stores were subsequently purchased locally. It is suggested that in such cases the indent might be sent home with the request that the stores should not be ordered until a certificate of funds be forwarded. This course is already followed by some departments in similar cases, and prevents delay by enabling this Department to proceed with the preparation of specifications, &c.

The railway returns show considerable local purchases, which are, however, explained.

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No. 257.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
Stores.

RESOLUTION.

Calcutta, the 24th January 1891.

READ—

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 285 (Financial), dated the 18th December 1890, and enclosure, communicating remarks on the returns of stores purchased in India during the year 1887-88.

ORDERED, that copy be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations, to the Military, Public Works, and Revenue and Agricultural Departments, and to the Superintendent of Government Printing, India.

G. H. R. HART,
Offg. Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Finance and Commerce Department.
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
Stores.

RESOLUTION.

Order in the Financial Department
dated 9th February 1891 No. 112.

Communicated to Departments
of the Secretariat.

/ True Extract /

W. Brodie
Asst. Secy.

To
LOCAL GOVTS. AND ADMINISTRATIONS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.
SUPDT. OF GOVT. PRINTING, INDIA.

No. 257.

Dated Calcutta, the 24th January 1891.

To the Public Works Dept.
" " Military Dept.
" " Revenue Dept.
" " Superintendent, Government

Forwarding copy of despatch from Secretary of State,
and enclosure, communicating remarks on the returns
of stores purchased in India during the year 1887-88.

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To
The Public Works Dept.

Proceedings, dated 9 February 1891.
No. 112

Subject.

Communicating to the
departments of the Secre-
tariat resolution of the
Govt of India forwarding
copy of despatch from the
Secy of State and Enclosure
communicating remarks
on the returns of stores
purchased in India during
the year 1887-88.

- 1280 W of 19.3.88
- 1280 W of 2.5.88
- 3040 W of 27.9.88
- 74 W of 11-1-90
- 517 W of 17.2.90
- 1409 W of 20.5.90
- 952 W of 24.2.90
- 1679 W of 2.7.86

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Communicated to

Suply Engrs, whose special
attention is drawn to item
37 in the report for the Dis-
posal of Stores, and to the
under mentioned orders of
Govt.:-

- 1280 W of 19. March 1888.
- 1280 W of 2 May 1888
- 3040 W of 27. Sept. 1888
- 74 W of 11. January 1890.
- 517 W of 17. February 1890.

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