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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord KIMBERLEY, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 22nd September 1892, No. 11, Financial (Stores).

With reference to your Financial Secretary's letter, No. 294, dated 9th March 1892, forwarding an indent for stationery stores required in Madras in 1892–93 for use in 1893–94, I have to inform your Lordship that I have sanctioned compliance with the indent, with the exception that it is proposed to limit the supply of goose quills to 150,000, pending a further consideration by your Government of the larger demand for 720,000 contained in the indent.

2. A regulation has recently been approved by the Government of India limiting the issue of goose quills to gazetted officers in the Bengal Presidency, and in view of this action on the part of the Supreme Government I would ask your Lordship's Government to consider whether a similar regulation could not be issued in the Madras Presidency.

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq, C.S., Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th November 1892, No. 1756.

Adverting to your Reference No. 2395, dated 20th October last, on the letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 22nd September 1892, No. 11, I have the honour to state as follows.

2. The regulations of the Government of India limiting the use of quills to gazetted officers cannot, I think, be adopted in this Presidency with any success at present. The prevailing vernaculars in the Public departments of this Presidency are Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, Malayalam and Hindustani. The characters of these languages excepting Hindustani are of circular or round formation and for writing them steel nibs are not so well adapted as quills. The Vernacular clerks have hitherto been accustomed to the use of quills.

3. It may not, however, be impracticable in the course of time to limit the use of quills to gazetted officers in this Presidency as in Bengal or which, I think, would be better to judicial officers who have to take down depositions and to clerks and other officials who have to draft. In the end it will probably be found possible to abolish the use of quills altogether when a suitable steel nib is found to replace them. Quills have till now been in free use by the Vernacular and the English correspondence clerks in the Public departments of this Presidency and they are greatly preferred to steel nibs for fast writing. But in time no doubt steel nibs can be manufactured which will write quite as freely as quills and the supply of quills may be gradually reduced to a minimum. With this object in view I obtained several kinds of steel nibs from the Director-General of Stores for India and distributed them to all heads of departments for trial and opinion as will be seen from the enclosed copy of circular. The reports from these officers are now being received.

Actual consumption of quills and steel nibs during the past five years.

	Number of quills.	Steel nibs in gross.
In 1887-88	1,555,333	4,093
„ 1888-89	994,705	3,735
„ 1889-90	697,899	3,036
„ 1890-91	669,070	5,124
„ 1891-92	550,162	4,916

4. From the actual consumption of quills and steel nibs during the past five years shown in the margin, it will also be observed that attempts are already being made in this department to minimise the use of quills with a slight increase of steel nibs, and my requisition for 720,000 quills in my last indent was made with reference to the revised scale approved by Government in G.O., dated 10th March 1891, No. 178, Financial.

5. I am therefore at present unable to state, before receiving the opinions of all officers concerned, what further reduction is feasible in the supply of quills. But I shall make every endeavour to revise the scale again, bearing in mind the object of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State in this direction and address Government on this subject later on. Meanwhile I request that the Government will be good enough to ask the Secretary of State to pass for supply at least 500,000 of the 720,000 quills originally indented for.

Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 27th January 1893, No. 186.

From the Telugu Translator to Government, dated 30th January 1893, No. 8.

From the Malayalam Translator to Government, dated 30th January 1893, No. 16.

From the Tamil Translator to Government, dated 1st February 1893, No. 14.

From the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 6th February 1893, No. 136P-Gl.

From the Canarese Translator to Government, dated 3rd February 1893, No. 6.

From the Collector of Kurnool, dated 9th February 1893, No. 484.

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated 10th February 1893, No. 92.

From the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 9th February 1893, No. 534.

From the Collector of Madura, dated 12th February 1893, No. 22.

From the Collector of Bellary, dated 16th February 1893, No. 109-G.L.B.

From the Acting Collector of Kistna, dated 17th Feb. 1893, Dis. No. 440-Ver.

ORDER—dated 28th March 1893, No. 332, Financial.

The Government agrees with the Superintendent of Stationery in the opinion that orders cannot at present be issued in this Presidency restricting the use of quills to gazetted officers.

2. The Superintendent should, however, make every endeavour to procure steel pens suitable for vernacular writing and to extend their use as far as possible.

3. It must be understood by all concerned that the supply of goose quills will eventually be restricted to gazetted officers.

(True Extract.)

C. A. GALTON,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
„ Departments of Secretariat.
„ all Heads of Departments.

Exd. C. A. Munisami.

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Agreeing with the Superintendent of — that orders cannot at present be issued in this Presidency restricting the use of quills to gazetted officers, and directing that he should endeavour to procure suitable steel pens and extend their use as far as possible.

With order