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Jail Manufactures.

Directing that Civil officers desirous of purchasing on the public account articles of kinds manufactured in jails shall invariably buy them from the Jail Department, unless with the previous sanction of Government, in the Judicial Department, to their purchase elsewhere.

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Ro: 1804 W. dy 17-7-94
" 1246 W. - 19-5-94
" 676/A W. - 10-3-94
" 270 W - 30-1-94
" 833 Jy - 22.8.94

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—again G.O., dated 26th June 1894, No. 1579, Judicial.

Read—also the following papers:—

From A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A., C.S., Inspector-General of Prisons, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 13th August 1894, No. 4911.

G.O., 10th March 1894, No. 676-A, P. Works.
„ 19th May „ „ 1246 W., „
„ 26th June „ „ 1579, Judicial.

With reference to the marginally noted Government Orders, I have the honour to bring the following facts to the notice of Government.

2. On the 7th July 1894, in compliance with a requisition received, the Superintendent, Central Jail, Vellore, submitted to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, an estimate for certain tents. On the 25th July, having received no reply, the Superintendent wrote to the Superintending Engineer enquiring whether, in accordance with the orders of Government, he was prepared to order the tents from the jail. In reply Mr. Larminie stated:—"As your estimate was Rs. 151 in excess of that of the Elgin Mills, the tents have been ordered from the latter; also the Elgin Mills make a further reduction of 7 per cent. on all their prices, or in all Rs. 311 less than your estimate."

3. The total amount of the order in estimate was Rs. 2,436 according to Vellore prices and Rs. 2,350 according to Elgin Mills' prices. The weight of the tents ordered according to the Elgin Mills' catalogue is 52 maunds or over, and in a letter last year the Mills themselves estimated the cost of carriage of tents to Madras at "about Rs. 5–8–0 per maund." At this estimate the carriage of these tents will cost Rs. 286, raising the cost of the Elgin Mills' tents to Rs. 135 in excess of that of the Vellore tents, or, deducting the 7 per cent. discount, to within Rs. 25 of it. The Superintendent, Central Jail, Vellore, would have delivered his tents free, if necessary.

4. In Public Works G.O., dated 10th March 1894, No. 676-A.W., Superintending Engineers were directed to "give due weight to the possible ability of the Vellore Jail to supply tents at a cost which, allowing for the saving in carriage, may be less than that at which tents of equally good quality can be purchased elsewhere." It will be seen that, at the highest computation, the difference between the Vellore and the Elgin Mills' prices was Rs. 25 on an order of Rs. 2,436, and as 10 per cent. of the jail prices (under Rules 1279 and 1280 of the Jail Code) represent clear Government profit, the Government has, through the Superintending Engineer's action, paid at least Rs. 218 more [Rs. 2,436 — (Rs. 243 — Rs. 25) Rs. 218 = Rs. 2,218] for these tents than the order would have cost had it been placed with the jail.

Office note from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 22nd August 1894, No. 833 D.

Order—dated 17th September 1894, No. 2259, Judicial.

It appears necessary to render G.O., dated 26th June 1894, No. 1579, Judicial, more stringent and the Government resolves to direct that Civil officers desirous of purchasing on the public account articles of kinds which are manufactured in jails shall invariably buy them from the Jail Department, unless the sanction of Government to their purchase elsewhere has been previously obtained on application to the Chief Secretary in the Judicial Department. If articles supplied by the Jail Department are found to be of inferior quality, representations can be made to Government.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy Govt
for Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Prisons.
" all other Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.
" the Revenue Department.
" the Public Works Department.
Copy to the Military Department.
" " Honorable the Chief Justice, with C.L.

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