

9342 & 9648.
Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 3151-526

DATED 3rd November 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Enclut: Ordered that the — for rolled steel
Joists required for use in the P.W.D. be for-
warded to the Director General of Stores for
Compliance. //

Order: Forwarding for favour of Compliance
a Special — for rolled steel Joists required
for use in the P.W.D. //

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Forwarding, for favour of compliance, a special — for rolled steel joists required for use in the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

LETTER—from

THE HON'BLE COLONEL D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF STORES,
INDIA OFFICE.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for favour of compliance, a special indent in duplicate for rolled steel joists required for use in the Public Works Department, Madras.

2. The requisite certificate by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, in regard to provision of funds is endorsed on the original indent.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd November 1896.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

GENERAL
ACCOUNT

Government of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Balance

1896

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G.O. No. 3151 W., 3rd November 1896

NOVEMBER.

Indent

Ordered that the — for rolled steel joists required for use in the Public Works Department, be forwarded to the Director-General of Stores for compliance.

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Government of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Recd.

Regd.

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Enclosures

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G.O., No. 3151 W., 3rd November 1896.

NOVEMBER.

Indent

Ordered that the — for rolled steel joists required for use in the Public Works Department, be forwarded to the Director-General of Stores for compliance.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, dated 12th October 1896.
Office-note from the Exr., Public Works Accounts, No. 3063 D./B., dated 16th Oct. 1896.
" " " " " 3176 " " 24th " "

ABSTRACT.—Submitting indent for rolled steel joists.

ORDER—No. 3151 W., dated 3rd November 1896.

The indent will be forwarded to the Director-General of Stores for compliance.

[Here enter No. 3152 W., dated 3rd November 1896.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

DEPARTMENT.

Indent for rolled steel joists
No. 3151 W of 3rd November 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the General Superintendent P.W. Stores of 12th October 1896.Office note from the Examiner P.W. Accts No 3063 D/B of 16th October 1896.

Do
abstract. Submitting Indent for Rolled
Steel Joists—

The indent will be forwarded
to the Director-General of Stores
for compliance.

To the S.E. V Circle
" Exr. P.W. Accts.

Decd, 17/10

H.E. No 3152 W of 3rd November 1896

To

The Director-General
of Stores, India Office.

Sir,

I am directed to forward
for favour of compliance,
a special indent in duplicate
for rolled steel joists required
for use in the P.W. Department,
Madras.

2. The requisite certificate
by the Examiner of P.W. Accounts
in regard to provision of funds
is endorsed on the original indent.
I have to

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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. ⁹⁶⁴⁸ 9342

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Order
No. 3663 of 23rd October
1896
To C

From
The Examiner
P.W. Accounts
Madras.

Please grant
the requisite certificate.

The necessary funds
will be provided in
February 1897.

No. 3063 ⁹⁶ 96

Dated 16 October 1896

Received 26.10.96
17.10.96

Enclosures 3. 1 in triplicate.

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SUBJECT.

English Stores. Inquir-
ing whether usual
certificate may be
granted to the effect
that funds will
be provided in the
course of the year
No. Indent No. 18 of
1896 for

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NOTES.

Reference to P. W. D. Code.

Vol. I., Chapter X, paras. 33 to 36 and Appendix O.

1. All articles required for the public service, which cannot be manufactured in India, are, as an almost invariable rule, to be obtained by indenting on the Secretary of State. The Store Department at the India Office constitutes a special agency, which is maintained for the express purpose of purchasing stores in England on account of the Government of India, and, save in the special cases mentioned below, stores of European manufacture must not be bought in India, or obtained direct from Europe independently of the India Office.

2. The special cases in which, with the previous sanction of the Government of India or of the Local Government, as the case may be, stores of European manufacture may be obtained in India, are:—

- (a) When for any special reason it may be more economical to do so;
- (b) When stores indented for from England have not arrived, and inconvenience to the public service is anticipated from the delay in the supply;
- (c) When the stores are perishable.

3. Indents for public works stores, other than railway stores, so long as they are within the grant assigned for the purpose, should be sent direct by the Secretaries in the Public Works Department of the several Local Governments and Administrations to the India Office; three copies of printed and two of manuscript indents should be sent, and a copy be submitted to the Government of India.

Note.—Copies of indents chargeable to Provincial and Local Funds are not required to be sent to the Government of India.

4. This form of indent should invariably be adhered to, other modes of application being entirely discarded, and requisitions in the body of letters, which may be overlooked or misunderstood, being specially avoided.

5. The columns (which sufficiently explain their own meaning) must be filled up without alteration, and others are not to be substituted, any remarks that may be considered necessary being confined to the column for that purpose, which should contain every explanation that may guide in the supply and pattern of the articles required.

6. Where an established proportion for general stores has not yet been fixed, it should consist of three years' ordinary expenditure: the quantities in store at the date of requisition being added to the quantities due upon former indents, the difference between the aggregate of these two columns and the established proportion is the proper quantity to be asked for. This procedure if duly attended to, will always keep up an ample supply for general service; if, however, in exceptional circumstances, it is found desirable to exceed the established proportion, the reason for so doing must be inserted in the column of remarks. The calculation of the established proportion on the basis of three years' ordinary expenditure is not applicable in the case of railways.

7. The columns printed in red ink are to be left blank for completion in England.

8. In the column of remarks, the port to which stores are to be consigned should be stated, and also the names of the last two or three vessels whose consignments have been included in the quantity in store as shown in column 6.

9. Each indent must be accompanied by a certificate of the necessity for the stores indented for, and that they cannot be advantageously procured of local manufacture or from surplus stores of other departments, railways or administrations.

10. In the case of stores for imperial purposes (including all state railways) in a year not yet begun, the sanction of the Government of India must be obtained to the proposed allotment before the Examiner can give his certificate; but for stores for provincial services (except provincial state railways) the sanction of the Local Government or Administration will suffice for the Examiner.

11. When it is expected that the outlay will be provided partly in one year and partly in another, the following addition should be made to the Examiner's certificate—"and that the balance of the estimated outlay in England, or £ (—) will be provided by the Government of India in the estimates of the year 189 -9 . *Vide* Government of India letter No. dated —"

12. In preparing indents attention should be paid to the rules on the subject in appendix O. (P. W. Code, vol. I.)

P. W. D. Form No. 139.

Outer sheet.

14 OCT 1899

PROVINCE.

Annual indent on England for Stores.

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* Imperial, Provincial, Local, Mysore, or Berar.
† This column will be left blank, if the charge is not debitable to the Imperial revenues.
‡ These columns will be left blank for filling up in England.

Indent on England for stores required for the Public Works Department in the Province of _____, for the service of the Indian Government.

I hereby certify that the stores enumerated in this indent are absolutely required for the service of the Public Works Department for a period of *They cannot be procured as local manufactures or from surplus stores of other Divisions, Railways and* months, and I further certify that I have, by a personal inspection of works and stores, satisfied myself that *administrations* they comprise the least possible quantity necessary for the above period.

Dated this

11

day of

October 1896, at *Madras*

H. H. H.
General Superintendent
Public Works Stores
12.10.96

NOTE—1. In cases in which a personal inspection of books and stores cannot be made, the portion of the certificate relating thereto should be scored through.

2. The Indent should be paged, and the signature attached to the last line of the Indent.

3. The quantities entered in the indent should invariably be given in English weights and measures.

I certify that funds to meet the outlay which it is estimated will be incurred in England in connection with this indent during the year 1896-97 (a) *will be provided in the estimates of that year to the extent of £136. vide office note No. 3663C dated 23rd October 1896 from the Secretary to Government P.W. Department.*

/ Signed P. C. Gordon.

Examiner of P. W. Accounts,
Madras Presidency
Province.

*On 10/11/96
No. 3176 of 13* dated the 24th October 1896

* Signature.

† Rank.

(a) Here insert either "have been provided for in the estimates of the Public Works Department to the extent of £ _____" or

"will be provided by the Government of India in the estimates of that year, vide Government of India No. _____ dated _____"

Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 9342

No. 3663 Cd/23rd October
Order 1896

To

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From

Examiners P.W. Accts

Please grant the
requisite certificate.
The necessary funds
will be provided in
February 1897.

No. 3063 D/13

Dated 16-10-96

Received 17-11-96

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SUBJECT.

English stores —
inquiring whether
usual certificate
may be granted to the
effect that funds will
be provided in the
course of the year
to indent No. 18 of
1896 for —

B. W.

23/10/96

FURTHER PAPERS.

1ST NOVEMBER 1889, Nos. 3082, 3083 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

Office note from the Acting Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 30th September 1889, No. 4360 C.

In your office note No. 2593, dated 15th November 1888, you reported that no increases or decreases were anticipated in the suspense accounts of the current year, and, under para. 1926 of the Public Works Code, no grant need be assigned for suspense account except in cases where an increase to that account is likely to be so large as to derange the provision of the budget estimate. You have also admitted in para. 2 of your office note No. 1150, dated 12th August 1889, that no specific provision is necessary to meet the value of stores which will be charged off to "Works or to Stock" in divisions other than the Public Works Stores.

2. In the case of stores indented for by the Dowlaisweram Workshops which are chargeable to "Stock," you refused to grant the certificate required under para. 16 of appendix G to the Public Works Code unless an allotment was made under "Stock" (*vide* your office notes to E. I. No. 1077, dated 31st July 1889, and No. 1143, dated 10th August 1889). When these stores are utilised on some work, their value will be debited to the head concerned, and the allotment made to the Dowlaisweram Workshops to meet the purchase value of these stores will necessarily lapse. It will also be inconvenient to provide allotments whenever indents are received for stores chargeable to "Stock," and the grants which may be provided for them by postponing the execution of works will finally lapse. Similarly, in the case of the annual indent for stores, which includes the requirements of all the divisions, a lump sum is provided in the budget of each year under tools and plant. The cost of these stores is, in the first instance, debited to the Public Works Stores division, and when the stores are transferred to other divisions, their value is charged to the division concerned which leads to the lapse of the grant provided for the Public Works Stores division. To avoid such lapses of grants it is considered desirable to provide in the budget only the cost of those stores that are indented for by the Public Works Stores division. As regards the stores indented for by divisions other than the Public Works Stores, please let me know whether the certificate cannot be given to the effect that the value of stores is debitable to "Stock" for which no appropriation is necessary, or that the value will be debited to works for which funds have been or will be provided in the estimates of the department.

3. The finance accounts for 1888-89 show a less expenditure of Rs. 25,103, while in your office note No. 838, dated 7th December 1887, you reported that no increase or decrease was anticipated in the suspense accounts of that year. As the Government of India observes that there has been a total lapse of Rs. 94,537 on the revised estimate of expenditure for 1888-89 on Provincial Civil Works, of which Rs. 25,103 represents less expenditure under "Stock," and requests that special measures may be taken to ensure a more accurate forecast in future years, some steps will have to be taken to prepare a more accurate estimate of suspense account in future. Please therefore let me know what can be done to secure this end.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st October 1889, No. 1504.

Except in very special cases, as for instance, if it is known to be in contemplation to lay in a very large stock of some special article, *e.g.*, timber for seasoning, or to greatly extend the system of keeping a stock of articles in store instead of trusting to local markets, or to start a new workshop, or abolish an old one, it is quite impossible to make any provision in budget estimates for fluctuations under suspense, because, apart from such special occasions, the balance of any suspense account is just as likely to increase as it is to decrease. All that can be done is to note actual fluctuations, and to require Executive Engineers to report any further anticipated fluctuations, at some specified date, the latest that will admit of basing the revised estimate on such reports.

2. As regards the making of grants for English purchases, unless a modified or alternative form of certificate is allowed, I cannot certify unless funds are provided. In some cases I may be able to certify that, in my opinion (for reasons stated, or without reason, as may be required), no specific allotment of funds is necessary, and, if the Government of India will allow and the Secretary of State accept such a certificate, it would simplify matters.

ORDER—dated 1st November 1889, No. 3082 W., Public Works.

The measures proposed by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts to secure a more accurate forecast of suspense accounts in future are approved, and para. 1 of his office note above recorded will accordingly be communicated to Superintending Engineers for the information and guidance of Executive Engineers.

2. The Examiner will note the actual fluctuations under stock and suspense up to 31st December in each official year, and he will be informed by Executive Engineers before the 25th January of the anticipated fluctuations during the remaining portion of that official year. With the information thus obtained, the Examiner will report to Government by the 15th February the probable fluctuations in the stock and suspense accounts for the year.

3. Ordered that the Government of India be addressed with reference to para. 2 of the Examiner's office note.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st November 1889, No. 3083 W.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government No. 3082 W., dated 1st November 1889, I am directed to state that whenever indents on the Home Government for stores chargeable to any specific work are received, the certificate required under para. 10 of the rules forwarded with your letter No. 12 M., dated 12th January 1886, is granted by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts on the requisite funds being provided in the estimates of the department. Similarly, in cases of indents for stores intended for reserve stock, funds are usually provided, and the necessary certificate is granted by the Examiner.

2. As regards indents for stores which are intended for ordinary stock the Examiner declines to grant the certificate in the absence of provision of funds. The value of these stores being debitable to "suspense account" no grant is necessary

unless an increase to that account is likely to be so large as to derange the provisions of the budget estimate (*vide* para. 1926 of the Madras Public Works Code and para. 18, Chap. XIV, Vol. II of the Government of India Code). Provision of funds to meet the cost of such stores does not therefore seem necessary, except for the purpose of the certificate, and any grant that may be assigned for the same by postponing the execution of works will only lapse, as the value of these stores when received and utilised on works is finally debited to the head concerned. It is also sometimes impracticable to provide allotments when such indents are received, as funds are not always available with the Government.

3. To avoid lapses of grants and the inconvenience arising from providing funds by postponing the execution of works, it is considered desirable that the certificate accompanying the indent for stores intended for ordinary stock should be given to the effect "that the value of stores is debitable to stock for which no appropriation is necessary" or "that the value will be debited to works for which funds have been or will be provided in the estimates of the department." The Examiner of Public Works Accounts also reports that in some cases he may be able to certify that no specific allotment of funds is necessary, and that if the Government of India will allow and the Secretary of State accept such a certificate, it will simplify matters. I am therefore directed to request the approval of the Government of India to the amendment of the certificate as above proposed.

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.
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Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st Nov. 1889, Nos. 3082,
3083 W.

NOVEMBER.

Suspense Account

Requesting approval to the amendment of
the certificate accompanying indent for stores
chargeable to —.