

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2810 W

DATED 7 October 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Scales with weights: Letter from S.E. D. Quile
forwarding explanation from the General Supdt
of the P.W. Workshops in regard to the high cost
of two pairs of — supplied by him to the
Collector of Ranjani for weighing Opium
Consignments, Comd to the Revenue Dept.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8874

Order

Communicated to From The Supy Engineer
the Revenue Department
with reference to para 3
of G.O. No 3935 Lin Rev. dated
28th July 1897.
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Dated 3rd September 1897

Received 46-9-97

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SUBJECT.

Two pairs of *Opisium* Weigh-
-ing scales with weights.

Reporting on the Complaints
of the Board of Revenue re-
-garding the very high charges
of Rs 679-9-10 made by
the P.W. Workshops for
supplying the -

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BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(Separate Revenue)

Dated 5th July 1897,

No. 2823 Mis.

Read again Board's Proceedings Sub No. 4664 dated 2nd September 1896, Mis No. 4581, dated 3rd November 1896, Sub No. 1151 (S.R.) dated 4th March 1897 and Sub No. 2379 (S.R.) dated 3rd May 1897.

Read also letter from the Collector of Godavari No. 694 dated
21st May 1897. Eng

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Resolution.

From the papers read above it appears that the Collector of Ganjam on receipt of reports from the Tahsildars of Goomsur and Chicacole that large scales were badly needed for the weighment of opium ~~consignments~~ consignments, sanctioned their purchase and approved of the proposal of his Treasury Deputy Collector to obtain them from the Public Work Workshops, Madras. The latter officer sent off the order without ascertaining what the Workshops would charge for them and subsequently paid a bill, amounting to no less than Rs. 679-9-10, for sanction to which expenditure, the Collector now applies.

2. The bill having been paid the Board has no course open to it, but to recommend its sanction, savings being - available under the Head VII Excise. At the same time it considers it to be its duty to call the ~~attention~~ of Government to the exorbitant nature of the charge made. It is not prepared to criticise the details of the bill which are given in

	Rs.	As.	Ps.	
Labour	220-	5-	0	the margin, but considers it sufficient to call notice to the fact that a pair of
Material	94-	14-	8	scales (with weights attached) correspond
Castings	96-	6-	9	ing in almost every particular with those
Machine forge and General charges	131-	15-	5	those supplied by the Public Works Work- shop, to the Collector of Ganjam was sup-
Percentage	<u>136-</u>	<u>0-</u>	<u>0</u>	plied at about the same time to the Board
	679-	9-	10	for the Sub Collector of Godavari by -

Messrs

Messrs. Oakes and Co: for Rs. 182- 8-0. A statement comparing the particulars of the two is enclosed for information. The Commissioner has inspected the scales supplied and finds that they have no peculiar feature and is of the opinion that the charge made was most excessive. The Deputy Collector is much to blame for ordering this so hastily.

(True Extract)

(Signed) Edmund Millett.

Assistant Secretary.

(True Copy)

For Ag. Secy. to Govt.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Copy attached.

Read Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue (Separate Revenue) dated 5th July 1897, No. 2823
Mis.

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Order thereon, No. 3935 Mis. d/28th July 1897.

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3. The attention of the Public Works Department will be drawn to the very high rate charged by the Public Works Workshops for the scales in question.

(True Extract)

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J. Millett
For Ag. Secretary to Govt.

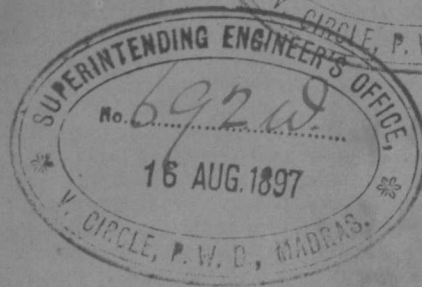
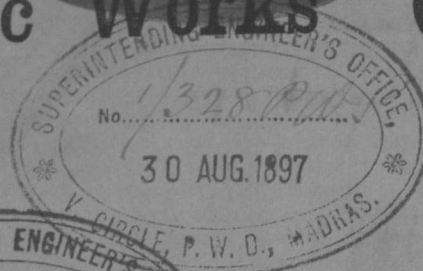
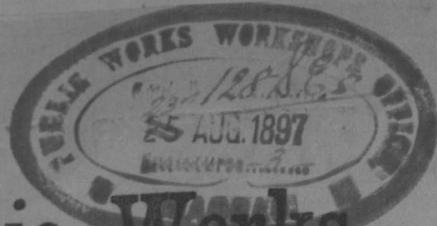
To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue)
To the Public Works Deptt. with statement appended
to the Current.
To the Accountant General.

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Public Works (1897) Department.



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No 3504 C of 13th August 1897

From

The Revenue Department.

Order sent.

Referent to the
Suptg. Engineer I Circle
for favour of explanation.

No. 3935 mis.

Dated 28th July 1897

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Forwarded to the Genl Supt
P.W. Workshops for explanation
and return.

18/9/97

St Colonel RL
Superintending Engineer
5th Circle

SUBJECT.

Sanctioning, with remark,
an expenditure of Rs 679-9-10,
being the cost of two pairs of scales
with weights supplied by the General
Superintendent, P.W. Workshops to
the Tahsildars of Goomsur and
Chicacole for use in weighing
opium consignments.

FURTHER PAPERS.

With reference to your endorsement N. 247 of the 18th Instant, I have the honour to report that I have gone into the matter of the scales supplied by us to the Treasury Deputy Collector of Ganjam. I have also obtained information as to the kind of scales supplied by Messrs. Baker & Company to the Sub. Collector of Godavari. The information given in the statement of the Assistant Secretary Board of Revenue, is correct as far as it goes. It is noted by the Board of Revenue, the scales agree in most particulars entered in the statement. But the statement says nothing about the quality of the workmanship, and it is in this very particular that all the difference lies. I have gone into the cost of the scales supplied by us as shown by the accounts. It now here seems to me excessive for the work done on them.

2. A pair of scales with weights, similar to those sent by Messrs. Baker & Company, being very much rougher in make would, of course, have been very much cheaper. Our fault seems to have been in sending a much better.

the article than was really necessary for the purposes for which it was required.

Similar scales and weights have, I believe, been made and supplied by these shops previously, and apparently without any complaint being made about them.

An estimate for the work sought, I think, has been made and sent for sanction before the work was put in hand, and I have no doubt my predecessor, Mr. Ellis, would have done so before starting it, had he not felt quite satisfied that he knew exactly what was required. It was a work in progress when I took over the shops, and I saw no reason to object to it except the unwieldy nature of some of the weights ordered, about which I made a reference at the time.

N. 3504.

To the Chief Engineer, P.W. Department for information with reference to his N. 3504 C. dated 13 August 1897, herewith returned.

Chas. M.
3/9/97

Asst. Col. R. B.
Suptg. Engineer, 5th Circle.

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