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Articles of Stationery.

Passing orders on the proposal to substitute country-made papers for similar articles of European manufacture in public offices.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 4, Financial, dated 4th January 1894.

Read—Resolution of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 5422-S.R., dated 14th December 1893.

Order—No. 4, Financial, dated 4th January 1894.

Para. 2.—The Superintendent of Stationery will be requested to report in what qualities country-made writing paper is procurable, to what extent its substitution for English-made paper is feasible, and what saving might thereby be effected.

G.O., No. 544, Financial, dated 16th July 1894.

Read—the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th June 1894, No. 961:—

In recording the Resolution* of the Government of India, No. 5422-S.R., Finance and Commerce Department, dated 14th December 1893, the Madras Government in its order Mis. No. 4, dated 4th January 1894, Financial Department,

requested me to report in what qualities country-made writing paper is procurable and to what extent its substitution for English-made paper is feasible and what saving might thereby be effected.

2. I have now the honour to report as follows.

3. The writing paper yellow wove of Indian manufacture is already being obtained and issued to a small extent. The average consumption of this paper amounts to 618 reams and its cost, calculated at the current year's contract rates which vary from Rs. 2-15-10 to Rs. 9-6-4 per ream with reference to the description and sizes, is Rs. 2,893-14-8, against Rs. 8,439-8-7, the value of the same quantity of English writing paper, the prices of which vary from Rs. 3-12-6 to Rs. 40-5-0, showing a saving of Rs. 5,545-9-11 (*vide* statement A).

4. I have, however, obtained further samples of writing papers manufactured by the Bally, Titaghur and Bengal paper mills. A statement (marked B) showing their prices of the several samples as compared with those of English writing papers is herewith submitted for the information of Government.

5. Of the samples received azure-laid and cream wove papers furnished by the Bengal paper mills appear to be the best and the cheapest. I may add that the cream wove paper is already in use in the Bengal Presidency. As it is not advisable to substitute these papers to the full extent at once, I request that I may be permitted to obtain, at present, small quantities, say about one-third of the average annual consumption of similar English papers now obtained and to report as to their suitability after trial for a year or two. By this arrangement there will be an additional saving of Rs. 3,769-12-0 as detailed in statement C.

6. The samples of cream laid paper received are all dearer than that now obtained from England and no substitutes for hand-made writing papers are obtainable in India.

7. The several samples obtained from paper mills in India and the English writing papers now in use are herewith forwarded.

Order—No. 544, Financial, dated 16th July 1894.

The azure-laid and cream wove foolscap papers furnished by the Bengal paper mills company appear to be good and the proposal of the Superintendent of Stationery to substitute them for similar English papers is approved. The cream wove octavo is, however, too expensive for ordinary demi-official correspondence. The similar paper supplied by the Titaghur paper mills company at Rs. 1-6-6 per ream seems to be very suitable for this purpose. There is no reason, however, why the proportion of these country-made papers should be fixed for the present at only one-third of the average annual consumption. The quantity to be procured of the azure-laid and cream wove foolscaps will be placed at two-thirds and that of the Titaghur mill's cream wove octavo at three-fourths. Issues in these proportions will be made and the Superintendent will submit a report on these papers at the end of a year. The Bengal paper mills subsidized cream wove foolscap 14 lb. (Rs. 5 per ream) appears to be suited for the purposes for which hand-made and the more expensive kinds of machine-made papers are now used. On receipt of supplies the Superintendent of Stationery will furnish Secretariat departments with this paper for report as to its suitability.

2. The samples received from the Superintendent of Stationery will be returned, those approved of above being separately stitched and marked A.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery, with samples returned.

G.O., No. 850, Financial, dated 12th October 1894.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Superintendent of Stationery that the writing papers to be supplied by the Bengal paper mills company may be water marked "Government of India."

G.O., No. 516, Financial, dated 26th August 1896, paragraph 6.

READ—also the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st July 1897, No. 1131.

With reference to the Government orders noted in the margin, I have the honour

G.O., No. 544, Financial, dated 16th July 1894.
G.O., No. 516, Financial, dated 26th August 1886, paragraph 6.

to report that azure-laid and cream wove papers of Indian manufacture were obtained and issued to different offices in 1894-95, 1895-96 and 1896-97 to the

extent shown in the accompanying statement marked A in lieu of similar papers of English manufacture, viz., machine-made, blue laid and cream wove, for trial and report as to their suitability. Replies have been received from 107 officers, and these show that foolscap cream wove 14 lb. and cream wove note paper, though not quite as good as the English papers, sufficiently answer the purpose for which they are intended, viz., drafting and fair copying ordinary correspondence and for demi-official letters. Azure-laid papers of royal, medium and demy sizes do not seem to

be suitable for copying important statements, plans, &c., or for important registers for which the English machine-made papers are now used. They are good enough for blank books and other ordinary purposes. Almost all the officers are of opinion that the proportion in which machine-made writing papers are now supplied, viz., two-thirds country and one-third English up to foolscap size and three-fourths country and one-fourth English of octavo sized paper, may continue, while the Accountant-General requests that the proportion of country azure-laid royal, medium and demy sizes may be reduced to one-third and that of note paper to half. In my opinion both the azure-laid and cream wove papers of Indian manufacture appear to be sufficiently good for all ordinary purposes and their supply may be continued in the proportions sanctioned in G.O., No. 544, Financial, dated 16th July 1894.

2. As regards the tub-sized cream wove foolscap paper, it may be noted that all docket forms used in the Government Secretariat are now printed upon it and no complaint has as yet been received. Fifteen reams of the same were issued for use in your department on your indent for 1896-97. The paper, however, does not appear to be as good as the English hand-made paper and cannot be recommended for permanent records.

3. The savings effected during the last three years by the introduction of these papers may be estimated at Rs. 21,030 as will be seen from statement A.

ENCLOSURE.

Statement A.

Issues in 1894-95.						
	Country article.			Similar English article.*		Saving.
	Quantity.	Rate.	Value.	Rate.	Value.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Azure-laid royal 44 lb. ..	21	9 8 0	199 8 0	40 5 0	846 9 0	647 1 0
" medium 34 lb. ..	14	7 4 0	104 8 0	22 6 5	313 9 10	212 1 10
" demy 24 lb. ..	27	5 2 0	138 6 0	19 4 10	521 2 6	382 12 6
Cream wove foolscap 14 lb. E.S. 163		3 0 0	489 0 0	3 12 6	616 5 6	127 5 6
" " T.S. ..		5 0 0		9 13 9		
" note paper ..	54	1 6 6	75 15 0	3 9 6	194 1 0	118 2 0
Total ..	..	..	1,004 5 0	..	2,491 11 10	1,487 6 10
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Issues in 1895-96.						
	Country article.			Similar English article.*		Saving.
	Quantity.	Rate.	Value.	Rate.	Value.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Azure-laid royal 44 lb. ..	65	10 5 0	670 5 0	40 5 0	2,620 5 0	1,950 0 0
" medium 34 lb. ..	54	7 15 6	430 5 0	33 14 10	1,832 1 0	1,401 12 0
" demy 24 lb. ..	74	5 10 0	416 4 0	19 4 10	1,428 5 8	1,012 1 8
Cream wove foolscap 14 lb. E.S. 1,189		3 0 0	3,567 0 0	7 3 5	8,576 14 5	5,009 14 5
" " T.S. ..	25	5 0 0	125 0 0	9 13 9	246 7 9	121 7 9
" note paper ..	107	1 8 0	160 8 0	4 0 1	428 8 11	268 0 11
Total ..	..	..	5,369 6 0	..	15,132 10 9	9,763 4 9
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Issues in 1896-97.						
	Country article.			Similar English article.*		Saving.
	Quantity.	Rate.	Value.	Rate.	Value.	
	14	15	16	17	18	19
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Azure-laid royal 44 lb. ..	11	10 5 0	113 7 0	40 5 0	443 7 0	330 0 0
" medium 34 lb. ..	22	7 15 6	175 4 0	33 14 10	746 6 4	571 2 4
" demy 24 lb. ..	44	5 10 0	247 8 0	19 4 10	849 4 8	601 12 8
Cream wove foolscap 14 lb. E.S. 1,732		2 15 10	5,177 15 4	7 3 5	12,493 13 8	7,315 14 4
" " T.S. ..	126	5 4 0	681 8 0	9 13 9	1,242 4 6	580 12 6
" note paper ..	141	1 5 0	185 1 0	4 0 1	564 11 9	379 10 9
Total ..	..	..	6,560 11 4	..	16,339 15 11	9,779 4 7
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	21,030 0 2

* Similar English articles—

Royal machine-made 44 lb.
 Medium " 34 lb.
 Demy " 24 lb.
 Foolscap cream wove 14 lb.
 " hand-made blue laid 15 lb.
 Octavo port crown vellum.

Memorandum No. 1614, Financial, dated 30th July 1897.

From J. THOMSON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 17th September 1897, No. 1723.

With reference to your memorandum No. 1614, Financial, dated 30th July 1897, I have the honour to state that country-made writing papers were supplied to 194 officers as per accompanying list marked A and that, out of the 107 officers from whom reports were received, 12 are Collectors, 6 District Judges and the remainder other heads of departments as per list marked B.

ORDER—No. 816, Financial, dated 2nd October 1897.

The Government directs that country-made papers shall, except for permanent registers, be substituted for papers of European manufacture in all but the head-quarter offices at the Presidency town and in Army head-quarter offices, the supplies to which will be continued in the present proportions. As regards registers, the Superintendent of Stationery will settle, in communication with the Board of Revenue and heads of departments, the classes of permanent registers for which English-made papers should still be used, referring to Government for decision any cases in which differences of opinion may occur.

2. In order to obtain country-made papers of the best manufacture, the Superintendent of Stationery should place himself in communication with the heads of the Stationery offices in other provinces and obtain tenders from the Bally, Titaghur, Imperial and Bengal paper mills. A further report should be submitted at the end of a year.

3. The Superintendent will, in due course, forward a draft of the necessary corrections to be made in the Stationery Rules.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
" the Revenue Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Marine Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Educational Department.
" all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary.