

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2257 W
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DATED 1st September '98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Index : Ordered that the D. & S. of Indes,
India office, be requested to inform that
platinum tips appearing as item no 615 in
the Annual — forwarded in the letter no 1132 W
of 7th May '98, are not required.

The D. & S. of Indes addressed.

B.

Indexed. *W. R.*

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2178.98. W. *[Signature]*

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For order as to
whether the D.G. of
Stons may be added
to cross the stem
from the indent -

The whole question
of lightning conductors
is under consideration
in connection with
Mr. Aschpitz's report.

W

C₂
20.438

For order. Mr. Aschpitz's
report makes no difference
as regards platinum tips,
& the P.S. remark that there
are doubts as to whether
lightning conductors are of
any use is not understood.
At the same time, it seems
£4 for each platinum
tip is a prohibitive price
see also P.S. APR
24.8.98.

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6789

Order

From
*The Supply Engineer
of Field*

*ask DR of stores
to erase the item
from the indent.*

No. 527 B.

W. H. S. S.

Dated *12/13* August 1898.

Received 15.8.98

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*In note, I think, reported
Platinum tips are used
& I quite agree - the tip*

shall be of the same material SUBJECT.

as the conductors. is *Tip of platinum for light-*
colored line in future *ning conductors.*

W. H. S. S. *Gives the full partici-*
culars of the form of
required.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
3287C	23-7-98
1132W	7-5-98
1131W	7-5-98

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to

The Director-General of Stores,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

S.7009



India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.
1st July 1898.

Sir,

In the Annual Public Works Indent dated 9th March 1898 forwarded with your letter No.1132 W. dated 7th May 1898 occurs a demand (item 615) for 50 tips platinum for lightning conductors, $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter at base, which are estimated to cost £6. 1. 0.

This demand is not understood, as, if these tips are to be conical, say one inch high, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch base, it is expected that the cost would be about £200

I have therefore the honour to request that full particulars of the form of tips required may be forwarded, pending the receipt of which no steps can be taken for the supply of the stores.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Grant

Director General of Stores.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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K. J.
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(1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6110
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From The Director General
of Stores, India Office
London.

No. 3287C dated 23 July 98

Referred to the
Suptg. Engineer V Circle
for early submission of
the particulars asked
for.

No. 7009

Dated 1st July 1898

Received 19th Dec

Registered 21.7.98

Enclosures

Spare copies

A. H. M.
Under Secy & Secy

216 P. D.

Forwarded to the Genl. Supt
P. W. Stores for early compliance
and return

A. H. M.

Colonel R. E. with letter No 1132 W. D. 7 May 1898
Suptg. Eng. V Circle is not understood & requesting that
full particulars of the form of tips
required may be forwarded.

28 July 1898.

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From H. A. Moss Esquire, General Supdt.
P. W. Stores Co., to the Supts. Engineer
Circular, dated Madras, 6 August 1898
No. 113 S.E.F.

With reference to your No. 3161 of 30 July 1898, I have the honour to inform you that a large number of platinum tips have been used from time to time for lightning conductors manufactured in the P. W. Workshops.

They were constructed apparently of a cone of copper $2\frac{1}{2}$ " high and $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter at the base covered with thin platinum foil. They were obtained, I believe originally from the Ordnance Department at a cost of about Rs 7 each which seems to me high. A charge of £4 each for these tips, although they are much larger than the size mentioned by the Director-General of Stores, appears ridiculously excessive.

I am not aware that the kind of platinum tips we have been using is anything other than the kind usually employed, but it may be that the Director-General of Stores, refers to some other and more expensive pattern. I would request that tips of the pattern we have been using

be sent to the extent of amount allotted
in the Budget unless there is reason to
consider this pattern unsuitable - If they
are unsuitable the item had better be
struck out and we will gild the points of
lightning conductors made here as we have
been doing lately -

No 527 W.

Copy submitted to the Chief
Engineer, P. W. D., with reference to his
No: 3287 C of 23-7-98 returned herewith - Considering
that there are doubts as to whether lightning
conductors are of any use I consider that
plating the tips is quite sufficient

Colonel R.E. x Perhaps with cost 6344
6343

Offs: Supt: Engineer
V. Leitch.

12. Aug 1/98.
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