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[Despatch Abstract.]

Indents for Stores.

Resolution of the Govt of India
regarding the measures to be adopted to
prevent delay on the part of the Store
Department of the India Office in complying
with _____, recorded with reference
to G.O. No. 1653 W of 23rd June 1899.

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Measures to be adopted to prevent delay on the part of the Store Department of the India Office in complying with indents for stores.

RESOLUTION.

Simla, the 27th June 1899.

READ—

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, No. 1 Public Works (Stores), dated 2nd March 1899.

Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, Resolution No. 1815 S.R., dated 1st May 1899, on Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 8 Financial Stores, dated 30th March 1899.

OBSERVATIONS.—Instances of delay on the part of the Store Department of the India Office in complying with indents for stores having been reported to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, His Lordship replies that every effort will be made to obviate delay in future, but that it is desirable that indents should in all cases be sent home as soon as possible after their preparation, and that they should state the date or dates by which the stores are absolutely required for issue in India, as much time as possible being allowed for purchase and shipment.

2. His Lordship also observes that the prevailing habit of making urgent demands for stores, and the consequent necessity for hurried action in England, are injurious to the interests of the public service, inasmuch as they tend to lower the quality of the articles supplied and to enhance their cost, and he requests that such directions may be given as will lead indenting officers in India to make estimates of their requirements at the earliest possible dates, so that the necessity for acting under pressure in England may arise as seldom as possible. At the same time His Lordship recognises the fact that occasional urgent demands are unavoidable, and these, it is remarked, when they are received, will in all cases be complied with as speedily as may be practicable.

RESOLUTION.—The Government of India desire that these instructions may be strictly observed in future. In cases in which it is very important that the stores indented for should be received by a particular date, another column, headed "date on which any particular stores are absolutely required" should be added as number 11 (A) to those of the indent form and the date on which a particular item is wanted can be entered against it in this column.

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ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local

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officers named on
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and Military Depart-
ments for information.

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To - The Secy to the Govt of Madras.
Public Works Deptt.

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