

Public Works (189) Department.

G.O., No. 2020 W

DATED 1st ^{August} ~~July~~ 1889

[Despatch Abstract.]

Articles of Iron & Steel :

Circular from the Govt of India
regarding the purchase of — in the local
market, Comm^d to officers of the P.W.D.,
with remark.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

From O. C. LEES, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 16th June 1899, Circular No. 6 P.W.

[Purchase of articles of iron and steel in the local market.]

In forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary, Engineering and Iron Trades Association, Calcutta, No. 11 W., dated 11th April 1899, in which it is pointed out that the Resolution of the Government of India in the Finance and Commerce Department, No. 2587 S.R., dated the 9th July 1898, extending the list of articles of iron and steel which may be purchased locally has not resulted in any actual extension of business, I am directed to say that as the Government of India do not receive copies of indents when the cost is charged against Provincial Revenues, they have not the means of judging whether articles are occasionally indented for from the Secretary of State which it would be more economical and satisfactory to buy in this country and the local purchase of which would be permissible under the orders contained in the resolution referred to above. I am, however, to request that indents may be carefully scrutinised before being transmitted to the India Office and that indenting officers be required to make themselves conversant with the orders contained in the resolution to which reference has already been made as well as with those more recently issued in Government of India, Public Works Department, Circular No. 2 P.W., dated 24th March 1899.

It should, however, be borne in mind that local purchases must be restricted to articles *bonâ fide* manufactured in India from imported raw material and should not embrace materials or articles made in Europe and imported into India by local merchants.

ENCLOSURE.

From W. PARSONS, Esq., Secretary, Engineering and Iron Trades Association, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Calcutta, 11th April 1899, No. 11 W.

In my letter No. 14 W. of 14th July 1898, acknowledging receipt of copies of Resolution No. 2587 S.R. of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Simla, 9th July 1898, extending the list of articles of iron and steel manufacture from imported material, which may be purchased locally, I expressed the satisfaction of the Committee of the Engineering and Iron Trades Association with these orders and conveyed to the Government of India their thanks for the concessions made.

2. Nine months have now elapsed since the issue of the resolution in question, and the Committee have been making very careful enquiries among the members of the Association, both in Calcutta and Bombay, as to whether any substantial increase of orders from Government in connection with their particular trade had resulted. They regret to find that although there has been some increase in enquiries from official sources, it has not resulted in any actual extension of business. In view of the fact that English, American, and continental manufacturers are

well booked with orders and unable to enter into fresh contracts which are required within any reasonable space of time, the Committee cannot help feeling considerable regret that their trade has not benefited by the resolution in question, the issue of which led them to anticipate greater activity in their special branch. On the contrary, however, the Engineering and Iron trade in India is at present unusually slack, and I am directed by the Committee to draw the attention of the Government of India to the matter, in case the orders which have been issued are not being acted upon to the extent to which, no doubt, it was intended by the Government of India they should be at the time of the issue of the resolution.

ORDER—No. 2020 W., dated 1st August 1899.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance, in continuation of the following orders:—

G.O., No. 1924 W., dated 1st August 1898.
" " 1114 W., " 25th April 1899.

2. The instructions issued by the Government of India should be carefully observed by all indenting officers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" all Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. M. Thambasawmy.

P. W. (189 ?) Department.

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SUBJECT.

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To The Chief Engr. for Engrs.
" Comd. Engr. for Repairs
All Supts. Engrs.
The C. A. Govt.
" Supts. of works, L. H. Divn
" Examin. P. W. Accs

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7. The Secy to the Govt of Madras

Enclosure to Circular No. 6 P. W., dated 16th June 1899.

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