

G.O., No. 2065 W

DATED 7 August 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Goose quills. Pro: Finl: Dept. authorizing the Supdt of Stationery to issue during the current and succeeding year — on the scale which was in force prior to Decr '96, and addressing the Govt. of India in view to ascertaining whether some of the surplus stock of quills in the Madras Stationery office cannot be transferred to other provinces, commd to the Officers of the P. W. D.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., Nos. 1203, 1204, Financial, dated 10th December 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, pending the receipt of a further report, letter from the Superintendent of Stationery regarding the steps taken by him for reducing the large stock of stationery stores on hand. Copy to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

G.O., Mis. No. 242, Financial, dated 14th February 1899.

Read—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 26th January 1899, No. 517.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that among the surplus articles in store here, there are about 78,000 dozen goose quills. It will take many years before they are expended in the ordinary course owing to their issue having been restricted to Gazetted officers by G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th December 1896. In response to the many references I have made in view to reducing the stock I have as yet received only one demand from the President, Taluk Board, Wynaad, for four dozens only. The Superintendents of Stationery, Bombay and Calcutta, have both replied that they are not in need of any. I am this day addressing the Government of Ceylon to see if I can dispose of any of them there but I doubt its resulting in a material diminution of the stock. Meanwhile I am calling in portions of large balances of quills which the indents now being received show to be on hand in various offices.

2. In view to ensure the quills being utilised before they deteriorate by long storage and also to effect an economy, I have the honour to suggest that the operation of G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th December 1896, may be suspended, pending further report from this office so that I may issue quills according to the sanctioned allotment to all officers who prefer them to steel pens.

3. I would request the favour of an early reply as if this proposal is approved, I shall have to make a reduction in the number of steel pens to be demanded in my Home indent which is due with Government on the 15th proximo.

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th February 1899, No. 867.

In continuation of my telephone message of the tenth instant, regarding the sale of the surplus stock of goose quills in this office, I have the honour to inform you that the Government Auctioneer, Mr. E. Macartoom, states that some insect-eaten quills sold by him recently fetched from 10 to 11 annas a hundred and that good quills ought to fetch "anything near" the cost price mentioned by me.

Order—Mis. No. 242, Financial, dated 14th February 1899.

The Superintendent of Stationery will arrange for a small quantity of the goose quills in store being sold by public auction and report the result to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.

G.O., Mis. No. 568, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th April 1899, No. 2428.

With reference to G.O., No. 242, dated 14th February 1899, I have the honour to report that Mr. Edward Macartoom, Government Auctioneer, to whom 600 goose quills were sent to be sold by public auction, states that he was able to realise only one rupee per hundred, owing to the feathers having become moth eaten. As the cost of the quills was Rs. 19-13-5 per thousand, the price realised appears reasonable. As these quills were taken from the loose stock on hand, I have had a fresh case opened and have forwarded for sale another 500 quills which are in perfect order. The result will be duly communicated to Government.

Order—Mis. No. 568, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899.

Recorded pending receipt of a further communication.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.

Read—also the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd June 1899, Ref. No. 3065.

With reference to G.O., No. 568, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899, I have the honour to inform you that the goose quills referred to in my letter, No. 2428, dated 28th April 1899, were sold at 12 annas per hundred. Mr. Macartoom states that the party who purchased the 500 quills is willing to take 6,000 more at the same rate. This is disappointing as the quills fetched 4 annas a hundred less than the former ones which were not in such good condition.

2. I would suggest that it is hardly worth while to dispose of so small a quantity as 6,000 out of 8,88,000 and that the only remaining course seems to be to lay the matter before the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India in view to the Director-General of Stores utilising or disposing of them outside India.

ORDER—No. 743, Financial, dated 29th June 1899.

The Superintendent of Stationery will be authorised to issue during the current and succeeding year goose quills on the scale which was in force prior to the ruling in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th December 1896.

2. The Government of India will be addressed in view of ascertaining whether some of the surplus stock of quills in the Madras Stationery office cannot be transferred to other provinces.

[Here enter letter, No. 744, Financial, dated 29th June 1899.]

(True Extract.)

A. P. S.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ all Departments of the Secretariat. (P. 15-16)
„ the Postmaster-General.