Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 2423 W

DATED 15 September 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

European Stores - The local purchase of — required for the P. W. Workshops sanctd.

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From The Supdg Engineer
5th Circle

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The local purchase
of the stores is sanctioned.

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The total cost of these stores is Rs 2537-6-2. If they had been obtained through the India Office the cost would have been Rs 2109-2-1

To

The Supdg. Engr, 5th Circle
" Examiner, P.W. Accts with statement in original.

for note & return.
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SUBJECT.

Certain Articles of European Manufacture

Requesting that sanction may be given to the purchase of — in local markets.

added by Current Section. Pointed out & C.S.

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Government {1897} of Madras.

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G.O., No. 724 W., 12th March 1897.

MARCH.

Local Purchase of European Stores

Desiring that stringent attention be directed to the orders restricting the — in this country and attaching a revised form to be used in making applications for sanction to the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer,	I	Circle,	dated	2nd September	1896,	No. 419 G.L.
,, ,,	II	,,	,,	22nd ,,	,,	,, 295 G.L.
,, ,,	II	,,	,,	17th December	,,	,, 478 G.L.
,, ,,	III	,,	,,	21st August	,,	,, 1543.
,, ,,	IV	,,	,,	3rd October	,,	,, 478 W.
,, ,,	V	,,	,,	1st August	,,	,, 218 W.
,, ,,	V	,,	,,	7th ,,	,,	,, 220 W.
,, ,,	V	,,	,,	4th September	,,	,, 262 W.
,, ,,	VI	,,	,,	4th August	,,	,, 1265 T.C.
,, Consulting Architect to Government		,,		2nd July	,,	,, 1723.

ORDER—No. 724 W., dated 12th March 1897.

The foregoing papers are replies to Public Works memo. No. 2425 C., dated 3rd June 1896, calling for statements showing the quantity and value of European stores purchased locally during the two years 1894–95 and 1895–96. From the statements received from Superintending Engineers, two abstracts (A and B) have been drawn up—A showing the cost in India, as compared with the price, if obtained through the India Office, of articles of which the latter price is known; and B exhibiting the cost in India of stores of which the India Office price is not given in the rate lists. In both statements, the cost is shown separately of articles purchased on emergency, and of those of which the local purchase might have been avoided if timely arrangements had been made.

2. The total cost of stores purchased in India during the two years amounts to Rs. 1,51,582, or an average of Rs. 75,791 per year. The total cost of those purchased on emergency is Rs. 1,23,194, or Rs. 61,597 per year, while the total cost of those of which the local purchase might have been avoided is Rs. 28,388, or Rs. 14,194 per year.

3. The total loss on the stores of which the India Office price is known is Rs. 6,164, or Rs. 3,082 per year. If the loss be calculated in the same proportion on the cost of articles of which the price, if obtained through the India Office, is not known, it amounts to Rs. 16,383, or an average of Rs. 8,192 per year. The total probable loss in the two years is about Rs. 22,547, or 15 per cent. of the value of the stores purchased in India.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the attention of all officers of the department should again be drawn to the rules which restrict the purchase of European stores in this country. Notwithstanding the many orders which have been issued on the subject from time to time, it is clear from the figures quoted above, that sufficient care is not given to forecasting requirements. In G.O., No. 1679 W., dated 2nd July 1886, a form was prescribed for applications for sanction to the local purchase of European stores. In G.O., No. 3040 W., dated 27th September 1888, Superintending Engineers were directed to satisfy themselves that English stores

required in divisions were not available in the Presidency Public Works Stores, before proposing their local purchase. The Chief Engineer's Circular No. 2991 C., dated 16th October 1895, is to the same effect. In G.O., No. 2588 W., dated 16th October 1894, officers of the department were directed to invariably give reasons for local purchases when sanction to such purchases was applied for. The provisions of appendix X, Volume II, Public Works Code, make it incumbent on all officers of the department to obtain through the India Office all articles of European manufacture, the need for which can be foreseen in time to admit of their being procured by indent on England. His Excellency in Council desires that stringent attention be directed to these orders, which would be applicable to requirements for works included in the preliminary issues of the budgets, and also to works sanctioned during the course of the year, for which iron work or other English stores could probably be obtained from Europe in time to be used at the proper period without hindrance to the progress of the work. By the exercise of due care and foresight by responsible officers, there should be a considerable decrease in the quantity and value of European stores purchased locally, and a consequent diminution in the loss which annually accrues to Government by such purchases. The Government has no desire that stock should be obtained in anticipation of unforeseen demands, as such procedure will inevitably result in the accumulation of surplus stores which must ultimately be disposed of at great loss, but what is required is an intelligent forecast which will insure that articles obtained from England are used up on the works for which they were demanded.

5. A revised form * to be used in making applications for sanction to the local purchase of European stores is attached to these proceedings. It will be seen that a clear and concise explanation should be given as to why the stores could not have been obtained by indent on the Home Government, and whether, before proposing any local purchase, the officer concerned had satisfied himself that the articles were not available in the Public Works Stores. The particular works for which the stores are required should be stated, and the rule under which sanction is sought must be quoted. Applications which are not in the prescribed form will be liable to summary rejection.

* Appendix A.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
,, the Superintending Engineer on Special Duty.
,, the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, the Executive Engineer, Lighthouse Division.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, for information.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

A.—STATEMENT showing the cost of English articles which were purchased locally during 1894–95 and 1895–96 and whose English price is known.

Circles or Divisions.	Cost of articles purchased on emergency.			Cost of articles, the local purchase of which could have been avoided.			Total loss (columns 4 & 7).	Remarks.
	India Office price.	Actual cost in India.	Loss.	India Office price.	Actual cost in India.	Loss.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
I Circle ..	2,318	2,720	402	4,925	5,786	861	1,263	
II ,, ..	6,821	7,411	590	2,789	2,799	10	600	
III ,, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
IV ,, ..	3,794	5,301	1,507	..	..	..	1,507	
V ,, ..	10,941	13,701	2,760	117	96	21	2,739	
VI ,, ..	2,593	2,565	28	..	..	..	28	
Architect ..	977	1,060	83	..	..	..	83	
Total ..	27,444	32,758	5,314	7,831	8,681	850	6,164	Total cost of articles purchased in India (columns 3 + 6), Rs. 41,439.

B.—STATEMENT showing the cost of English articles purchased locally during 1894–95 and 1895–96 of which English price is not known.

Circles or Divisions.	Cost of articles purchased on emergency.	Cost of articles, the local purchase of which could have been avoided.	Total.	Remarks.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
I Circle	4,790	3,988	8,778		
II ,, ...	18,577	12,222	30,799		
III ,, ...	2,798	3,050	5,848	Total cost in India of stores in statement A .	41,439
IV ,, ...	2,551	..	2,551	Total cost in India of stores in this statement.	1,10,143
				Total ..	1,51,582
V ,, ...	2,268	274	2,542		
VI ,, ...	59,452	173	59,625	Total probable loss (Rs. 6,164 + 16,383) = or about 15 per cent.	22,547,
Architect	..	..	..		
Total ..	90,436	19,707	1,10,143	Probable loss based on proportion of statement A.	16,383

Appendix A to G.O., No. 724 W., dated 12th March 1897.

APPLICATION for sanction to the local purchase of European Stores under paragraph 3, Appendix X, Vol. II, P.W. Code.

Description or class of stores.	Number or quantity.	Actual cost in India.			Estimated cost if obtained through the India Office.			Works for which the stores are required.	Clear and concise explanation as to why the stores could not have been obtained by indent on England.	Clause under which sanction is applied for.	Remarks.
		Average price or rate.	Incidental charges, carriage, &c.	Total cost.	Average price or rate.	Incidental charges, freight and exchange.	Total cost.				

I certify that the articles enumerated in this application are not available in the Presidency Public Works Stores.