

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 2968 W

DATED 8¹⁵ Nov 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Powers of Sanction. Pro. ~~Ind~~ Sept.
stating, with remarks, that the sanction
of ^{controlling} local authorities for the local
purchase of articles of European
manufacture will not be required
for articles the cost of which does not
exceed Rs 10/- approved

Enclosures

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G.O., No. 1118, 11th October 1899.

OCTOBER.

Note. The rule
for the P.W. D. is contained
in the Note to para 3 of the
S. I. Resolution No 185 of 10.1.83 printed
on page XC1 in App^x Vol. II of the Code
Powers of Sanction.

Directing that the sanction of controlling authorities for the local purchase of articles of European manufacture will not be required for articles the cost of which does not exceed Rs. 10, and that the Government of India be addressed as regards the extension of the sanctioning powers of the Board of Revenue and other controlling authorities in respect of the purchase of articles of European manufacture.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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26-2-95
READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 160, Financial, dated 15th February 1895, paragraph 4.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that the present rule should be maintained that the sanction of the controlling authority is necessary for the local purchase of articles of European manufacture costing between Rs. 5 and Rs. 10.

READ—also the following paper:—

G.O., No. 411, Revenue, dated 28th June 1899.

Read—the following papers:—

Letter from W. S. MEYER, Esq., I.C.S., on Special Duty, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, No. 32, dated 3rd November 1897.

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6. Again under Article 98 (k) of the Civil Account Code, articles of European manufacture cannot be purchased in the country to an extent of over Rs. 10 without the sanction of the Local Government. (See for instance G.O., Mis. No. 3180, Revenue, dated 8th August 1896, in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3827, dated 19th August 1896.) I think the Government of India might well be moved to extend the sanctioning powers of the Board and other heads of departments up to a limit of Rs. 100. Lamps, for example, can be obtained at establishments like Mr. Ditmar's in Bombay quite as easily and cheaply in respect of ordinary retail transactions as from Europe. If this be approved Collectors, who can now only purchase such articles up to a limit of Rs. 5,* might have their powers extended to Rs. 10.

* G.O., No. 481, Revenue, dated 21st September 1896.

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Resolution of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 388, dated 11th November 1897.

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28-7-99
Order—No. 411, Revenue, dated 28th June 1899.

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With the Proceedings read above the Board of Revenue submits to Government, with its remarks, certain proposals made by Mr. Meyer in pursuance of the instructions conveyed to him in G.O., No. 1243, Judicial, dated 27th August 1897, for the curtailment of work in Revenue offices. The proposals are grouped into four sections, the first three of which chiefly relate to the grant of larger powers to the Board of Revenue, to Collectors and Divisional officers, respectively, while the fourth contains suggestions in regard to certain miscellaneous matters. These proposals will be dealt with below *seriatim*.

2. I. Grant of increased powers to the Board— * * * *

(v) That the power now possessed by the Board and other heads of departments of purchasing in this country articles of European manufacture, subject to a limit of value of Rs. 10 without the sanction of the Local Government, be extended up to a limit of Rs. 100; and that Collectors who may now purchase such articles only up to a limit of Rs. 5 have their power extended to Rs. 10 (paragraph 6 of Mr. Meyer's letter).—Orders will issue in the Financial Department on this proposal.

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ORDER—No. 1118, Financial, dated 11th October 1899.

In modification of paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 160, Financial, dated 15th February 1895, the Government directs that the sanction of controlling authorities for the local purchase of articles of European manufacture will not be required for articles the cost of which does not exceed Rs. 10.

2. The Government of India will be addressed as regards the extension of the sanctioning powers of the Board of Revenue and other controlling authorities in respect of the purchase of articles of European manufacture.

[Here enter letter, No. 1119, Financial, dated 11th October 1899.]

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

„ all Departments of the Secretariat. (Public works)
„ the Superintendent of Stationery.
„ the Postmaster-General.
„ the Accountant-General.

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