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No. 87. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. L. BARROW, Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 13th February 1865, No. 325.

With reference to the accompanying Indent from the Superintendent of the Government Printing Press, I consider it necessary to bring to the notice of Government, that the descriptions and sizes of printing paper specified therein are not provided for in the estimates of the Government Press; the samples forwarded being also of better quality than those which were approved of by the Superintendent of the Press in March 1862, and sent to the Stationery Dépôt for guidance in meeting requisitions of the Gazette Press.

2. The Superintendent of Stationery reports that it was only on the day preceding the date of the Indent, the Gazette Press was supplied with printing paper to the extent shewn in the margin, the only description of printing paper due on

	Reams.
Double Double Pott, thick.....	670
Double Pott, thin.....	1,600
Double Royal, common.....	143
Colored Printing Royal.....	10

Indent for the year ending 30th April 1866 being 100 reams of "fine printing Royal thick", which is now being landed from the *Tyburnia*.

3. In the Indent under reference, no explanation is given as to whether the paper is wanted for any special purpose, and whence the demand for the excess, after the very large supplies just made.

4. Of "Printing Demy" there are in store only two reams 24lbs., and a large quantity of 17lbs.; the former is of better quality than the sample referred to, in the Indent, which is 22lbs.

5. With regard to "Double Royal", the description of this paper inserted in the estimates of the Fort Saint George Gazette Press for 1865-66 and 67 is "Printing Double Royal, common." The Indents on the Home Government provide for the descriptions actually estimated for, and if a small supply of paper of better quality than that ordinarily supplied was required, as in the instance under reference, there would be no difficulty in obtaining the same direct from England, agreeably to the instructions contained in Proceedings of Government, Public Department, No. 726, dated 24th June 1863.

6. I beg to submit that if printing paper is obtained from England according to the estimates furnished by Departments and then rejected, because it happens that a small quantity of paper of better quality is procurable at the time in Madras, a very great loss to Government will be occasioned thereby, and the paper kept in store for a longer period than that for which estimated.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1865, No. 954.

The Government learn, on inquiry from the Superintendent of the Press, that the Printing Double Royal which formed part of the Indent, to which exception was taken by the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines in the above letter, was asked for to enable the printing of a volume of Government selections, then under execution and partly printed, to be completed on paper similar to that

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13th September 1865.

on which it had been begun, no paper being then available for the purpose in the Government Press, and that the large supplies to which Colonel Barrow refers were not received till after the indent was sent in ; but that, on examination, a paper sufficiently resembling that already used for part of the selection was found in the new supply, and used accordingly.

2. It appears that the other portion of the Indent, that for Demy, was made in expectation of the early passing of orders similar to those which have since been passed by Government in the Public Department, No. 699, of the 3rd July 1865, and published at page 70 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of the 14th July, and which provide (paragraph 3) for the printing of the English Acts in quarto size, with a view to economy, by their being detached and bound for office use. This order has not as yet been fully carried into effect, and, in this particular point, the delay has been caused by the inability of the Press to carry out the requirements of the order, through not being supplied with the necessary Demy paper, the use of other paper leading to unnecessary waste. It was impossible for the Superintendent of the Press to foresee that paper of this size would be required ; while he was, the Government consider, justified, when he learned that such an order was in contemplation, in at once endeavouring to obtain the paper necessary for carrying out the order, by beginning to print the Acts of the year in quarto form. As, however, it is undesirable that an alteration should be made in the form of the Acts during the course of a year, the alteration will not come into effect until the beginning of 1866, by which time the Superintendent of Stationery will endeavour to be prepared to comply with the Indents of the Superintendent of the Government Press, for paper of demy size for all Acts. The Superintendent of the Press will be directed to inform the Superintendent of Stationery, without delay, of the quantity of paper he is likely to require, and his requirements must be met by the supply of paper of the requisite size, and of quality not inferior to that now supplied for the printing of the Gazette. If the alterations directed in the Government Order alluded to were to be delayed until the paper requisite for carrying them out were indented for, ordered, and received from England, the year 1869 would probably be the first year in which the Acts could be issued in the proposed form.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, with four samples, returned
„ Supervisor Government Press, with Indent.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

9th February 1865.

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 2nd February 1865, No. 471.

Communicating correspondence relative to the expediency of reducing the voluminous Advertisements and other Notifications of the Military Department, which are at present published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 2nd Feb. 1865, Nos. 47—58.)

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1865, No. 159.
To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 18th August 1864, No. 235; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

The attention of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has been lately drawn, to the voluminous nature of the Official Advertisements and other Notifications of the Military Departments, which appear in the Gazettes published by the different Governments of India, and amongst others in that of the Government of Fort Saint George.

2. I am accordingly directed to request, that you will move the Honorable the Governor in Council, to take the matter into his early consideration, in view to devising such measures as may check the practice which is productive of some inconvenience and must entail considerable expense.

3. In illustration of these remarks, I am to draw the attention of your Government to the Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette, for June 7th, 1864, which contains an advertisement for tenders by the Medical Department, extending over 21 pages.

4. On the general subject of the length of advertisements for tenders, I am to forward a copy of Office Memorandum, from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 1060, dated 28th June 1864, and to request that the opinion of your Government thereon may be furnished for the information of the Governor General in Council.

5. His Excellency in Council observes that, under any circumstances, the issue of these lengthy advertisements might be restricted to those Departments which are directly concerned, and that it must surely be practicable to print and despatch only the number of copies required by them.

6. The Governor General in Council also desires me to draw the attention of your Government, to the Orders of the Commander-in-Chief which swell the bulk of the Fort Saint George Gazette, and which it is not found necessary to publish in Bengal or Bombay. In the absence of any re-publication of the Military Orders of the Government in a separate Form, as is the practice in Bengal, their re-publication in the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief is advisable,—but the publication of the Orders of the Commander-in-Chief in the Government Gazette does not appear to the Governor General in Council to be necessary.

7. Many of these Orders, I am to observe, appear to His Excellency in Council to be unnecessary, such, for instance, as the names of men sent to the General Hospital for treatment or to Sanitaria for change of air, Orders directing the assembly of Medical Boards on Officers at Madras, Orders directing that Moonshee allowance to be disbursed to Officers who pass, and so on.

8. The necessity also for publishing in the Government Gazette a List of the letters, regarding Estates received by the Secretary to Government, the Abstract of Remittances sent to England, publication of Notifications of Officers obtaining privilege leave, and the Pensions granted to widows, is not apparent to His Excellency in Council.

No. 1060.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the lengthy advertisements which appear in the Gazette, of proposed Contracts, for which tenders are invited by the Commissariat, the undersigned is directed to communicate to the Military Department, for consideration, the following observations.

The publication of the detailed Notices was pressed on the Commissariat by the Military Finance Department, in the hope of attracting thereby the competition of a better class of Contractors.

If the expectation has been disappointed, the causes of failure might perhaps be investigated; but, if it has been realized, and Contractors have come forward, perhaps the next step might be to assimilate our practice to the English system, whereby the public advertisement must needs be very brief, inasmuch as under the latter system, the Head of the Department keeps a List of respectable Contractors, and, when Contracts are invited, all persons on this List get printed details of the particulars.

Under the above system, also, all who tender have to produce samples of the articles which they propose to supply, and to indicate the Store-house where their supplies are deposited. The assimilation of the two systems, therefore, might be a good security against subletting of Contracts and other abuses.

FINANCIAL DEPT., SIMLA, }
28th June 1864. }

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 24th August 1864, No. 343; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to my letter of the 18th instant, No. 235, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, to beg you to draw the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, to the Notifications granting or cancelling privilege leave in three cases in the Commissariat Department, at page 238 of the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 5th instant.

2. Such notifications, I am to point out, are not found necessary in any of the branches of the Military Administration under the Government of India. They swell the Gazette, thereby rendering reference to Orders of importance inconvenient and burdening the Post, while the cost of printing copies of such notifications in a year must be considerable.

Referred to the Controller of Military Accounts for his opinion.

2. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the letter from the Government of India, dated 18th August 1864, are referred to the Commissary General, Principal Inspector General Medical Department and Inspector General of Ordnance for their views, their replies being transmitted through the Controller of Military Accounts.

3. Paragraphs 6 to 8 of that letter are referred for the views of the Commander-in-Chief, so far as regards Orders and Notifications issued by His Excellency.

4. Paragraph 8 of the same letter is referred to the Military Estate Department for remark.

5. It is requested that the several replies to this reference may be forwarded as early as practicable.

20th September 1864.

From the Officiating Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 21st September 1864, No. 312; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to your docket, dated the 20th instant, I have the honor to state, that details will be omitted in future advertisements for Tenders on account of the Medical Department, and intending Contractors directed to call at the Office for information.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 23rd September 1864, No. 5346; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In reference to Extract from a letter from the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, forwarded under your docket of the 20th instant, for

report, I have the honor to state, that I fully concur in considering the present lengthy and voluminous advertisement unnecessary and objectionable.

With regard to the advertisements appertaining specially to this Department, I would recommend the adoption of the Forms in use with the Bengal and Bombay Commissariats which are short, petty and to the purpose. All particulars of information can invariably be obtained at the Office of Executive Officers.

Copies of the Bengal and Bombay Forms of Advertisement are attached for information.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 30th September 1864, No. 156; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

1. Adverting to your docket, dated 20th September 1864, referring for the views of this Department, Extract from a letter from the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, on the subject of the publication of lengthy advertisements, and the expediency of restricting their issue only to Departments concerned, I have the honor to state, that advertisements which this Department has occasion to publish, are inserted only in the Fort Saint George Gazette, and are generally drawn up in as concise a manner as the details which are necessarily comprized therein, will admit.

2. With regard to the expediency of restricting the issue of such advertisements, I beg to observe, that in respect to "Notifications" which, of the Subordinate Branches of the Ordnance Department, the Stationery Depôt, has occasion most frequently to put forth, it is necessary

that every Public Department under Government, both in the Presidency and the Mofussil should be made acquainted with them, as they comprize information, on Departmental matters, and serve as a guide to those Departments, in indenting for Supplies according to the authorized form and method.

3. The advertisements for tenders, should have as wide a circulation as possible, especially within the precincts of the Presidency, with a view to invite the largest competition possible, and securing to the Department tenders on the most advantageous terms.

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 3rd October 1864, No. 776; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 18th ultimo, No. 235, forwarded under docket of the 20th instant; and to state, that His Excellency proposes to adopt the practice obtaining in Bengal and Bombay, and publish his own General Orders separately.

2. The Orders referred in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the above Extract, will cease to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

3. The publication of Orders for the assembly of Medical Boards on Officers has lately been discontinued.

No. 1052E.

MEMORANDUM.

Adverting to the Extract from a letter* as per margin, referred to the Military

* From the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, No. 235 of the 18th August 1864.

Estate Department, the undersigned has the honor to report, that the publication in the Official Gazette of Lists of "letters received in the Military Estate Department,"

was adopted as conducive to permanency of record, and for easy reference by those concerned, as well as to a saving of scriptory labour in the Department, in which a Clerkship of Rupees 50 per mensem, is at present held in abeyance. If the publication of the Lists in question, be discontinued, every such acknowledgment must be made separately by letter, and a copy be also retained in the Office for record. By printing the Lists in the Gazette, as at present, the accumulation of trifling records, both in the Offices of Despatch and Receipt is saved, and clerical labour considerably lessened. Useful information is also afforded to the general public, in regard to Military Estates under adjustment.

2. It is submitted that under the foregoing explanation, the continuance of the existing practice, may be considered expedient.

MILY. ESTATE DEPT., FORT SAINT
GEORGE, 1st November 1864.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

From the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 6th January 1865, D; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to return the correspondence, relative to the voluminous nature

From Secretary to Government of India, Nos. 235 and 343, dated 18th and 24th August 1864.

Letter of Principal Inspector General Medical Department, dated 21st September 1864, No. 312.

Letter of Commissary General, dated 23rd September 1864, No. 5346, with two enclosures.

Letter of Inspector General of Ordnance, dated 30th September 1864, No. 156.

of the Official Advertisements and other Notifications of the Military Department, referred under the Under Secretary's docket of the 20th September 1864, and to forward the letters as per margin, conveying the views of the Heads of the Commissariat, Medical and Ordnance Departments on the subject.

2. The most important consideration, in connection with this matter, is the

length of the Commissariat Advertisements inviting tenders, more especially as the local supplies for the Ordnance and Medical Departments, as far as the Military requirements are concerned, are obtained (Stationery excepted) by the Commissariat Department.

3. Colonel Hill is of opinion, that the present lengthy and voluminous Advertisements are unnecessary and objectionable, and forwards Advertisements issued in Bengal and Bombay, in illustration of the Forms which he considers it advisable to adopt in this Presidency.

4. From the tenor of the communications from the Government of India, however, the objection appears to be chiefly to the publication of the Schedules, which afford details of information in regard to the wants of the Commissariat Department, which form the great bulk of the Advertisements, but which are now published both in Bengal and Bombay.

5. The question, therefore, seems to be one of a change of system in this respect in the three Presidencies—the Advertisement itself in this Presidency might be made a little more concise, and the Government Solicitor could probably with advantage revise it, keeping this object specially in view; but as the Form now observed appears to be in accordance with that suggested by Mr. Boyson, in compliance with the Order of Government, dated 13th August 1863, No. 2611, I presume that the points noticed are requisite accurately to prescribe the conditions of the Contract, and necessary for the due enforcement of penalties of failure to execute the Contract Bond.

6. As such Advertisements are for the information of all whom they may concern, who are unknown at the period of issue, it does not seem to be compatible with the object in view to restrict the issue—the remark in paragraph 5 of Colonel Norman's letter of the 18th August, No. 235, refers apparently only to Advertisements issued for the information of Departments, and paragraph 3 of the Financial memorandum has reference, I presume, only to the Details of information now communicated in the Schedules subjoined to Advertisements.

28th June 1864, No. 1030.

7. As regards the publication of these Schedules, instead of circulating them, as in England, to Contractors in the Commissariat List, I would remark that the publication of the Schedules informs all parties, who may have a desire to tender, of the wants of the Commissariat Department—it is certainly an expensive mode of doing so, and the adoption of the system observed in England would much reduce the printing and postal charges in connection with these transactions, but to restrict the communications to the Commissariat List of Contractors, would be again to throw the provision of supplies into the hands of the Subordinates of the Commissariat Department, and practically, I fear, to revert the expensive Departmental purchase system under the semblance of Contracts.

8. Supposing the Gazette Notifications generally to inform parties inclined to tender, regarding the wants of the Department, they would be dependent for particulars of information necessary to enable them to tender on those who were interested in restricting the tenders as much as possible, and it is not difficult to foresee the result.

9. It must be admitted that, notwithstanding all the publicity that has been given in this way to the wants of the Departments, the Contract system has made but little progress in this Presidency, and the increased number of tenderers, which has resulted from the measures taken, has often been made up by tenderers to whom it was not for the interests of Government to give the Contract; but the system has had to contend with strong opposing interests, and success can only be secured by reducing the opportunities of obstruction to a minimum.

10. The circumstances of the Mercantile and Trading community in England, render the system there observed practicable and efficient; but in the Presidency, the Contract system, as a general measure, has only recently been introduced, and has to make its way against the long established practices of the Department, and the interests with which it interferes. A List of Contractors could, with advantage, be formed only after the system had been in operation long enough to call forth a respectable body of Contractors.

11. While, therefore, the large expenditure in Advertisements is unquestionable, it is worthy of consideration whether it would be true economy to restrict that

expenditure. It is believed that, even at present the loss through high Contracts would much exceed the savings in the items of printing and postage; but it is chiefly in view of the prospective advantages to be derived from the fair action of the Contract system on the interests of Government, that it appears to me important that detailed information should still be given in the Gazette.

12. As the Medical Department obtains local supplies for the Military Department, and the Ordnance Department receives its local supplies generally through the Commissariat Department, the question as regards these Departments is dealt with above—the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, it will be observed, is to restrict his Advertisements to general notifications of requirements, and the few Ordnance Advertisements which appear in the Gazette are for general information. It is believed that the Advertisements which are intended for the information of a limited number of Departments are very few, and I am in doubt as to the nature of those to which reference is made in paragraph 5 of Colonel Norman's letter.

13. Adverting to Colonel Norman's subsequent letter of the 24th August 1864, No. 343, I would remark, that it appears unnecessary to notify in the Gazette grants of privilege leave in the several Departments, but it would be necessary that grants of privilege leave to Commissioned Officers of Military Departments should be notified to the Examiner Pay Department, as these Officers are not in many cases borne on any Muster Roll; and, in case of their transfer from one Department to another, even Heads of Departments would have no record of leave granted in the earlier part of the year to such Officers in their former Department.

14. I have awaited the Report of the Inspector General of Ordnance to enable me to forward this communication to Government. That Officer stated that the Report was forwarded to this Office on the 30th September last. There is, however, no trace of its receipt in this Office—it may have been sent direct to Government—a copy has been received, and is attached.

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, 21st January 1865; to the Controller of Military Accounts.

Referring to letters marginally noted, the Military Secretary to Government has the honor to request the Controller of

*From Government of India.
No. 235, dated 18th and No. 343, dated 24th
August 1864. Referred to the Controller
Military Accounts, 20th September, and
reported on 6th January 1865, D.*

Military Accounts to be good enough to inform Government, whether the publication of Notification of privilege leave granted by Heads of Departments, in the Official Gazette, in any way promotes the business or convenience of the Military Account Department, or whether, direct reports to that Department from Officers granting such leave, would suffice.

2. It is requested that the reply to this memorandum may be submitted in time for next Council.

From the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 23rd January 1865, C; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, in reply to your memorandum of the 21st January 1865, to state that, direct reports to the Military Account Department from Heads of Departments, granting privilege leave, would suffice; although indirectly the Notification in the Gazette of privilege leave to Commissioned Officers is a convenience, as it informs Heads of Departments, and so obviates irregular grants.

2. The cases of such, however, are rare, and are scarcely worthy of consideration, if any important end is to be attained by restricting the intimation to a direct Notification.

ORDER, No. 471, 2nd February 1865.

The Government of India having, in their two letters above recorded, drawn the attention of the Governor in Council to the voluminous nature of the Official Advertisements and other Notifications of the Military Departments, which appear in the Fort Saint George Gazette, and suggested the adoption of measures to check the practice, the Government deemed it expedient, before taking action in the matter, to obtain the views thereon of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and of the other Officers, whose departmental Orders and Advertisements were specially noticed by the Government of India. The opinion of the Controller of Military Accounts on the subject generally was also invited.

2. The replies of the Officers who had been referred to, being now before Government, His Excellency in Council proceeds to pass orders on the subject.

3. The practice of publishing in the Official Gazette, departmental Notifications which are intended for the guidance of Subordinates or of other Departments, appears to the Governor in Council to be unnecessary. In many cases, such Notifications concern but a few individuals and public Departments, and there seems no reason why documents not of general interest and of which a small number of copies would suffice, should be published in the Official Gazette.

4. The system has, in fact, converted the Government Gazette into the medium of publication of departmental Circulars, &c.; and the convenience and relief which it affords to Heads of Departments and their Office Establishments, are not an adequate set-off against the heavy charges for printing, paper and postage which the practice entails on Government. The necessary publicity, it is observed, can in every case be as effectively and much more economically secured by the separate distribution of Circulars, and the Government Press is available for the printing of Circulars of which a large number may be required.

5. His Excellency in Council resolves, therefore, to direct that the publications in the Fort Saint George Gazette of departmental Notifications of the description referred to, be immediately discontinued.

6. It seems, however, expedient, for the present, to exempt from this Order the List of "Letters received in the Military Estate Department," published by the Military Secretary to Government. Colonel Marshall shows that the insertion of this short List in the Gazette not only affords useful information to the general public, but also a useful record regarding Military Estates under adjustment. The Controller of Military Accounts having intimated that the publication of Notifications of privilege leave also, is a convenience and obviates irregular grants, their insertion in the Gazette will likewise be continued as heretofore.

7. The publication in the Gazette of the General Orders by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief having already ceased, no remarks in reference to them are called for.

8. The Commissariat and other Departmental Advertisements inviting tenders for public Stores remain now to be considered. The Controller of Military Accounts has, in his letter above recorded, entered fully into the subject, and has, the Governor in Council considers, shown conclusively that it would be impolitic to disturb the existing practice,—at present at least.

9. The Government would be happy to see the English system referred to in the memorandum from the Financial Department of the Government of India, No. 1060, dated 28th June last, followed in this Presidency, but His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the time for its introduction, even tentatively, has not yet arrived.

10. Under these circumstances, the continuance of the present practice seems unavoidable; but, as suggested by the Controller, the Forms in use might advantageously be revised and made more concise. With this view, the present correspondence will be communicated to the Government Solicitor, who will, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 389 dated 27th January 1865, revise to the extent he may consider expedient, and in communication with the Heads of Departments concerned, the forms of Advertisement and Schedule now commonly adopted.

11. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.
To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 2nd February 1865, No. 472.
(True Extract.)

St. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

Prin. Insp. General Medical Dept.
Commissary General.
Inspector General of Ordnance.
Adjutant General.
" Estate Department.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Government Solicitor.
" Public Department,
" Revenue Department,
" Public Works Department,
" Military Accountant,
" Examiner Pay Department,

With 5 spare copies.

for information.

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Exd. J. E. Cashier
9. February 1865 No. 159.
The account

Letter 23/1/65 -
Recd. 6/3/65

Proceedings of the
Privy Council
No 47

Public Works Dept.

742-282

Official Memorandum

General No. 1865

No. 316.

The enclosed samples of Papers are forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government with reference to his Memo. No. 70 dated 17 February 1865.

J. L. a. a. a. L. L. L.

Depy Insp General
of Ordnance & Ammunition.

Sup General's Office, Fort St. George
22 February 1865.

W. L.

Memorandum.

The Superintendent
Memorandum does not show
the real case in which this
indent was sent in. The selec-
tion of typewritten papers is in
the hands of Graves & Co. and
is half printed, on certain paper
supplied by the Stationery Office
more paper was wanted to
complete it, and none was
forthcoming, while from the
peculiar character very bad
of the paper sent, it was dif-
ficult to match it. I gave
instructions that the nearest
match procurable should
be sought for, and Mr. Smith
informed me that he had found
some resembling it at Gaulty
Brothers. I spoke to the Chief
Secretary about it, and he
authorised its being procured.

The other paper was
indented

indented for in order to print
the Acts in quarto form, so as
to be more generally useful
and with the view of eventually
superseeding the necessity for
any supply being obtained from
Calcutta. For this, dummy, a
paper not usually in use in the
Dept was required and as none
of the paper in use will cut up
to the quarto size required without
great waste, I requested permission
to get this also and obtained the
Chief Secretary's approval.

Of course the Stationery
Department is quite right to charge
the indent but I must say that
at times it is high time that a
change should be made in
the paper supplied. The paper
sent for our Dist Gazette is the
kind in use in small shops
for wrapping paper and stuff.
~~and~~ I never saw anything in
England printed on such material
unless it were sheet ballast and
it certainly is not quite a fit
material for the Government
Gazette

Gazette. To edit the Gazette of
Calcutta, India and Bombay
have infinitely better than paper
supplied for the past edition and
we should have the same.

The paper sent for proceedings
in the Dist Gazette is good, quite
as good as we require - but I should
suggest an immediate discontinuance
of indents for wrapping paper,
either for the Dist Gazette or
the District Gazette. It is not
fit to print on.

If the Superintendent of
Stationery can give us some good
dummy paper to print the Acts
upon we will take it (very good, because
I propose to instruct Collectors
that the copy of the Act sent
with the Gazette is to be detached,
and eventually bound so their
Office copy of the Acts) but if
not, he must get us some. I
only ask that it be equal in
quality to the paper supplied
for "proceedings."

It is almost impossible for
the Dept, with its very variable
amount of work, to be accurate
in its estimates. Other officials

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

per letter 13th Feby 1865 No 325.

Order thereon 13 Sept 1865 Dec 953

The Government learn, on enquiry from the Superintendent of the Press, that the Printing Double Royal which formed part of the indent to which exception was taken by the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines in the above letter was asked for to enable the printing of a volume of Government Selections then under preparation and partly

where writing of only is used, may and do vary, but their variation is comparatively inappreciable but the Press with impressions sometimes numbering millions, quite independent and depending entirely on the requirements of other Departments may have occasion to expend twice the amount in one year that it has in the preceding. I have asked the Inspector General to send me the samples of paper and then the question as to the necessity for its supply can be better settled. (put up.)

I was obliged to procure other paper for the Administration before Mr. Sim refused to allow the stuff supplied at first to be used.

PM

Returned by Mr. H. A. H. 11/4

partly printed, to be completed on paper similar to that on which it had been begun, no paper being then available for the purpose in the Government Press, and that the large supplies to which Colonel Barrow refers were not received till after the indent was sent in: ~~but~~ that, on examination, a paper sufficiently resembling that already used for part of the selection was found in the new supply, and used accordingly.

It appears that the other portion of the indent, that for Demy, was made in expectation of the early passing of orders similar to those which have since been passed by Government in the Public Department.

W.

No 699 of the 3rd July 1865 and published at page 70 of the Fort St George Gazette of the 14th July, and which provide (para 3) for the printing of the English Acts in Quarto Size, with a view to economy by then being detached and bound for office use. This order has not as yet been fully carried into effect, and, in this particular point, the delay has been caused by the inability of the Press to carry out the requirements of the order, through not being supplied with the necessary Demy Paper, the use of other paper leading to unnecessary waste. It was impossible for the Superintendent of the Press to foresee that paper of

If this size would be re-
quired, while he was,
the Government considers,
justified, when he learned
that such an order was
in contemplation, in at
once endeavouring to obtain
the paper necessary for
carrying out the order,
by beginning to print the
Acts of the year in Quarto
form. As however it is
undesirable that an altera-
tion should be made in
the form of the Acts during
the course of a year, the
alteration will not come
into effect until the begin-
ning of 1866, by which time
the Superintendent of Sta-
tionery will endeavour to
be prepared to comply with
the orders of the Superin-
tendant of ^{the} Government
Paper

Paper, for paper of
Demy size for all
Acts. The Superintendent
of the Paper will be directed
to inform the Superintendent
of Stationery, without delay,
of the quantity of paper
he is likely to require,
and his requirements
must be met by the
supply of paper of the
required size, and of
quality not inferior to
that now supplied for
the printing of the Gazette.
If the alterations directed
in the Government Order
alluded to were to be de-
layed until the paper
required for carrying
them out were ordered
for, ordered, and received
from

from England, the year
1869 would probably be
the first year in which
the Acts could be issued
in the proposed form.

CW.

Decr. 15/2/65

{ To the Inspector General of
H.M. Customs - with samples net-
" Supervisor Genl. (he is) - with indent

Public Order to Aug 26th Oct 1st
No 28 of 1865.

Public Order to 23rd December
No 33 of 1865. 25/11/12

Public 1865. Department.

No. 257

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 13th of September 1865.

No 1310.

Having order in
regard to certain printing
papers indicated for by the
Superintendent of printing
Press.

59/11/12
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