

1. NO. 1-12
2. DATE 18-12-31
3. Initials of Recd. [Signature]
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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	616	Press
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Dated	12-5-	191869

Not to be folded or roughly handled

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12th May 1869.

No. 73. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated India Office, London, 8th April 1869, No. 10.

I have considered in Council your letter, No. 4, of 26th January last, bringing to notice deficiencies in certain packets of stationery received per *Walmer Castle*, and also requesting that in future paper may be made up in full-ream packets.

2. I enclose a copy of a report received from the Controller of the Stationery Office explaining the causes for the deficiency complained of.

Dated 20th March 1869.

3. Your request that in future paper may be packed in full-ream bundles will be attended to.

From W. R. GREG, Esq., Controller, Stationery Office, to H. C. G. BEDFORD, Esq.; dated 20th March 1869.

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, transmitting a report from the Government of Madras relative to a deficiency in certain packages of paper furnished by this office, I beg to annex, for the information of the Director General of Stores, a copy of a report upon the subject from our Chief Examiner of Paper. Under the circumstances stated therein I trust the Director General will agree with me in thinking that the deficiency has not been excessive; but at the same time the matter shall be carefully looked to in future supplies.

2. As requested by you, the paper supplied to the Madras Government for the future shall be made up in ream packets instead of half reams.

COPY.

With regard to the deficiencies of paper complained of, I have to state that these papers, since their receipt from the contractor, have passed through various processes and many hands, and could not, with the utmost care, be shipped in the same perfect state as that in which they were received.

2. In the first place they have to be examined for quality and soundness, and, with hand-made papers especially, it is necessary that sheets should occasionally be drawn, either to dip in water or write upon, to test their fitness for writing. They are then sent to Messrs. Waterlow to press, cut and cameo; and they state that they have only removed the soiled sheets from the top and bottom of each half ream, and I do not think that this allowance for spoilage is too much. The deficiency complained of amounts to an average of two and a half sheets per ream only, so that, taking into account the few sheets drawn in the examination, (although some carelessness is exhibited in the pulling up,) I do not think there is any real ground for complaint.

(Signed) J. A. DIGGENS.

N. 74. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1869, No. 616.

Communicated to the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, with reference to G. O., 23rd January 1869, No. 93.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Copy.

Stationery Office
March 20th 1869.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., transmitting a report from the Government of Madras, relative to a deficiency in certain packages of Paper furnished by this Office, I beg to annex for the information of the Director General of Stores, a copy of a report upon the subject from our Chief Examiner of Paper. Under the circumstances stated therein, I trust the Director General will agree with me in thinking that the deficiency has not been excessive, but at the same time the matter shall be carefully looked to in future supplies.

As requested by you, the Paper supplied to the Madras Government for the future, shall be made up in ream packets, instead of half reams. —

I am &c

(signed) W. R. Greg

Controller

St. G. Bedford Esq^r

GOVT. OF INDIA

PUBLIC.

To

THE ACTG. INSPECTOR GENL. OF
ORDNANCE AND MAGAZINES.

Dated May, 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 15th May 1869, No. 616.

W. R. G.

Nos. 73-74.

Communicating Despatch from the Home Government forwarding copy of a report from the Controller of the Stationery Office explaining the cause for the deficiency in certain packages of stationery received per *Holborn Castle*, and stating that paper will in future be packed in full-ream bundles.

With regard to the deficiencies of Paper complained of, I have to state that these Papers since their receipt from the contractor have passed through various processes & many hands, & could not, with the utmost care be shipped in the same perfect state as that in which they were received. —

In the first place they have to be examined for quality & soundness, and, with hand-made papers especially, it is necessary that sheets should occasionally be drawn, either to dip in water or write upon, to test their fitness for writing. They are then sent to Messrs. Watkinson to press, cut & cameo; & they state that they have only removed the soiled sheets from the top & bottom of each half ream & I do not think that this allowance for spoilage is too much.

The deficiency complained of amounts to an average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ sheets per ream only, so that taking into account the few sheets drawn in the examination (altho' some carelessness is exhibited in the pulling up) I do not think there is any real ground for complaint.

(sig^d) J. A. Diggers

No 3

Copy Report from the Controller
of the Stationery Office, dated
20th March 1869.

Refered to in Public Letter to
Madras, No 10, dated 8th April 1869.

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Public
No 10.

India Office. London.
8th April 1869.

My Lord,

I have considered in
Council your letter No 4, of
26th January last, bringing
to notice deficiencies in
certain packets of Stationery
received per "Walmer Castle",
and also requesting that
in future Paper may be
made up in full Ream
Packets.

2. I enclose a copy of a
report received from the
Controller of the Stationery
Office, explaining the
causes for the deficiency

His Excellency
The Right Honourable
The Governor in Council
Fort St George.

Yours

W. J.
dated 20th March 1869.

3. Your request that in
future Paper may be
packed in full Ream
Bundles will be attended
to.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,

Agst

No 23 Jan'y 1869 Nos 114-115

No 2

Public
8. April 1869

The
Letter to Genl St George
No 10.

Letter of 28th Jan'y

No 616. 12 May 1869.

Communicated to
the Acting Inspector Genl
of Ordnance & Magazines,
with reference to G.O.
23rd January 1869.
No 93 -

Forwarding copy of a report
from the Controller of the
Stationery Office, explaining
the causes for the deficiencies
in certain packets of Stationery
recd per "Windsor Castle," and
also stating that Paper will
in future be forwarded
in full Ream Packets, as
requested -

With an order

Recd 5th May 1869 via Marseilles
& Dombay.

The Actg Insp: Genl.
7012: 1st Insp: despatch
73 & 74.

Art. of 1869 Madras.

Public.

The Secy. Genl. of Ord^r & Mag.

12 May. 12

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Encl.

1. O. 12 May. 1869, No. 616.

Nos. 73. 74.

Ency. Des. from the Home Govt.
warding copy of a report from
a Controller of the Stationery
Dept., explaining the causes for
a deficiency in certain packets
Stationery received per "Walmer
ette" and stating that paper
in future, be packed in
"Ream Boxes".