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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1487</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>30-9-</i>	<i>18/8/1</i>

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Stationery Office

11th July 1871.

Sir,

Having now received specimens of the Paper and Penknives complained of in the Madras Presidency (see your letter of 14th January last.) and furnished by us; as well as of the French Paper procured directly from Bordeaux, and said to effect so large a saving; I am obliged to report that both the complaints, and the preference expressed are to us utterly inexplicable.

The Penknife appears to be of excellent steel, and to be the workmanship of a firm whose make used to be supplied to the East India Company, and was approved by them. We forwarded similar samples to you on the 17th January last, and can scarcely

Director General of Stores
India Office

enclosed

conceive it possible for such a Knife
to break off in such a manner as the
sample returned from India, with
merely cutting a pen, or without
distinctly lateral, and therefore improper,
pressure - Poor Steel would be apt to bend,
not break.

The complaint about our Paper
perplexes us still more. The samples
returned as faulty or inferior, are of
the very best quality, full-sized and left-
dried, and thoroughly suitable for the
manufacture of account books and for
writing purposes.

The French Papers stated to have
been procured at an economy of 30,000
francs per annum, since from Bordeaux,
are of so common and inferior a
description, indeed such undoubted rubbish,
that we cannot understand the report from
Madras speaking of them as "satisfactory".

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That they are cheap in price need
not be questioned; and if papers
similar in quality were to be ordered
through us. - I have no doubt we
could supply them as cheaply; but
whether in that case they would be
found "satisfactory" I think is very
questionable - certain it is that such
wretched stuff has never been demanded
from us, nor should we without scruple
and probable preliminary remonstrance,
have furnished it. The samples are
herewith returned.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

(Sd) W. H. Greg.

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Controller

No. 10
Copy Report of the Controller
of Her Majesty's Stationery Office
dated 11th July 1871.

Referred to in Public Letter to
Madras No. 21, dated 15. Aug^r 1871.

Pl. 2730 Sept 7/71
See Pl. No. 2.
In Pub 1872/4.

Station Officer
London 15th August 1871.

Public

No. 21

My Lord,

With reference to
your letter in this
Department, No. 15,
dated 23rd May 1871,
regarding the inferior
quality of Stationery
supplies furnished
from this Country,
and transmitting a
specimen of some
Paper obtained at

Madras

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I did take care
the correspondence
on this subject
also specimens
of the paper
referred to

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

Madras direct from
a French Manufacturer,
I have to state that
the Controller of Her
Majesty's Stationery
Office was requested
to give his opinion
upon the points in
question.

2. I forward for
your information, a
copy of that officer's
report in which it
is asserted that the
Paper and Knives
sent from hence to
Madras are of fair
quality, whilst the
Paper obtained from
France

11th July 18

France is very
inferior.

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most
obedient humble Serv

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No. 3.

Public.
15 Aug. 1871

Letter to Sir D. George
No. 21.

Cotacamund. 30 Sept.
1871. No. 1487

Communicated
to the Inspector General
of Ordnance & magazines
with reference to S. O.
of the 18th April 1871. etc.
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No. 1978

Communicates remarks
with reference to the repre-
sentations made by this
Govt of the inferior quality
of stationery supplies fur-
nished from England &c.

With an order

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The Inspector General
of Ordnance &
magazines

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Govt. of 1871 Madras.

Public

To the Inspr. Genl of Ordnance
& Magazines

Dated 30 Sept.

Recd

Encl.

G. O. 30 September 1871. No. 142

Nos. 142-143.

Comm. des. from Home Govt.
forwarding report of the
Store Dept. on the papers
Whitnives complained of
from this Presy. and on the
French Paper recommended
as cheap and satisfactory.

23-9. 142-143.