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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd May 1863.

No. 269. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th April 1863, No. 424/31:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state that in accordance with paragraph 8 of the Order of Government, dated 8th October 1862, Public Department, No. 1,185, the Foolscap paper issued by the Stationery Office in part satisfaction of my indent for 1863 is of the description termed "machine made," like that on which this letter is written. This paper, although suited for ordinary correspondence, &c., is not adapted for the Settlement Registers, which being important and permanent documents, should certainly be composed of the very best and most durable paper procurable. I applied to the Superintendent of Stationery to know if I could be furnished with any quantity of the hand-made paper such as was formerly supplied, and he informed me that machine-made paper only was received with the last supply of Stationery from England, and that only 50 quires of hand-made paper of former supplies remained in Store, which small quantity he was kind enough to make over to me.

2. As it seems unlikely that further supplies of hand-made paper will hereafter be received from England unless specially indented for, I have the honor to request that the Superintendent of Stationery may be authorized to indent for the quantity which may be required, and that in the meantime and for immediate use he may be allowed to purchase in the market such quantities of hand-made paper as may be necessary for the Settlement Registers.

3. My Deputy in Trichinopoly, Mr. R. K. Puckle, thus speaks of the machine-made paper:—"The machine laid paper now supplied is of no use for this purpose, as it will hardly "show a pencil mark, will not bear the erasure of words or figures, loses its color wherever it is "creased, and is apparently far less durable than the stouter paper used formerly."

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1863, No. 888.

As the Settlement Registers are important and intended for permanent record, it is evidently unadvisable to prepare them on paper the durability of which in this climate has not yet been ascertained. The Governor in Council therefore specially sanctions the purchase by the Superintendent of Stationery of as much superior paper as may be required until a supply can be procured from England. An Indent for the requisite quantity should be submitted, with particulars as to size and quality.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 888.

As the Settlement Regulations are important and intended for permanent record, the first* Section specially sanctions the purchase by the Supt. of Stationery of such such superior paper as may be required until a sufficient can be procured from England - And Section 4 for the requisite Security shall be determined, with particulars as to Quality.

Approved
Wm

Sd/ Wm Macpherson 2 Sheets filed
Paper is probably as durable as any

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From the Offg Director of Revenue Settlement

To The Secretary to Govt Revenue Departt Fort Saint George

From the Offg Dr. of Rev. Settlement dd 25th Septr 63 C No. 2089 in Pro.

From Do. dd 23 Octr 63 C No. 2543 -

Dated 11th April 1863
Recd 13th

No. 424/31

Stating that the Machine made paper issued in part satisfaction of the Stationery Indent for 1863 is unsuited for Settlement Registers, and as hand made paper is better adopted for the purpose requesting that the Superintendent of Stationery may be authorized to Indent for the quantity required and to purchase in the local Market a supply to meet immediate wants.

No. 269 & 270.

C 12th May /63 R 13th

No. 888. 22d May

With Order

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3 Principal Commissioner of Ordnance
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