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No. 153. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. BARROW, Superintendent of Stationery, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th February 1864, No. 1,547 :—

SIR,

1. In returning the enclosed, referred for report, with Proceedings of the Madras Government of date 24th February 1864, No. 329, I have the honor to state that the prices published in the Official Gazette are not those prevailing in the market, but the average cost of stock in hand, which is inclusive of former balances and incidental charges.

2. Regarding the articles enumerated in the list from the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, I beg to point out that Pencils, Quills and Machine-made Foolscap paper are articles of supply obtained direct from England from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, and I am prohibited from purchasing them locally ; *vide* Order of Government in their Proceedings in the Public Department of date 24th June 1863, No. 726.

3. Articles of country manufacture are purchased as directed by Government by open contract only, and the successful competitor at the lowest rate is obliged with the sanction of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines to deposit tangible security, and to enter into a Contract Bond for the proper fulfilment of his contract.

4. The contract rates for the year 1864-65 are as follows :—

	Per Ream.			Per Quire.		
French Foolscap paper	1	9	0	0	1	3
Goa paper	2	8	0	0	2	6
Country Demy	3	6	11	0	2	9
„ Foolscap...	2	6	6	0	1	11
Bengal Twine per lb.	0	6	9			
Indian Ink per stick	0	3	0			

5. The price of French Foolscap paper in the Stationery Office is lower than the rates given by the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and I conceive there must be some mistake in blending " Goa" with " French Foolscap" or that the two different descriptions of paper have not been properly ascertained.

6. There must be some mistake also in the " Bengal Twine," as both myself and the Executive Commissariat Officer at Madras experienced great difficulty in getting a supply of this article at the advertised rates, and we succeeded in this only after communicating with the Superintendent of Stationery at Calcutta. It is not unlikely that " Gunny Twine" has been mistaken for Bengal Twine, as the former article only can be purchased at the rates mentioned in the list.

7. It is possible that some articles may be obtained cheaper in the market than those at which they are got from contractors, but judging from the prices given for Quills, Indian Ink and Country paper, these I think can refer only to those which are too inferior in quality for issue to Public Offices in general.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1864, No. 439.

Under the circumstances stated, the Government see no reason to make any exception in favor of the Survey Department from the rule laid down in the Order of Government in the Public Department, dated 8th October 1862, No. 1,185, in regard to the purchase of petty articles of Stationery.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ Superintendent of Stationery.

Exd. S. T: Augustin.

Name the Longer Code

List of trifling articles purchasable in local markets at lower rates than those specified in the Notification of the Superintendent of Stationery

Names of the Articles		Price as per list given by the Supdt of Stationery 1863	Price for 1864	Market rates maximum	Market rates minimum	
Pencils	Doz	..8..11½	..6..3	..6..0	..5..0	Ingodavery & Kurnool
do				..6..0	.. 0	Nellore
do				..5..0	.. 0	Vizianagram
do				..4..3	.. 0	Madras
do Common order						
Quills	per 100	1..13..5	1..4..3	1..8..0	..13..0	
Goa or French foolscap paper for Engineers		..1..6⅔	..1..4	..1..7	..1..6	
Country paper Demy size	do	..2..9⅓	..2..9⅗	..2..4	.. 0	
do Foolscap size		..1..8⅘	..1..11⅘	..1..9⅗	.. 0	
Twine Bengal	Nos	..15..5⅔	1..6..1	..7..0	..6..0	
Foolscap machine made	Ream	6..12..10	6..6..10	6..12..0	5..12..0	
Indian Ink	sticks	..6..2½	..3..6 10/20	..4..0	..1..0	

By order
Wm Agott
Revenue Survey Office

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
28th January 1864

and Country paper these Stamps can refer only to those which are too inferior in quality for issue to Public Offices in general.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[illegible] Hall
Supt of Stationery

For J. George
Stationery Office
27th February 1861

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From
The Superintt of Stationery

To
L. D. Pim Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 27th February 1864
Recd 3d March.

Enclosure 1

Forwarding explanation
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Fort St George
14th March 1864

To
10 — The Superintt of Revt Survey Dept 15 March
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