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No. 303. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 7th March 1864, No. 206/8:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state that I experience very great difficulty in obtaining a supply of drawing paper from the Stationery Department.

2. The Civil Paymaster having, on the authority of G. O. 8th October 1862, No. 1,185, objected to pass the amount for printing and drawing paper entered in the Contingent Bill for October last, I requested samples of printing paper from the Superintendent of Stationery.

3. Two samples were supplied. One of the samples was returned as unsuitable, and a supply of paper similar to the other was indented for. At the same time a request was made that three Reams of Double Royal for Talook Maps might be purchased and supplied. The Superintendent of Stationery replied that he had no authority to purchase European articles of Stationery in the local market.

4. Such difficulty having been found in obtaining paper from the Stationery Office a supply of drawing and printing paper was included in the annual Indent on the Home Government.

G. O. dated 14th January 1864, No 78. A revised Indent was ordered to be submitted omitting such articles as can be obtained from the Stationery Department.

5. An Indent was prepared accordingly and sent to the Superintendent of Stationery. The Superintendent stated that he could only supply part of the Indent and offered to make over some damaged drawing paper.

6. Of all the kinds of drawing paper indented for Imperial paper only was passed by the Inspector General of Ordnance.

7. The Superintendent of Stationery states that he cannot supply Imperial paper to the extent required without trenching on the supply for 1865.

Supplementary Indents were called for by the Superintendent of Stationery, 25th February 1863, and were submitted on the 15th May with letter No. 376-40, but they were returned, 19th idem, for certain explanation as regards excess in quills, black-lead pencils, &c., and in order that the items might be regularly arranged. After returning the District Indents to the several parties they were re-submitted on the 7th September with letter No. 764-74, affording the explanation called for. The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines in his letter of 22nd September, No. 4,286, called for an allotment of quills, pencils and rubber. This call was complied with on the 2nd October in letter No. 780-93. Further explanation was again called for 5th November, No. 5,501, and the allotment was stated to be excessive. To this it was replied in No. 823-102, that the supply indented for was not excessive. The passed Indents were submitted in order that the omitted articles might be sanctioned and orders for their supply be issued. It was then stated that there was no drawing paper in store. On the 7th January 1864, the Superintendent of Stationery in letter No. 1,270, writes that the supplementary Indents for 1863 (sent to the Inspector General on the 16th November for transmission to him) reached the Stationery Office after the close of the year, and he therefore presumes that the supply is not required.

8. In May 1863 a supplementary indent for stationery was submitted. This was sent backwards and forwards for alterations, corrections and revision till the end of the year and then the supply was refused on the ground that the year had expired.

9. I have at the present moment a supply of drawing paper sufficient for about one and half months, when that

has been expended I see no prospect of a further supply.

10. I beg either that the Superintendent of Stationery may be directed to purchase such paper as may be required, or else that I may be permitted to make my own arrangements.

11. The Superintendent of Stationery has informed me that he will send me half of a supply he expects, but as he has not informed me what may be the probable amount of that supply I feel a difficulty in stating the exact amount of my ultimate wants.

Description of paper.	Indented for	Supplied.	
Antiquarian Drawing Paper, Quires.	60	40	
Double Elephant do. "	294	180	
Medium do. "	518	240	
Royal do. "	514	90	
Demy do. "	415	60	
	1,801	610	

N. B.—40 Quires damaged were also taken as none other was available.
About one-third.

P. S.—Since the above was written the Supplemental Indent of drawing paper for my own Office has been partially complied with, so that I have now in store about six months' consumption. This however I submit but little affects the general question.

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1861, No. 513.
Referred to the Superintendent of Stationery for his remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Governor

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

description of paper	Indicated for supplied
American drawing paper	60
Southey's paper	29 1/2
Olden	57 8
Royal	57 1/2
Wemy	41 5
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P.S. Since the above was written the supplemental indent of Drawing paper for my own office has been purchased, so that I have now in store, about six months' consumption. This however I submit, but little affects the general question. Lh

I have the honor to tell
Sir

Your most obt^e servant,

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