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Stationery Department.

Ordnance Office:
Fort Saint George,
20th November 1873.

No. 226

From,

Lieut.t Colonel N. G. Campbell R.A.,
Off.g Dy: Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
in charge Ordnance Office.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

(a) No.203 dated 30th October 1873.

Adverting, to Paras 1 and 2 of (a) Order of Government I called on the Superintendent of Stationery for explanation relative to the supply of sealing Wax to Collectors for sealing Cash Chests and money bags.

2. The Superintendent writes as follows:

(a) No.203 of 30th Oct.r/73.

"In returning the enclosed (a) Proceedings
"of Government, received for report, with your Office
(b) No.215 of 10th Nov.r/73
"docket, I have the honor in reply to state that the
"Sealing Wax issued from this Office is of Country
"Manufacture and not English, as mentioned in
"para 2 of the said order."

"2. The Wax is of the description and quality,
"according to the sample sent to this Office in 1862
(c) No.1577 of Nov.r 1861.
"agreeably to Government (c) Order, and corresponds also,
"with that issued to Public Departments during the
(d) Red at 6 Annas, Black at 3 Annas per lb.
"last 30 years."

"3. Although the present (d) contract rates are

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"much below those, at which the Article was obtained
"before, varying from 15 Annas to 1¼ Rupees per pound,
"it is notwithstanding of the same description, as that
"heretofore purchased at higher prices. This great re-
"duction is owing to the change of system, in obtaining
"supplies by open contracts, and for the supplies for the
"use of the several Public Departments being obtained,
"as ordered by Government, by the Stationery Depart- (c) H:1295 of 3rd Nov.r/52.
"ment only; there is a tendency, to increase the prices
"on account of the Revenue Department going into the
"market as competitors against the Stationery Depart-
"ment, for the same Article. I am told by one of our
"Contractors, that 40 lbs Red and 20 lbs Black Sealing
"Wax, of the quality heretofore supplied by this Office
"and complained against, was purchased for the Huzoor
"Treasury, at Sydapett, at 11 Annas per pound -
"for the Red, and 6 Annas for the Black, against
"our Contract rates, at 6, and 3 Annas respectively."

"6.- In all previous correspondence on this
"subject it was admitted that a better quality of wax
"was obtainable in the market at a higher price,
"than our Contract rates; this was specially alluded
"to in my Annual Report, recorded in Government
"Proceedings, wherein I stated that it would not be (d) H:731 of 26th June/52
"expedient to charge Government for the more -
"expensive article when the cheap kind will answer
"public purposes equally as well; there was no
"authority given to supply the expensive article. I
"mentioned, also, that if the supply of the expensive
"article was sanctioned it would be necessary, to
"increase the Budget Estimate on this account, unless
"the quantities heretofore supplied on Indents be
"considerably reduced, as there will not be so much

wastage

"wastage when using the better and more expensive
"Article."

"5.- Herewith accompanying are, two samples
"of Red and Black Sealing Wax, which Contractor A.
"Narrainsaw offers to sell, for an extended Contract, of
"say 2 or 3 years, at 11 Annas per pound for the Red,
"and 5½ Annas for the Black Wax."-

"6.- I am of opinion that in country manu-
"factured Articles it will be advantageous to extend
"the Contracts for a longer period than one year,
"because Native Dealers are more likely to combine
"together instead of that fair competition, which
"should exist, in all trade transactions; these Dealers
"will not risk maintenance of Stock, beyond actual
"demands, and as their limited means are unequal
"to sudden large demands, they too readily combine with
"others of the trade to keep down competition and
"sublet a portion of their Contract, so that, no loss -
"should incur by any remains of Stock, after the
"expiration of the Contract."-

"7.- To revert to the old system of consumers -
"purchasing the Articles, to be used by them, will
"certainly re-open the door to the abuses referred
"to in the Report of the Commissioner for investigating
"Public Establishments and will lead to direct de-
"liveries, by Contractors, of inferior Articles; instead
"of the Stores being according to the samples tendered,
"there will be no check to prevent the full value of the
"superior kind being charged to Government for actual
"supplies of the inferior kind."-

"8.- The remedy for this would be, to supply
"the Article through the Agency, or intervention, of
"some Public Department, on behalf of Government,

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"in order to regulate the issues to all Public Departments;
"it would be still better, if sealing wax for all require-
"-ments, in the several Districts, would be manufac-
"-tured, in the District Jails, at prices, at which the
"article can be obtained from Contractors."-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Napier Campbell Lieut.t Col.t R.A.,
Off.g Dy. Insp.r Genl. of Mil.e Hosp.s
in charge Ordnance Office.-

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Revenue Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st ~~November~~ December 1873.

Read the following letter from the Offg. Dy. Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines.

Annexing a reply from the Superintendent of Stationery Fort St. George relative to the supply of sealing wax to Collrs. for sealing Cash chests and money bags.

H.C. 20th November 1873 No. 5/226.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue whose attention is called to the statement at the end of para 3 regarding the quality and price of some sealing wax said to have been purchased locally for the Sydapett Huzoor Treasury.

2. It is observed that the price of black sealing

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Revenue Department.

No. 3737

From
The Offg. Dy. Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines Vizagapatam
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Dated 20 November 1873.
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No. 226

Annexes a reply from the Superintendent of Stationery Fort St. George relative to the supply of sealing wax for Collectors for sealing Cash Chests and money bags.

Rec'd 13 - 1 Dec 73

Nov 1873 No 124. 25 Rs 2d
2 Nov 72 - 50. 52. 53.
11 June 72 - 50. 52.
30 Oct 73 - 203 Rec Rs 2d

is but half that of red, and by bringing the former color into more general use, it will probably be possible to introduce an improvement in the quality without adding to the general charges on this account.

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