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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th April 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 39. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 7th March 1874, No. 47.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1874, No. 1049 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel L. F. C. THOMAS, R.A., Superintendent of Stationery, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 10th December 1873, No. 605:—

With reference to the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 8212, dated 1st, received 8th, December 1873, I have the honour, in reply, to state that this office stock of black-lead pencils is exhausted and that none will be available for issue until the receipt of our supply due from England.

2. The several complaints regarding the inferior quality of black-lead pencils were communicated to the local and Home Governments, and the description to be hereafter supplied is under the consideration of Government.

3. Annexed is an extract from the Proceedings in the Financial Department, dated 20th October 1873:—

"The black-lead pencils complained of were supplied in accordance with the approved pattern (see specimen enclosed). The pencil sent by you is made of very soft lead, and I can furnish a better article at twenty-five per cent. less than the price quoted in the report from India."

4. The price quoted was quarter of an anna each pencil, and the specimen sent to England was in compliance with the wishes of the Revenue Board, referred to in Proceedings, No. 6294, of 4th September 1868, and the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 3rd August 1869.

The Board resolve to submit a copy of their Proceedings, dated 1st December 1873, No. 8212, with a sample of the pencil therein referred to, and request that the sanction of Government may be accorded for the purchase of a better article in the local market.

2. The pencils now supplied by the Stationery Depôt appear to have been purchased at Madras the stock received from England having been exhausted. It is not clear at what rate they were purchased, but, whatever the price, they are useless.

3. The cost of the pencils which the Board propose to purchase in the local market will be about 6 Annas the dozen, which is less than the rate in the published price-list of the Superintendent by 2 Annas and 7 Pies a-dozen.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Under the circumstances stated the Board of Revenue are authorized to purchase sixteen dozens of black-lead pencils in the local market as a special case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines for any remarks he may desire to make.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10*th March* 1874.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 40. From Lieut.-Colonel N. G. CAMPBELL, R.A., Officiating Deputy Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, in charge Ordnance Office, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 25th March 1874, No. 315-S.

Stationery Department.

With reference to Order* of Government, forwarded for my remarks, regarding the purchase of black-lead pencils in the local market I have the honour to annex letter† from the Superintendent of Stationery on the subject:—

* No. 47, dated 7th March 1874, herewith returned.

† No. 771, dated 20th March 1874.

"In returning enclosed the Proceedings‡ of Madras Government, received for remark with your endorsement,§ I have the honour to state that the stock of black-lead pencils is exhausted on account of the non-receipt up to date of the quantity included for supply from England in my General Indent‖ on the Home Government. Advice has been received of their shipment per *W. W. Smith* on the 25th January last; their arrival may, therefore, be looked for early in May next.

‡ No. 47, of 7th March 1874.
§ ,, 309, of 12th ,, ,,

‖ No. 74, dated 14th December 1872.

"2. Owing to the above exhaustion of stock black-lead pencils were purchased by open contract as per Order¶ of Government. T. Soobramoney's tender to supply them at 2 Annas and 5 Pies per dozen was approved of, especially as the pencils tendered by him corresponded with the approved sample furnished to this office by the Revenue Board.

¶ No. 80, of 13th January 1874.

"3. The black-lead pencils objected to by the Revenue Board as useless are of the kind which the Board considered better adapted for the Revenue Department than the pencils received from England, consequently the sample pencil alluded to in Government Proceedings** was forwarded to England. The question as regards the description of pencils to be supplied has not yet been finally settled.

** No. 1079, of 3rd August 1869.

The accompanying pencil (Faber's) at 3*s.* per gross received with Government Proceedings* has undergone a fair trial and is well suited to this climate.

* No. 1225, of 20th October 1873.

I would suggest that the supply of this article from England be as follows:—

"One-fourth Cohen's, at 12*s.* per gross.
"Three-fourths Faber's, at 3*s.* do.

"4. If the Revenue Board were of opinion that a better pencil was wanted the Orders of Government† to furnish a sample pencil to this office should have been complied with; in such case P. Vencatarungum Chetty's tender to supply good English black-lead pencils at 5 Annas per dozen would have been recommended for acceptance.

† No. 1577, of 28th November 1861, and No. 187, of 28th January 1863.

"5. The purchase of any article by the department wanting to use it is prohibited by Order‡ of Government.

‡ No. 1295, of 3rd November 1862.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1874, No. 554.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to Order in that department, dated the 7th March 1874, No. 47.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department, with sample pencil.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Rev. & Dept.

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No 1247

Dated April, 7th.

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G. O., 7th April 1874, No. 551.

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Nos. 23—41.

Stationery.—The explanation of the Superintendent in regard to the purchase of black-lead pencils in the local market, communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the Order in that department authorizing the Board of Revenue to purchase sixteen gruzeas of pencils in the local market.

No. 130.
Comm. & letter
Board of Revenue
22 April 74

8/0 Mr. Pollen with Lumsden's Memo dtd 29th April 74