

Revenue (1893) Department.

G.O., No. 334

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DATED 7 April 1893

[Despatch Abstract.]

Referring to the Board of Revenue for report
letter from the Director General of Stores, requesting
to be informed whether the Platform weighing
machines required by the Salt Dept. should
be obtained from Messrs. Pooley & Sons.

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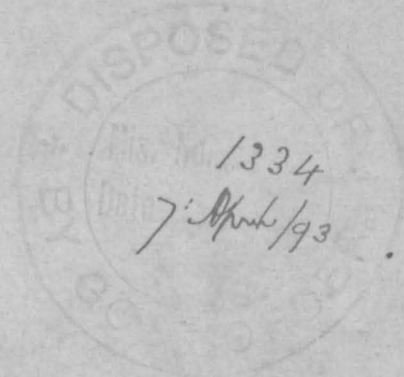
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From

The Director General
of Stores, India office,
London.



Dated 10 March

Received 29 March

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No. 2805 S.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed
whether the Platform weighing
machines required for the
Salt Dept should be obtained
from Messrs Pooley & Sons.

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Perhaps Letter to S. State no 6 of 12 1903.

ABSTRACT

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It is requested that in any further communication on this subject, the undermentioned letters and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to
The Director General of Stores,
India Office,
Westminster, S.W.

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India Office,
Westminster, S.W.,



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10 March 1893.

Sir,

With reference to the demand for 15 Pooleys platform weighing machines, contained in the indent for stores for the Salt, &c. Department forwarded with your letter No. 1 dated 3 January 1893, I have the honor to forward for your information, copy of a confidential report by the Consulting Engineer to this office, as to his experience of Messrs Pooley & Sons.

The unfavourable opinion held by Sir A. Rendel K.C.I.E., is confirmed by the complaints received from India of this firm's supplies, and amongst others by those recently communicated in your letter.

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Madras.

No 6

No. 6 of 17 January 1893. These complaints have been brought to Messrs Dooleys' notice, and I am now awaiting any explanation they may have to offer.

In these circumstances, I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether it is absolutely necessary to limit the source of supply for the Salt Department, to Messrs Dooley and Sons, thus giving them a monopoly with effect of enhanced outlay without any corresponding advantage in efficiency.

I propose to postpone taking steps for the provision of the 15 machines alluded to in this letter, pending a further expression of your wishes, which might be communicated by telegraph if the matter be considered sufficiently urgent. In that case if Dooleys machines are considered essential a telegram of two words will suffice, viz: "Salt Dooley" and if other makers may be invited to tender, your decision might be communicated in the following manner "Salt select by competition".

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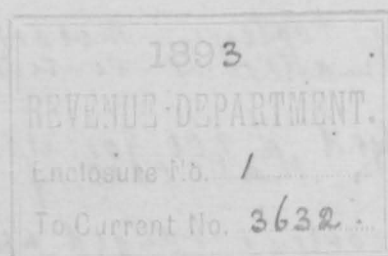
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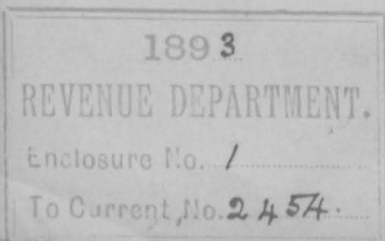
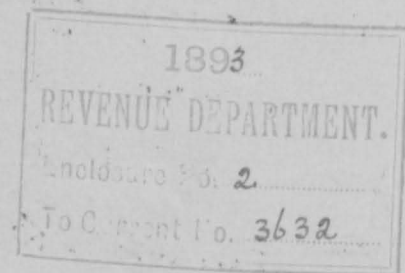
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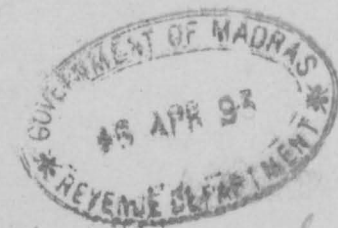
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