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Recording B.P. approving the proposals of the Secy to the Government in regard to the gradual introduction of the system of using locked boxes for treasure remittances & req^d. Collectors to enclose their remittances in accordance with a suggestion to supply locks of a uniform size & all distinct - &c.

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Approving of the proposals of the Superintendent of Stationery in regard to the gradual introduction of the system of using locked boxes for treasure remittances and requesting Collectors to revise their indents in accordance with the suggestion to supply locks of a uniform size to all districts and seeing no objection to the supply of locks made by the firms named by the Superintendent.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, No. 1074, dated 19th June 1897:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 60, dated 18th February 1897,

Chingleput	...	...	...	80	I have the honour to report that I asked
South Arcot	...	...	...	225	all Collectors to let me know the number
Trichinopoly	...	...	...	50	and size of the locks required by them.
Madura	...	...	...	153	Replies have been received from all
Tinnevely	...	...	...	120	districts, except Tanjore and Cuddapah,
Coimbatore	...	...	...	200	and I find that about 2,443 locks would
Nilgiris	...	...	...	18	be required for these 19 districts. The
Malabar	...	...	...	71	variation in the figures given by Collec-
South Canara	...	...	...	80	tors seems to show that the estimates are
North Arcot	...	...	...	180	susceptible of considerable reduction.
Salem	...	...	...	70	Taking the figures as given and allowing
Bellary	...	...	...	60	100 locks for each of the other two
Kurnool	...	...	...	130	districts, the total number of locks required
Anantapur	...	...	...	50	for the Presidency would be 2,643 at a
Nellore	...	...	...	52	total cost of about Rs. 23,243.
Kistna	...	...	...	189	
Gódvári	...	...	...	360	2. The stock of locks in store at
Vizagapatam	...	...	...	240	present is almost nil and it would take
Ganjám	...	...	...	115	about a year to obtain such a large
Tanjore	...	...	...	100	number from the contractors. Moreover,
Cuddapah	...	...	...	100	there is no provision to meet the cost in
Total	...	...	...	2,643	the current year's budget of this office.

Under these circumstances, I would suggest that the system of using locked boxes for packing remittances of treasure sanctioned by the Government of India may not be given effect to, all at once but introduced gradually, as the locks are manufactured and supplied to districts one after another. As the locks estimated for by the Collectors are of different sizes, ranging from 1½" to 4" I would recommend that locks of a uniform size may be used throughout the Presidency to secure uniformity and facilitate manufacture and supply. Locks of 2½" would probably be strong enough for the purpose. The adoption of this size would reduce the total cost by about Rs. 3,420.

3. As regards the failure of Messrs. A. Sankaralingam Asary & Brothers of Dindigul, pointed out by the Collector of Madura in his letter, dated 28th January 1897, Ref. No. 553, I may state for your information that the Government has directed in its order, No. 233, Financial, dated 16th March 1897, the supply of locks required by this department to be obtained from Messrs. Periatnamby Asary & Sons, C. Seshadri Sastri of Dindigul and Messrs. Ghose Das & Co., Calcutta, their samples having been examined and found to be equal to those of Messrs. Sankaralingam Asary & Brothers by the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops. The samples of locks manufactured by the former three mechanics are herewith forwarded for inspection and return.

RESOLUTION—No. 218, dated 28th June 1897.

With reference to the suggestion made in paragraph 2 of the letter read above—that the system of using locked boxes should not be given effect to all at once but should be introduced gradually, as the locks are manufactured and supplied to districts one after another—the Superintendent of Stationery will be furnished with a copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 121, dated 8th April 1897.

2. The proposal to supply locks of a uniform size, viz., 2½" to all the districts is approved and all Collectors will be requested to revise their indents accordingly.

3. It is observed that no reply has as yet been received from Messrs. Sankaralingam Asary & Brothers, Ráyapuram, to the memorandum enquiring whether they are able to supply padlocks to Collectors as hitherto—*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 1177, Routine, dated 12th April 1897. The Board, therefore, sees no objection to the supply of locks made by the firms named by the Superintendent in paragraph 3 of his letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery, with copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 121, dated 8th April 1897, and with three locks returned.

" all Collectors.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 121, dated 8th April 1897.

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APRIL.

Directing that the use of rivetted boxes should be continued in the case of packing remittances beyond the district, and that so long as locked boxes are not available for packing treasure remittances within the district, rivetted boxes may continue to be used.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 22nd March 1897, R.C. No. 501-Acc. :—

In reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 60, dated 18th February 1897, I have the honour to state that the practice obtaining in this district is to use rivetted boxes as per article 644 of the Civil Account Code in the case of remittances sent beyond the district and locked boxes for remittances within the district and request that the sanction of the Board may be accorded to continue the use of rivetted boxes in this district also.

READ—the following letter from W. H. WELSH, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Mangalore, 22nd March 1897, Ref. on C. No. 262-Acc. :—

With reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order, No. 606-R., dated 11th November 1896, communicated in Board's Proceedings, No. 455, dated 4th December 1896, sanctioning the use of locked teakwood boxes for packing remittances of treasure as an alternative to the method of packing indicated in article 644 of Civil Account Code, I have the honour to solicit Board's instructions as to whether the new method is to be introduced only in the case of remittances within the district or also in the case of those within and beyond the Presidency.

2. In the former case, viz., remittance of treasure within the district, there are in this district four sub-treasuries from which remittances are being received into the head-quarters treasury, and considering the average bulk of remittances made from each sub-treasury on each occasion about fifty teakwood boxes will be required in all, but to meet their cost there is no allotment in the budget estimate for next year. Estimating the cost at an average rate of Rs. 10 per box which is a little more than the rate of Rs. 9-6-0 actually paid for such boxes in the Kistna district, Rs. 500 will be required to meet the cost, which the Board may be pleased to sanction out of the General Reserve in the Presidency for the year 1897-98 to be charged under "Land Revenue charges for remittances of treasure within the district."

3. If the new method is also to be introduced in the case of remittances of treasure within and beyond the Presidency but outside the district, thirty additional boxes will be required for the Huzur treasury for which a further allotment of Rs. 300 will be required and this may be sanctioned from General Reserve.

4. An estimate for the number of Dindigul locks required for the above purpose having been called for by the Superintendent of Stationery and the same having been submitted to him, no additional allotment is proposed on the consideration that due provision will be made in that office for such charges.

RESOLUTION—No. 121, dated 8th April 1897.

The use of rivetted boxes should be continued in the case of remittances beyond the district. So long as locked boxes are not available for packing remittances within the district, rivetted boxes may continue to be used.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Collectors of Ganjam and South Canara.
Copy to other Collectors.

Revenue (1897) Department.

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