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Legislative ¹⁹¹⁰ ~~(190)~~ Department.

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G.O., No. 114

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Lawrence Asylum Press Recording paper
Connected with the retrenchment by the
Superintendent Govt Press, of the Lawrence
Asylum Press bills.

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Memo. from the

Branch Press at Ootacamund

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To

No. M/2
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3rd November 1909.

From

The Rev. Lionel E. Cox B.A.,

Working Agent to the Trustees

of the Lawrence Asylum

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George,

Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to your D.O. letter of the 22nd October 1909 addressed to Colonel Formby and which has been referred to me for disposal, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a letter No.M.2/3285 dated 29th October 1909 which I have addressed to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum on the subject.

I have further the honour to state, with reference to para 3 of your letter referred to above, that this Office letter dated 13th February 1909, addressed to the Controller Military Accounts, protesting against

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against the retrenchment of our bills by the Superintendent, Government Press, was written with the knowledge and entire approval of Colonel Formby.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. M.

Working Agent to the Trustees
of the Lawrence Asylum.

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(Enclosures 8)

Memo. from the

Branch Press at Ootacamund.

LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS,

Established
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Engravers, Stereotypers, Typefounders,
Electrotypers, &c., &c., &c.

Telephone
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Post Box No. 28, MADRAS, S.C.

To

No. M 2
3285

29th October 1909.

From

The Rev. Lionel E. Cox B.A.,

Working Agent to the Trustees

of the Lawrence Asylum

To

The Principal & Secretary,

Lawrence Asylum,

Lovedale.

Dear Sir,

With reference to this Office letter No.M.2/3065 of 11th instant, forwarding copy of our letter No.M.11/371 dated 13th Feb.09 to the Dy. Controller of Milly. Accounts, objecting to the retrenchment of our bills by the Superintendent, Government Press, and to yours of the 13th instant enclosing copy of letter from the Chief Secretary to Government No.762 dated 15th instant, apparently written in reply to our objections above mentioned, I write to express the earnest hope that the Trustees will protest most emphatically against the arbitrary decision communicated in the Chief Secretary's letter

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above referred to, that "the Lawrence Asylum Press is required to "accept such revision of its rates which the Superintendent, Government Press, may make." Under the existing conditions of check and retrenchments exercised by the Government Press over our bills for work done for the Government Departments by the Lawrence Asylum Press, we should, in the interests of the Lawrence Asylum as well as of this Press, prefer, although reluctantly, to forego altogether the printing work of the Government Departments rather than continue to execute it at a financial loss to the Press.

I would invite the careful attention of the Trustees to this Office letter of the 13th February last (which had the approval of Colonel Formby the then Working Agent) to the Controller of Military Accounts and to the specific instances of retrenchments quoted therein from the one particular bill under reference. In all these instances, the reductions made, are, from our point of view, altogether unreasonable, the amounts allowed being disproportionate to the actual work done. In one instance, (the heaviest of the five) the retrenchment is entirely erroneous and based on a false assumption. We have not heard if any explanation has been asked for or obtained in justification of these extraordinary retrenchments, nor is reference made in the Chief Secretary's letter to the main principle for which this Press is contending--vide paras 4 to 8 of the letter--that the retrenchments are made without any knowledge of the special circumstances of urgency, heavy author's corrections, &c., attaching to each job and without reference to or any enquiry from this Press as to the reasons why the charges are, in the view of the Government Press

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Press, excessive. If this had been done in the cases cited in my letter above, the heavy and, in one instance, altogether erroneous retrenchment would, I feel sure, have been avoided.

3 I am naturally very loth to forego the printing work for the Government Departments, which has, for a number of years been executed at this Press. As stated in ~~your~~^{the} previous letter, the Lawrence Asylum Press asks for no preferential treatment: it is prepared to execute the Government work on the same terms as is allowed to any other commercial printing press of repute in Madras, and I am assured that in charging up the cost of the Government work, the Press (except in special cases) has invariably based its rates on those of the "Schedule of charges allowed for Government printing at Private presses," so far as these charges can be understood. This being so, we can as a consequence, have not the least objection to a fair and reasonable check and control over our bills by the Government Press or by any other audit department of the Government, but what we do object to most strongly and which, in the interests of the Lawrence Asylum as well as for our own self-respect we cannot accept, is the, to us, unintelligible and unsympathetic manner in which the check has been applied and our bills ruthlessly cut down without reference to us and without the least semblance of enquiry into the reasonableness or otherwise of our charges.

4 I have now under correspondence a case in which we printed a list of 45 pages for a Military Department at Bangalore at a total charge of Rs.44/-, the composition being chargeable, according to our interpretation of the Schedule of charges allowed for Government printing,

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printing, at Rs.1/- a page. As, however, a proportion of the pages was in skeleton form, we charged up the composition at a uniform rate of As.12/- a page and yet we have been advised by the Military Department in question that

"The Superintendent Government Press, to whom I referred the question, informs me that if the work had been done at the Government Press the cost would have been less than half the amount charged by you."

that is, that the Superintendent Government Press would only be prepared to pass less than As.6/- a page for composition! We are awaiting information as to under what clause of the schedule of charges the Superintendent Government Press allocates this particular job at less than As.6 a page, but in the meantime we have ascertained from four of the principal job printing establishments in Madras what they would charge for composing a page of the form, which was sent to them for inspection, and their figures are:--

1- Messrs. Addison & Co.	Rs.3/- per page
2- Methodist Publishing House	Rs.1/8/- "
3- S.P.C.K. Press	Rs.2/8/- "
4- Messrs. Higginbotham & Co.	Rs.2/- "

and yet our charge of As.12/- per page is considered so excessive by the Superintendent Government Press that he would cut it down to less than As.6/- a page!

5 I have therefore the honour to request that the Trustees will be good enough to represent our case, as above, to the Chief

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Secretary to the Government of Madras, and to offer the following suggestions which I trust while securing equitable treatment for this Press, will also meet the views of the Government namely, that all printing bills should be subjected to check and scrutiny by the Government Press:--

- (1). That the Superintendent, Government Press, be requested to furnish this Press with sample forms, for record and guidance, of each of the different descriptions of printing work included in the "Schedule of charges allowed for Government printing at Private Presses."
- (2). That for all "urgent" work 50% on the ordinary rates be passed.
- (3). That where there is a difference between the charges made by us and those which the Government Press can pass, an explanation be required of us as to the reasons for such additional charge, as such additional charge might be made on account of the extra number of proofs submitted, through the authors' corrections being exceptionally heavy, or in some other way known only to the printer of the job and not to any one outside the Office in which the work was done.
- (4). That a small charge be allowed on each job to cover cost of clerical labour, which is not at present provided for in the schedule of charges allowed by the Government Press. As we are now asked to submit bills in triplicate, it is only reasonable to expect that such a charge should be allowed, as it entails additional clerical labour.

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6 In conclusion, I cannot refrain from making the suggestion that, probably, a large number of the retrenchments against which we complain are the result of the existing circumstance, that the Superintendent, Government Press, is also an Agent to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum and that, in the exercise of his powers as a supervising Officer coupled with his solicitude to see that the Lawrence Asylum for whose Trustees he is Co-Agent at Madras, is not unduly favoured, our bills for work done for the Government Departments are subjected to a more severe criticism and reduction than would be the case if the Supervising Officer had no interest in or connection with the Lawrence Asylum or its Press at Madras. In this connection I would invite your attention to G.O.No.756 Educational, dated 16th December 1901 (copy enclosed for ready reference) which distinctly contemplates the inadvisability of the Superintendent Government Press working as an Agent to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ L. E. Cox.

Working Agent to the Trustees

of the Lawrence Asylum Press.

True copy
Wmumford
Supt. G. A. Press.

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Wmumford
Supt. G. A. Press.

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No. 756, Educational 16th December 1901.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

E D U C A T I O N A L D E P A R T M E N T.

READ-- the following paper:--

Endorsement of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 28th
June 1901, N.Ref. on Cl.No.19.

ORDER--No.756, Educational, dated 16th December 1901.

In proceedings, No.315, Educational, dated 26th July 1900, the Government decided that the Asylum Press should be sold if a purchaser could be found at a price which would secure by investment in legal securities an annual return of Rs.12,000 and requested the Trustees to forward the draft of the necessary advertisement. This draft was submitted in due course, but as the result of inquiries made in the meantime His Excellency the Governor in Council is convinced that there is no chance whatever of the Press fetching a sum which would yield the income required. Government has at the same time carefully considered the representation of the Trades Association that the Press competed on unfair terms with the printing trade of Madras and has arrived at the conclusion that so long as the business of the Press is conducted by the Agents as at present, there is no real basis for such complaints. Under these circumstances His Excellency in Council considers that he is not justified in insisting on the sale, and so compelling a deserving charitable institution to sacrifice an important source of income. The proposal to sell the Press will therefore be finally abandoned, and the Trustees will be left

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to manage the business on the present lines to the best profit of the Asylum. For the future, while ~~the~~ Government will not refuse to allow the Superintendent of the Government Press to give the benefit of his advice to the Committee as and when they may require it, his continuance as one of the Agents for an indefinite period cannot be sanctioned. As soon as the services of a suitable Superintendent, competent to take immediate charge of the Press, have been secured by the Trustees, Mr. Hill's direct connection should become unnecessary.

(Sd). C. J. Weir,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

True Copy
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NOTES.

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H. H. S.
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CURRENT NO.
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D.O.

Confidential

Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends' Office, Chepauk,

Madras, *29 Oct*

1902

Dear Mr. Corder

VI 762.3

Your letter of the 22nd inst with its

enclosures - only reached me this morning. As I am very pressed with arrears of work in this Office and the Volunteers Office, which have been kept over for me, I am afraid I cannot deal fully with the Lawrence Boylston Press Affairs for a few days. I have already received copies of the enclosures to your letter under reply, as well as several other contentious papers from Mr. Palfrey the Secretary to the Committee of the Lawrence Boylston.

CHIEF SECRETARY
29-OCT. 1902
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

[C4698] Done the looking.

Agree to the Trustees of
the R. A. Press M/2 3318d

3.11.09.

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Subm. that the ^{Education} Dept. may be asked to put up for 756 Edd. & 16.12.01 & the ^{regarding the Hygiene Press} connected papers mentioned on pages 8-9 of the C. f. & which are not in this file

u.o.D. 4640-1
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W.H. 8/11/09

Ed. C. No. 2074

Reg. 9.11.09.

Education Dept. G.O. no. 756 Edd & 16-12-01 and G.O. no. 315 Edd & 26-7-00 mentioned on pages 8 & 9 of the C. f. are put up. The file may now be returned to the Public Dept.

J.H.
10.11.09 RD
10.11.09

Pub. no.

Ed. C. No. 2074-1

10.11.09.

File completed
& sent to DR
by 10.11.09

Public Department.

P.D.

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 Attention is invited to the
 correspondence in G.O. No 762-763, Public,
 dated 5.10.09 -
 2. The Deputy Controller of Ind. Acct.,
 G.O. (Sec.) Div. brought to the notice of
 Govt. that the Lawrence Argyle Press
 had objected to the revision by
 the Capt. Govt. Press, of the L. A.
 Press bills for printing work done
 for military Dept. He stated that
 if the L. A. Press would not accept
 the check of the Capt. Govt. Press,
 military printing work would have
 to be given to other private presses -
 About the same time, the Deputy
 Adjutant Genl., Southern Army,
 inquired whether the printing work
 of his office might be done at
 the branch of the Govt. Press at
 Ootacamund, as the arrangement
 would be cheaper than printing at
 the Lawrence Argyle Press -
 After consulting the Capt. Govt.
 Press & the Educational Dept.,
 the Deputy Cont. of Ind. Acct.
 was informed (letter No 762 dated
 5.10.09) that the L. A. Press was

required to accept such revision of its notes as the Supt. Gov. Press might see fit to make, & the Dy. Dir. Gen. S. Army was told (Letter no 763 dated 5.10.09) that Govt. would prefer that the printing works of his office should continue to be done at the L. A. Press, so that the income of the latter might not be adversely affected, & that the bills of the L. A. Press were subject to check by the Supt. Govt. Press. Copies of these papers were forwarded to Col. Formby as Agent to the Trustees of the L. A. Press (Letter no 4467-1, dated 22.10.09) & it was suggested to him that the Agents to the Trustees should keep the Supt. of the L. A. Press in hand, & not permit him to oppose the checking of his bills by the Supt. Govt. Press.

3. Col. Formby has replied disinclined to the D.D. Letter from Govt., & the Rev. D. S. Cox has replied disinclined as working Agent to the Trustees - Both support the Supt. of the L. A. Press. Col. Formby attributes the cutting down of

The L. A. Press lides to personal feeling on the part of Mr. Fisher against Mr. Mumford, the Supt. of the L. A. Press, & he intimates that he must decline to have anything more to do with the L. A. Press if Mr. Fisher continues to be an agent to the Trustees. The Rev. L. S. Con forwarded a letter written by him to the Principal of the Lawrence Academy, urging that the Trustees should protest emphatically against the decision of Govt. that the L. A. Press is required to accept such revision of its notes as the Supt. Govt. Press may make. He states that the L. A. Press lides are cut down by the Supt. Govt. Press without proper inquiry, & in para. 5 of his letter he offers certain suggestions as to the principles on which the L. A. Press lides should be checked by the Supt. Govt. Press.

4. The matter in its present stage appears to be one for consideration in the Educational Dept., but before referring it to that Dept. the Supt. Govt. Press

may be asked up. for his remarks
on the suggestion in para. 5 of
the Rev. L. E. Cox's letter of 29.10.09.

Cox
19.11.09

Col. Fournby's letter
should clearly not be seen
by the S. G. P.

2. Mr Cox's letter is
addressed to the Trustees. I
think we had better wait to
hear what the Trustees have to
say before inviting the S. G. P.'s
remarks. See over.

19.11.09

Resubmitted. Nothing further
has come in. E. S. Dept may be
asked whether they have received
anything.

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Educational Dept.

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Educational Dept

No communication has been received
in Ed. from the Committee of the Lawrence
Asylum Ootacamund on the subject referred
to in the Rev. L. E. Cox's letter on pages 3 & 8
of the Current file.

2. Attention is solicited to Mr. Fisher's
letter in the linked file, in which he reports
that he has resigned his office as agent
to



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u. o. D. 4640-2

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Separately submitted.

to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press

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The Committee have not made the protest against the orders in the Chief Clerk's suggested by the Ven^{ble} A. E. Cox; nor made any other communication to Gov^t. They are doubtless settling the matter themselves. The papers may be 'recorded' so far as Ed^d is concerned.

U. 2412

Sec^y

A.M.

Mr. Fisher has resigned the post of Agent to the Trustees. But the L.A. will for work done will still have to go to him for check apparently so that I am afraid the trunk is not quite over yet. It were for the present there is nothing more to be done on these papers.

You. These papers may be recorded

L. M. B.
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Record
L. M. B.
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The draft below is for approval.

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of draft. *lg*
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Edl h.o no 361-1
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Public Department

For the A.S

The draft order may, it is submitted,
be accepted in the Public Dept and the file
returned to Edl: U.O.

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Public no 4640-3
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B.K.
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Educational Department

The draft below may issue?

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to me intact.
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READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____, dated _____ 190 .

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READ ALSO:-

C. No. 367, From the Rev-L-Cox, No. 11/2, dated 3. 11. 1907.

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ORDER.
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No. 116, dated 11-3-1908

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____, DATED
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