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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fixing the fee for stock taking of the
Lawrence Wyllie Press, at Rs. 1250, &
assigning Rs 500 out of that sum to
Mr. Fisher for having taken stock
of the Press.

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From

The Accountant General
Reading

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Dated 22nd August 1900

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SUBJECT.

Stating that Rs 1250 would
be a fair charge for taking
stock for the Lawrence
Asylum Press & that $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of this
would be debitable to the Press
at Madras & the balance to the
Branch at Ootacamund.

Ref. *W-256*
Order *58/00*

The Secy. Genl. is requested to state whether the provisions of art. 91 of the C.S.G. are applicable to the case, & whether ~~it is~~ the fee is payable to Mr. Fisher or to Government.

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The Accountant General
Madras.

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Stating that, as Mr. Fisher's dues at the Govt. Press were arranged for without additional cost to the state while he was engaged at Stock taking in the L. A. Press, the fee should be credited to Govt. that it is for the Govt. to decide whether any portion of the fee to levied from the L. A. Press should be paid to Mr. Fisher.

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No. 6248

From

The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government.
Educational Department.

SIR,

A

With reference to your memo No 256 dated 5th September 1900, I have the honour to state that it has been ascertained that the work of Stock-taking was done by Mr. Fisher during the time which would otherwise have been employed in the service of the Government and that his legitimate duties at the Government Press were arranged for without additional cost to the State. The fee should therefore be credited to Government under article 91(b) Civil Service Regulation but it is for the Government to decide whether any portion of the fee due levied from the Lawrence Asylum Press, should be paid.

article.

I have the honour to be.

Sir

Your most obedt. Servant.

B. M. M.

Accountant General.

SUBJECT.

Lawrence Asylum press.

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FOR ORDERS.

* In confidential cover.

In para. 55 of Mr. Fisher's report on stocktaking on page 17 of G.O. n^o. 315-25. of 26th July 1900, that officer suggested a fee of Rs. 1558. In para. 14 of the Agents' remarks (page 5) on this report, they considered that the figure was rather high. In para. 11 of the order (page 14) the Accountant General was asked to report what would be a fair fee. In his letter, read above, he fixes it at Rs. 1250, being the salary and allowance plus pensionary contribution of Mr. Fisher for two months, the period he was employed on the work and the pay of the Govt. press accounts who assisted him for a day.

seems to be too high. Even assuming that during the two months Mr. Fisher was engaged in stock-taking, he did not ~~at all~~ attend to his work in the Govt press. We have to remember that no one was appointed to act for him there. Perhaps, one-half of the amount now recommended by the Acct. General, may be considered a more equitable charge on the asylum press. The fee for the annual audit of the press accounts is only Rs 300 - vide G.O. 753 Est. of 8th November 1899, and the time taken nearly two months, the same as for stock-taking.

3. The work connected with the branch press could not have been much and the press has already paid Mr. Fisher's travelling expenses amounting to Rs. 146-12-0. - vide G.O. no. 219 Est. 728th May 1900. If therefore,

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for stock-taking was debited to the Madras press. If not, it is submitted that the one-fourth share debitable to the branch press may be diminished by the amount of the travelling allowance paid.

(Intld.) P.T.T.
28-8-00.

It was not referred for decision but for the A.G. to state what (in his opinion) was a fair fee. The decision rests with Govt.

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With all respect to the Hon. Member, I venture to submit that there ~~was~~ are two "decisions" in question here: Govt. made the Accountant General a referee for themselves, to report which of two contending views (one that a certain sum was a reasonable fee, the other that it was rather high) was in his ~~opinion~~ ^{judgment} the right view: he decided ~~for~~ ^{in favour of} that such a sum was reasonable, & reported this decision to the Hon. Member. It was for them to pass orders did they think it was a "decision". Their orders constituted the final decision.

If the settlement of a point is deliberately referred for decision to some person, it is a mistake not to accept his views in the main, ^{whether} right or wrong: a "referee's" opinion should be final.

2. If the Secretary thinks the same, the fee may be fixed at Rs. 1,250 as proposed, of which under article 91 (b) of the Civil Service Regulation, Rs. 500 may be assigned to Mr. Fisher. The stock-taking was a troublesome job as it related to the transactions of several years.

3. As regards the shares, the proposal at (A) may perhaps be accepted - this being a minor point. The debits to the Madras and Ootacamund presses would then be Rs. 1,084-4-0 and Rs. 165-12-0 or in round figures Rs. 1,050.

By It is submitted that the proposals in the note may be sanctioned

Mr
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Which note, — the first or the second?

The proposals in paras 2 & 3 of the second note may be accepted.

At 24.9.00.

The draft placed below may issue.

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By

No. C.R.
5519

From

To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

SIR,

(Confidential Copy)

In compliance with paragraph 11 of G.O.No.315 Educational, dated 26th July 1900, I have the honour to state that I have instructed the auditor to take up the matter referred to in para.6 of Mr.Firth's letter therein embodied in connection with his report on the audit of the accounts of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras for 1899, now in progress.

2. As regards the fee for taking stock that could be fairly charged to the Lawrence Asylum Press, I am of opinion that Rs.1250 would be a fair charge as it represents in round figures the salary and allowance plus pensionary contribution of Mr. Fisher during the period he was employed on the work, as well as the pay of the Government Press Accountant who assisted him for a day. Three fourths of this sum would be debitable to the Press at Madras and the balance to the branch at Ootacamund.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Accountant-General.

Mr. Fisher's salary for two months
Exchange Allowance in allowance
Pensionary Contribution
Accountant's pay for one day

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SUBJECT.

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FOR ORDERS.

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The fee for taking
stock will be fixed
at the 1,250 as pro-
posed, of which under
art. 91^b of the C.S.R.
the 500 will be assigned
to M^r Fisher.

2. The debits to the
Madras & Natakamund
presses will be the
1,050 & 200 respectively.

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To issue

In the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press
- A.S.
- Superintendent for Press Publication to
M^r Fisher.

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