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Stating with remarks that the proposal to sell the — will be abandoned, and the Trustees will be left to manage the business on the present lines to the best profit of the Lawrence Asylum.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. B. BIRD, and R. HILL, Esq., Agents to the Trustees, to the Secretary to the Lawrence Asylum Press Trustees, dated Madras, 20th May 1901.

With reference to paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 315, Educational, dated 26th July 1900, I am desired by the Agents to the Trustees to forward to you the accompanying draft advertisement regarding the sale of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, and its Branch at Ootacamund. The advertisement has been framed upon the lines adopted in the two former advertisements with the addition of a description of the premises. It is proposed to advertise the sale in the leading papers in India, Ceylon and Burma, and in the London *Times*, as on previous occasions. A plan of the premises is attached.

2. The Agents would point out to the Trustees that although the press was advertised for sale as well as for leasing in 1896 only one tender for leasing was offered in July 1896, which was not accepted. The press was again advertised in January 1897 and two tenders for leasing were received, but they were not accepted.

3. In April 1898 the Trades Association asked the Government of Madras to transfer the Lawrence Asylum Press to the Government Press. They said they did not wish to undertake any official work, but desired that local printers might be permitted to supply local demands for private printing unhampered by official competition. This result would be attained if the Lawrence Asylum Press withdrew from private business.

4. In the margin are shown the values of work done by the press in 1898 and in 1900. These figures show that for the printing firms in the Trades Association to undertake all but the Government work executed by the Lawrence Asylum Press they would have to erect or rent additional premises nearly as large as those now occupied by the existing Lawrence Asylum Press. The Trades Association's proposals did not therefore appear to be likely to lead to any satisfactory or practical arrangement.

1898.	Rs.	A.	P.
Government work	12,517	2	6
General work	62,664	14	4
Railway work	52,426	0	0
Municipal work	13,767	0	10
Total	1,41,375	1	8

1900.			
Government work	14,511	15	10
General work—			
Regular constituents	29,576	4	8
Other constituents	15,733	7	11
Railway work—			
Madras Railway (under contract)	63,309	4	3
Do. (miscellaneous)	4,712	12	4
Other railways	7,929	14	11
District Municipalities work	16,052	13	4
Total	1,51,826	9	3

5. In May 1898, therefore, Mr. Hill met representatives of the three leading printing firms and proposed that they should jointly, or separately, buy up the Lawrence Asylum Press plant and premises, or purchase the plant and lease the premises, taking over all contracts and other private work in hand. After consideration the offer was declined by these firms.

6. In December 1900 Mr. Hill proposed to the representative of a leading publishing firm in England interested in educational work in India that this firm should purchase the press; a reply has recently been received stating that "they do not see their way to taking up the idea laid before them."

7. In February last Mr. Hill wrote to the managing partners of the Caledonian Steam Printing Works in Calcutta, as they are the contractors for printing military forms in India; the reply was that "the Lawrence Asylum Press is too distant from Calcutta for us to purchase."

8. Mr. Hill has also spoken to several persons in Madras who might buy the press as a speculation, but none of them would consider it, and in one case the reply was that "he considered the three-storied building* a white elephant to any purchaser, and he did not think any of the moneyed tradesmen would combine to purchase the press."

* C on plan.

9. Under these circumstances the Agents think there is no likelihood of any private firm or an individual purchasing the press more especially as its buildings are so very costly. The plant is valued at Rs. 1,69,000, the premises at Rupees 1,54,000, and the ground at Rs. 21,000—total Rs. 3,44,000. To realize Rs. 12,000, as desired by Government, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. requires Rs. 3,42,900 to be paid as purchase money, at 4 per cent. Rs. 3,00,000, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Rs. 2,66,700, and at 5 per cent. Rs. 2,40,000, sums which no one will think of giving. If the plant and premises were to realize half their value, the Trustees would be fortunate.

10. The Agents consider that the following points should be remembered:—

(1) The press has no copyright or standard work of value excepting the almanacs, which yield an annual profit of about Rs. 1,500.

(2) It has one contract of three years with the Madras Railway Company, which expires at the end of this year, and we have received formal notice from the Company that it will itself print the forms now sent to us. In 1900 the press bills for this work amounted to Rs. 68,000 out of Rs. 1,51,826, and to lose this work at the end of this year means heavy reduction of establishment and a great reduction for a time of the yearly profit given to the Asylum.

(3) Messrs. Wrenn, Bennett & Co. are the next best constituent, and paid Rs. 13,736 in 1900. The advertisement may cause them to start their own printing office as they have suitable premises vacant.

(4) The South Indian Railway Company have invited tenders for their work on a three years' contract from 1st July next, and the Agents intend tendering for it, but it is by no means certain that we shall secure it.

But even with this contract in hand, it should be borne in mind that the short term of three years for one contract is hardly sufficient "good-will" to attract a purchaser.

11. The Agents submit that, as Government is desirous of ceasing its connection with and responsibility for the press, there is nothing to be done but to order an outright sale of plant and stores (some of which the Madras Railway Company may now perhaps be willing to purchase) as well as the premises, the Trustees being content to accept whatever moneys are received and to invest them, the Government compensating them by a fixed annual grant. In Madras G.O., No. 315, Educational, dated the 26th July 1900, instructions were given for the acceptance of a price which would secure an annual return of Rs. 12,000, but from the figures given

below, which represent the annual grant out of profit made to the Asylum during the past ten years, it will be observed that the average receipts by the Asylum have considerably exceeded the sum named by the Madras Government.

Year.	Head Office.	Ootacamund Branch.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1892	10,200	..	10,200
1893	10,000	..	10,000
1894	15,000	..	15,000
1895	15,000	..	15,000
1896	15,000	..	15,000
1897	15,000	..	15,000
1898	15,000	..	15,000
1899	15,000	3,000	18,000
1900	18,000	3,750	21,750
Will be given in 1901 ..	20,500	3,500	24,000

12. The Agents have not found themselves in a position to comply with the instructions contained in paragraph 12 of the G.O. of the 26th July last, as it was hopeless to endeavour to induce a really qualified manager or superintendent to accept a post, the immediate abolition of which had been decided upon. Mr. Hill has accordingly continued to supervise the press since the retirement of the paid Secretary in December 1899.

From the Rev. G. HERBERT SMITH, M.A., Acting Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Lovedale, Ootacamund, 25th June 1901, No. 570.

1. Printed letter from the Agents to the Trustees, dated 20th May 1901.
2. Notice regarding the sale of the two presses.
3. Plan of the Lawrence Asylum Press.
4. Letter No. 775, dated 5th June 1901.
5. „ dated 10th June 1901.

By direction of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, I have the honour to forward herewith documents relating to the Lawrence Asylum Presses and their proposed sale, for submission to Government.

N. Ref. on Cl. No. 19.

Submitted to Government with reference to memorandum No. 141, Educational, dated 15th June 1901.

MADRAS,
28th June 1901.

(Signed) G. H. STUART,
Director of Public Instruction.

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 to manage the business on the present lines to the best profit of the Asylum. For the future, while 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.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum,
through the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Director of Public Instruction.
„ Public Department.
„ Superintendent, Government Press.
„ Editors' Table.

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From

[Name] The Hnible Mr G. H. Stuart, M.A., Bar-at-Law

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction

[Station] Madras.

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Submitting certain documents regarding the sale of the Lawrence Asylum Presses.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

May 1901.

Notice regarding the Sale of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, and its Branch Press at Ootacamund.

Tenders are invited for the purchase (subject to the authority of the High Court of Judicature at Madras) of the lands, buildings and premises of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Mount Road, Madras, together with the engines, boilers, printing and other machinery, fixtures, presses, printing materials, type, stock in trade, stores, furniture, implements, utensils and other articles and things in and about the same and in and about the Branch Press at Ootacamund, and of the interest of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum in the large Almanac, the pocket Almanac and the sheet Calendar published annually by the Press.

2. The following is believed to be a correct description of the Press land and premises in Madras :—

A piece of land having Survey Nos. 463 and 464 and being Nos. 1, 2 and 3–167, Mount Road, Poodoopaukum, in the Sub-Registration district of the Mount Road in the Registration district of Madras, bounded on the North by lands and houses the properties of private persons, on the South and West by the premises of Messrs. Higginbotham & Co., and on the East in part by the Mount Road and in other part by the Carlton Club property and containing in the whole by admeasurement 1 cawney 2 grounds and 2,106¼ square feet or thereabouts.

The premises are—Block *A*. Ground floor—Office, account department, and paper stores; first and second floors—Superintendent's quarters. *A*–1. Kitchen, stabling, godown and cart-shed. *B*. Ground floor—Publication and storekeeper's departments; first floor—Superintendent's office and composing room. *C*. Ground floor — Printing machine room; first floor—composing room; second floor—binding room. *C*–1. Roller-casting room, miscellaneous store room, and oil room. *C*–2. Engine room. *C*–3. Glue and paste boiling shed, and blacksmith's shed. *D*. Latrines. *E*. Ground floor—Stereo store rooms and lamp room; first floor—type-casting and stereotyping room. *F*. Carpenter's room. *G*. Ground floor—Paper store room, waste-paper rooms, tiffin room, and godown; first floor—type store room and apprentices' dormitory. *H*. Ground and first floors — Private dwelling house. *H*–1. Kitchen, stabling and godown. *I*. Shop premises. Enclosure wall, pipe drains, etc.

3. The following is believed to be a correct description of the different departments of the Press at Madras and of the principal items of plant therein respectively with their respective quantities and numbers :—

Composing Department.

Case racks	..	no.	22
Cases, english	..	„	1,775
„ vernacular	..	„	19
Chases	..	„	5,081
Composing sticks	..	„	152
Frames	..	„	161
Galleys	..	„	572
Imposing slabs, iron, with frames (or other imposing tables)	..	„	36
Leads	..	lb.	28,178
Quotations and metal furniture	..	„	12,356
Types—			
Broadside { wood	..	doz.	65
Broadside { lead	..	lb.	631
Titling	..	„	511
Jobbing	..	„	16,401

Composing Department—cont.

Types—*cont.*		
Ordinary—	lb.	oz.
Double pica	18	14
Great primer	1,327	14
English	883	11
Pica	13,877	0
Small pica	47,060	9
Long primer	12,221	6
Bourgeois	6,401	9
Brevier	48,656	9
Minion	18,776	2
Nonpareil	3,867	6
Diamond	30	0
	lb.	153,121
Vernacular—Tamil	„	10,277

Press and Machine Department.

Boiler and engine, 12-horse power, complete, etc.	no.	1
Shafting with pulleys, etc., No. 8	feet	328
Galley presses	no.	1
Inking tables	„	6
Printing machines	„	22
Hand presses	„	8

Binding Department.

Brass dies, lines and rolls of all descriptions	no.	2,177 & 19 sets
Glazed boards	„	1,843
Machine, backing	„	1
„ cutting	„	3
„ envelope cutting	„	1
„ eyeletting	„	2
„ mill-board cutting	„	1
„ paging	„	8
„ perforating	„	2
„ rolling	„	2
„ ruling	„	8
Press, arming	„	1
„ hydraulic standing	„	1
„ nipping-wood	„	1
„ standing	„	1

Type Foundry.

Casting machines	no.	3
Dressing benches	„	2
Matrices	„	2,396
Moulds	„	49
Punches	„	2,290
Stereotyping apparatus, complete	„	8

4. The premises occupied by the Branch Press at Ootacamund are rented from Government at a monthly rental of Rs. 50, and the following is believed to be a correct description of the different departments of such Branch Press and of the principal items of plant therein with their respective quantities and numbers:—

Composing Department.

Case racks	no.	4
Cases, english	pairs	177
„ vernacular	„	9
Chases	no.	232
Composing sticks	„	27
Frames	„	33
Galleys	„	101
Imposing slabs, iron, with frames (or other imposing tables)	„	4
Leads	lb.	425
Quotations and metal furniture	„	3,067

Composing Department—cont.

Types—		
Broadside—wood	doz.	124
Titling	lb.	2,197
Ordinary—		
Great primer	lb. 102	
English	„ 101	
Pica	„ 2,177	
Small pica	„ 3,206	
Long primer	„ 837	
Bourgeois	„ 603	
Brevier	„ 1,985	
Minion	„ 204	
	lb.	9,215
Vernacular—Tamil	„	2,254

Press and Machine Department.

Galley presses	no.	2
Inking tables	„	2
Printing machines	„	2
Hand presses	„	3

Binding Department.

Brass dies, lines and rolls of all descriptions	no.	435
Glazed boards	„	487
Machine, cutting	„	2
„ mill-board cutting	„	1
„ paging	„	1
„ perforating	„	1
„ ruling	„	1
„ stabbing	„	1
Press, standing	„	1
„ die	„	1
„ copper-plate	„	1

5. All persons proposing to tender for the purchase of the above properties will, on application to the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, be furnished with all or any of the following particulars regarding the Press premises and property at Madras:—

(*a*) Further particulars regarding the land and premises.

(*b*) A list showing the establishment employed in the several departments of the Press on 31st December 1900.

(*c*) A detailed schedule of plant.

(*d*) A detailed schedule of stores.

(*e*) A detailed schedule of plant, stores and paper ordered for delivery.

(*f*) Particulars regarding the large almanac, the pocket almanac and the sheet calendar.

(*g*) A list of persons and firms generally employing the Press, and the quantities and amount received for work done for each such person and firm during the past five years including the railway contract.

(*h*) The annual reports and the account books of the Press for the past five years to be open to the inspection of intending purchasers.

(*i*) All such further necessary and reasonable information as may be required by intending purchasers and as it may be in the power of the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, to give, and with all or any of the same particulars regarding the Branch Press at Ootacamund other than those mentioned in sub-clauses (*a*) and (*f*) above.

6. Sealed tenders accompanied by a deposit of *ten* per cent. of the amount of purchase money tendered should be sent to the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, at the Press premises, Mount Road, Madras, by one o'clock on day the day of 1901.

Three clear months from date of advertisement.

7. Tenders should be superscribed "Tenders for the purchase of the Lawrence Asylum Press."

8. Tenders will be opened by the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, on behalf of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, at the Press premises, Mount Road, Madras, at o'clock on day the day of 1901 in the presence of the tenderers or of such of them as may attend.

Tenders will be opened on the second two days after the last day fixed for receipt.

9. The acceptance by the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum of any tender will be subject to the ratification of the Government of Madras, and the said Committee does not bind itself to accept nor does the Government of Madras bind itself to ratify the highest or any tender.

10. The deposits of the unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them within fifteen days after the tenders have been opened, and should the sale of the property not be authorised by the High Court, Madras, the deposit of the successful tenderer will be returned to him within seven days after the refusal of such authority.

11. Printed forms of tender can be had on application to the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras.

Conditions of Sale.

1. The title of the Vendors, the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, to the lands, buildings and their appurtenances shall commence with an Indenture, dated the tenth day of August 1894, and made between the Venerable William Weston Elwes, M.A., Senior Chaplain on the Madras Establishment and Archdeacon of Madras, and the Honourable Mr. Alexander Monro, M.A., B.C.L., then Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras, the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum Press at Madras of the one part, and George Rowlandson, John David Rees, C.I.E., Elphinstone Waters Begbie, Alfred George Hutchins, George Lemon Walker, Charles Berkeley Pigott, Charles Aylmer Liardet, William Edwards Schmidt and Alfred Robert Winterton respectively, the members of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, and the purchaser shall not require the production of or make any objection or, save as mentioned above, any requisition in respect of the prior title whether such prior title appear by recital, statement or otherwise or do not appear at all.

2. The purchaser shall admit the identity of the property purchased with that comprised in above-mentioned Indenture.

3. The properties, both immoveable and moveable, are believed and shall be taken to be correctly described, so far as the same are described in the above particulars, as to quantity and otherwise and the immoveable property will be sold subject to quit-rent and assessment, and, if any error, mis-statement or omission in the above particulars or in any of the further particulars which may be furnished as above provided is discovered, the same shall not annul the sale nor shall any compensation be allowed to the purchaser in respect thereof.

4. The purchaser shall pay the remainder of his purchase money to the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, at the Press premises in Madras, within two months after the acceptance of the purchaser's tender shall have been communicated to him and the sale shall have been authorised by the High Court, Madras, and the members for the time being of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum will execute a proper assurance of the property to the purchaser; but such assurance and every other assurance and act (if any) which shall be required by the purchaser for any purpose shall be prepared, made and done by and at the expense of the purchaser and the draft of every such assurance shall be left for perusal on behalf of the Committee not less than fourteen days after the payment of the balance of purchase money and the decree or order of the High Court, Madras, authorising the sale shall have been obtained, at the office of the Solicitor to the Government of Madras in the High Court House, Madras.

5. Tenders must include the printing, binding and other work in hand at the time of transfer of the property to the purchaser and the price named in the tender must include the actual cost of the stock of printing and writing papers in hand and of the stores and paper ordered for delivery respectively at the date of tender any difference between the quantities of printing and writing paper in hand or of the stores and paper ordered for delivery at the date of tender and the quantities thereof respectively at the date of transfer to the purchaser being allowed for by the Vendor to the purchaser or by the purchaser to the Vendor as the case may require.

6. The rents, income, profits and possession will be received or retained and the outgoings discharged by the Vendor up to the date of the completion of the assurance to the purchaser and, as from that day, the outgoings shall be discharged and the rents, income, profits and possession taken by the purchaser and such rents, income, profits and outgoings shall, if necessary, be apportioned between the Vendor and the purchaser for the purpose of this condition. If, from any cause whatever, the remainder of the purchase money shall not be paid within two months after his tender shall have been communicated to the purchaser and the sale shall have been authorised by the High Court, Madras, the purchaser shall pay interest on the remainder of his purchase money at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the expiration of such period until actual payment, but he shall not be entitled to any compensation for the Vendor's delay or otherwise.

GENERAL CONDITION.

7. If the successful tenderer shall fail to comply with the above conditions or any of them which shall be applicable according to the nature of his tender, his deposit shall thereupon be forfeited and the Committee for the time being of the Lawrence Asylum shall be at liberty to re-sell the property at such time in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Committee shall determine. Any deficiency of price which may happen on and all expenses attending the re-sale shall immediately afterwards be paid by the defaulter to the Agents to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, and in case of non-payment shall be recoverable by the Committee as compensation.

One of the Agents to the Trustees
of the Lawrence Asylum Press.

May 1901.

(Brief Advertisement.)

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For particulars regarding premises and plant, conditions of sale and forms of tender, apply to Messrs. J. Dickenson & Co., 65 Old Bailey, London.

Form of Tender.

To The AGENTS to the TRUSTEES of the
LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS,
MADRAS.

Sirs,

Adverting to the Advertisement in the *re* the Sale of the Lawrence Asylum Presses at Madras and Ooty, I now beg to submit this my tender of Rs. for the Purchase of the same on the terms of the Advertisement and enclose Rs. in the earnest money demanded.

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Legal Dept.
Enclos. No. 5
To
G. No. 908

PLAN OF THE LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS.

Description and value of premises, and value of land, on 31st March 1901.

Block.	Description.	Value. Rs.	A.	P.
A.	Ground floor—Office, account department and paper stores .. .. First and second floors—Superintendent's quarters	19,626	0	0
A-1.	Kitchen, stabling, godown and cart-shed	2,119	5	10
B.	Ground floor—Publication and storekeeper's departments .. First floor—Superintendent's office and composing room ..	16,895	9	2
C.	Ground floor—Machine room .. .. First floor—Composing room .. .. Second floor—Binding room	74,251	10	0
C-1.	Roller-casting room, miscellaneous store room and oil room ..			
C-2.	Engine room	2,021	9	8
C-3.	Glue and paste boiling shed, and blacksmith's shed	* 213	0	0
D.	Latrines	721	0	0
E.	Ground floor—Stereo store rooms and lamp room .. .. First floor—Type-casting and stereotyping room	7,404	0	0
F.	Carpenters' room	† 1,707	0	0
G.	Ground floor—Paper store room, waste paper rooms, tiffin room and godown .. .. First floor—Type store room and apprentices' dormitory ..	11,494	12	0
H.	Ground and first floors—Private dwelling house			
H-1.	Kitchen, stabling and godown	11,188	6	0
I.	Shop premises	2,923	0	0
	Enclosure wall, pipe drains, etc.	3,515	0	0
	Total ..	1,54,080	4	8
	Cost of land, nearly 29 grounds	‡ 20,800	0	0
	Total ..	1,74,880	4	8

* Built in 1901. † Rebuilt in 1901. ‡ Deputy Collector's valuation.

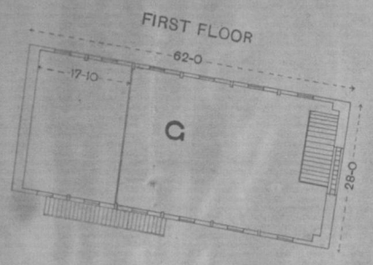
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MOUNT ROAD
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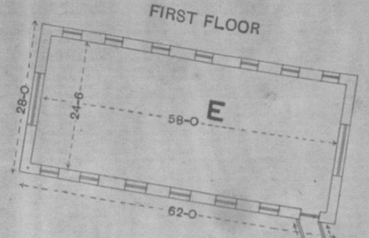


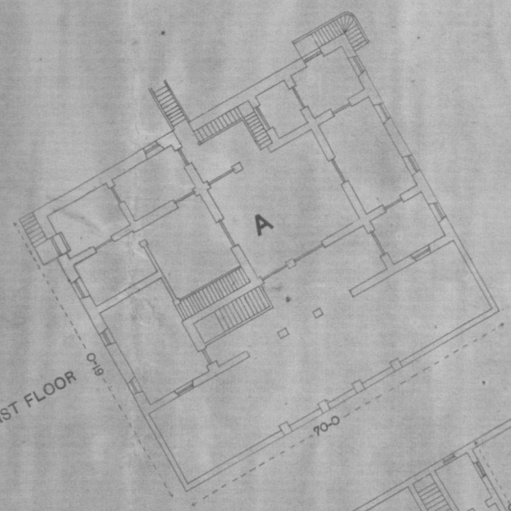
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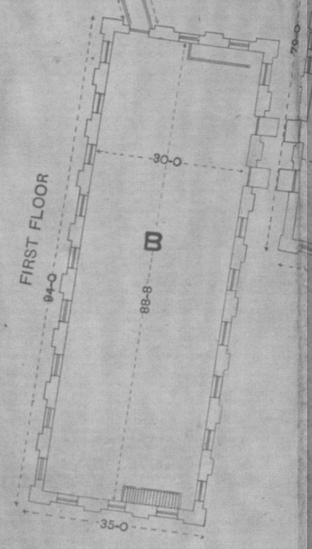
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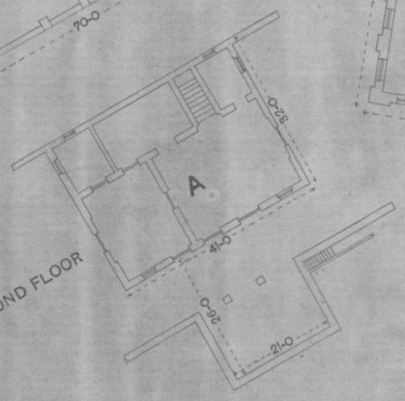
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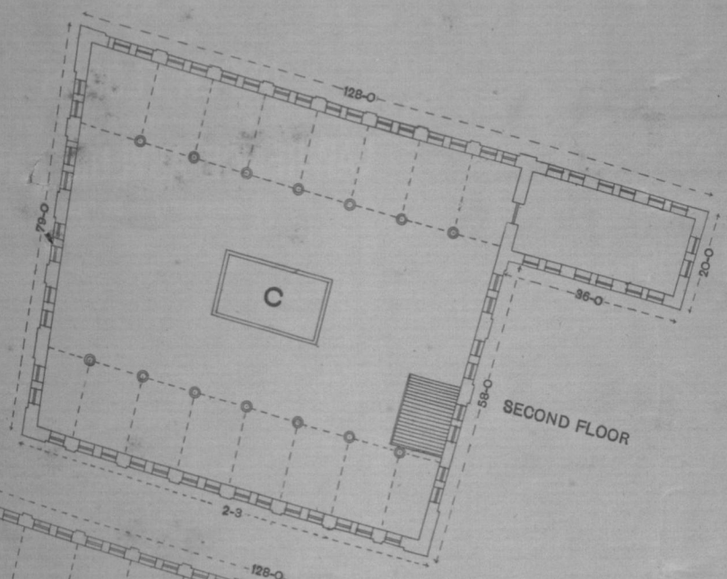


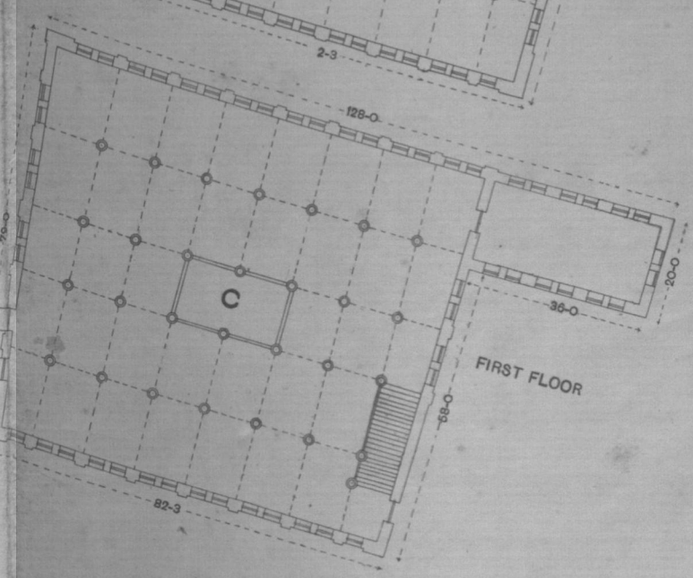


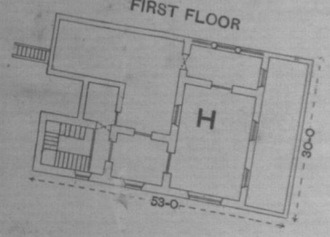












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Lawrence Asylum Press,
MOUNT ROAD.

Madras, 5th June 1901.

No. 775

7 JUN. 01
LAWRENCE ASYLUM.

FROM J. N. Atkinson, Esq., I. C. S.,
Lieut-Colonel W. J. B. Baird,
R. Hill, Esq.,
Agents to the Trustees.

To

The Secretary to the
Lawrence Asylum Press Trustees.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 10 (2) of our letter No. 715-A, dated 20th ultimo, I have to inform you that the Agents are instructed not to construe the communication alluded to as a "formal notice" of expiry of contract, but that it is a warning that the Railway Authorities are seriously considering the advisability of doing their own printing. This fact does not materially affect the position as represented by us in our letter, and does not necessitate any change in it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

R. Hill

One of the Agents.

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Lawrence Asylum Press,
MOUNT ROAD.

Madras, 10th June 1901.

No. ——

FROM J. N. Atkinson Esqr. I.C.S.
Lieut Colonel W. J. B. Bird
R. Hill Esqr.
Agents to the Trustees

To

The Secretary to the
Lawrence Asylum Press Trustees

Dear Sir,

Please cancel the letter of the Agents No. 775 dated 5th Instant, — Our letter No. 715-A, dated 20th May Stands in its entirety as the Madras Railway Company has sent us the formal notice for determining the Contract at the end of this year.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedt. Servt.
R. Hill
One of the Agents.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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READ AGAIN G.O., No. ...., dated .... 190 .

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READ ALSO :—

C. No. 908, From the D. P. I., No.Cl.19, dated 28th June 190/.

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ORDER No. 756, dated 16 12. 190/.

P.S.

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11-12-01

In proceedings No.315 Edl.d/26" July 1900 the Govt. 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 enquiries made in the meantime ~~the~~ H.E. the Governor ~~in Council~~ is convinced that there is no chance whatever of the press fetching a sum which would yield the income required. ~~He~~ H.E. Government has at the same time carefully considered the representation of the Trades Association that the

press

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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 be left to manage the business on the present lines to the best profit of the asylum. For the future, while Govt. will not refuse to allow the Superintendent of the Govt. Press to give the benefit of his advice ~~occasionally~~ to the Committee as & 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.

(From orders)

A.T.P.
26-11-1.

27.11.01

28.11.01

Hill

[Omit? Heaven knows what our Successors may do! HS 7-12]

H. M. A. Rae.

HS 7-12-01

I cannot see that Mr Hill as the Agents should be separately [illegible] advised about getting an [illegible]
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To The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum
Thro' the D.P.I.
D.P.I.
Public agents
Superintendent Govt. Press
Editors Table.

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