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Educational (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 321

DATED 12-6-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Accepting the proposal of the L. A. Committee to decline the tenders of Mr. E. J. Firth and Messrs Ramsay & Co for the lease of the L. A. Press, and requesting the agents to the Trustees, L. A. P. to state what ideas they proposed with regard to the future management of the institution.

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Reference: No. 245 of 30th January 1897.

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No 599 Edl of 29 Septr 1896 the Committee, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamu is requested to be so good a to state whether any furth tenders for either the purcha or lease of the Presses have been received -

The Committee, L. A., Ooty
thro' the Agents to the

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Address to the Venble the Archdeacon
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Copd & exd 29/1/97

Note

It is submitted that the above reminder may issue. The Committee had sufficient ti to report the matter to Govt.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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It is submitted that this may
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e received - The Govt. cannot pass
ders without them - The Committee
ll forward the two tenders and the
ents' letter and so it does not
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uble the Archdeacon for them
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Order Yes

From The Agents to the Trustees
L.A. Press

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT * SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT *
2 FEB. 1897

No. 3394

Dated Feb. 1. 1897
Received
Registered } 2-2-97
Enclosures —
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SUBJECT.

Re the tenders for the lease of the press.

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Madras
1st February, 1897

No. 3374

From The Hon: Dr. Duncan
—"— Ven: W. Weston Elwes
—"— R. Hill Esqre.
} Agents to L. A. P. Trustees.

To. ~~The Honorable~~
The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Depts.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum, No. 245, Educational Department, dated 30th January 1897.

2 - The Agents to the Trustees of the L. A. Press opened, in accordance with the Advertisement on the 4th January the Tenders that had been sent in - Both were Tenders for the lease of the Press. One was from E. J. Firth Esq. and the other from Messrs. Ramsay & Co.

3 - The Agents held Meetings to consider these Tenders on Jan: 4th, 11th & 18th. - At the last Meeting I was requested to draft for the approval of the Agents a letter to the Trustees - This letter was despatched to the Secretary to the Trustees at Ootacamund with the original Tenders on 28th Jan.

4 - If, as is probable, the Trustees do not have a special Meeting to

consider this letter, but consider it at their usual Monthly Meeting, it is not likely to reach Government till some 3 weeks hence

5 – The work in connection with these Tenders cannot be done in the Law. Asylum Press Office because the Secretary to the Press, Mr. E. J. Firth is one of the Tenderers and the Agents do not consider it advisable that he should be present at their consultations or should know the details of the recommendations they make to the Trustees concerning the Tenders – If however Government wish to have an early copy both of the Tenders & the Agents letter to to the Trustees I shall be glad, on learning this, to have my Private Clerk make a copy of the 3 papers & will then forward them to Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant,

On behalf of the Agents to the Trustees L. A. Press }

W. Weslie Elwes

ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS

~~Financial~~ Educational (1897) Department.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
25. FEB. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras

No. C/6.

Dated 24 February 1897.
Received 25 } Do.
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SUBJECT.

Submitting two tenders for leasing the Lawrence Asylum Presses and other papers connected with the same.

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Read again NB
5/3/97

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papers please

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2/3/97

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5 [illegible] – Madras
31st December 1896

To

The Agents to the Trustees of the
Lawrence Asylum Press

Gentlemen

Not seeing my way to adhere strictly to the terms of your advertisement for Sale or Lease of the Press I venture to make the following proposition which will I think relieve the Trustees of the difficulty now experienced in working the Press, and yet bring about the same results. The proposition is identical in its provisions (though I venture to think more advantageous) with that accepted by the Trustees, and Government in 1894 –

My

My offer is - I guarantee to pay to the Trustees 15.000 Rupees annually in four instalments of 3750 - quarterly and as Security to deposit 20.000 Rupees in Government paper - on the return of the enclosed deposit cheque for Rs 6000 -

That in consideration of the above I be permitted to take over the Press as it stands with its assets and Liabilities, Stock of paper &c, for which latter I will pay as I use it, at Stock book rates, and be liable for all other expenditure - on the understanding that at the expiry of 5 years from the date of taking charge I make over the Concern intact after making allowance for such of the debts now outstanding as may prove to be irrecoverable.

that:

That as a proof of my good faith in such matters my books will be open to inspection by the Accountant General and the Superintendent of the Government Press, in respect to Cash and Stock respectively - and on my part I agree that, should those officers detect any serious falling off in the business of the Press or failure on my part to keep the plant up to its present standard, they may be at liberty to report such falling off to Government with a view to terminate the Lease and resume management of the Press, making good any deficiency from my Security -

There will, I am advised, be no difficulty in drawing up an agreement embodying the terms of my proposal and I trust that my 22 years

faithful

faithful Service to the Government that appointed me Secretary to the Directors of the Press by a Special telegram in 1874 - and the fact that I am a Government pensioner, will be a sufficient Guarantee of good faith -

I have proposed a 5-years lease because, humanly speaking, I may not, at my age, be justified in looking forward to a more extended period during which I can put good work into the concern, and my experience has taught me that profits depend almost entirely upon the closest personal supervision in respect to details - but I reserve to myself the right to extend the time to ten years should I find myself in a position to

to do so, and I further stipulate that I be permitted to buy the Press outright for Rs 3.50.000 at any time during the first named period of lease - though I do not insist upon the last proposition should the Trustees consider the amount insufficient

There is one further suggestion I have to offer - as I agree to keep the Press up to its present standard both financially and in respect to its plant &c though I hope to do more, I claim, at the expiry of the lease to be paid at a valuation for any material additions that I may have made to the Plant &c

If my proposal is accepted - it will be necessary for the Trustees to arrange for the disposal of the Pension Fund, and of such obsolete Stock

Stock as may be agreed upon
at a Stock taking that will
be necessary to determined
my responsibility on that account.

I remain — Gentlemen
Yours most obedt servt
Chas Firth

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RAMSAY & CO.,
MADRAS.

SECTION. Genl.

Madras, 31st Dec. 1896.

To The Agents
to the Trustees
of the Laurence Asylum Press
Mount Road
Madras.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the advertisements in the "Madras Mail" of the 30th. Mch. and 18 Nov. 1896, we have the honor to tender for the Lease of the Laurence Asylum Press (Head Office and Ooty Branch) with its goodwill, name or designation for the term of ten Years. And in generally accepting the published Conditions we forward

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MADRAS.

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forward herewith Rs 6100/- in Govt Paper, which is rather in excess of the 20% on the required Security Deposit of Rupees 30000/- which we undertake to pay, in full, in Govt Paper immediately on the acceptance of our Tender – Provided that we shall not be liable to spend in any one year of our Lease a larger sum than Rs 1360 (One Thousand three hundred and Sixty) for repairs, cleanings &c and that we shall not be liable to spend in any one year a larger sum than Rs 9000 (Nine Thousand) for

renewals

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renewal [illegible]d repairs of Plant. and that all old Plant so renewed shall become our property subject to the approval of the Lessors and we undertake To make good all deficiencies which may be found at any time during the Lease and also to keep the Plant & Buildin in the same condition & in the same state of repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted) as when made over to us. and at the expiration of the Lease in such condition subject as aforesaid make over to the Lessors the same With regard to Taxes Premium for Fire Insurance, Quit Rent and other Outgoings, we agree

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to pay the same amount as is now paid, forwarding the Receipts for same to the Lessors.

In Conclusion we offer the sum of Rupees 15,000/ Fifteen Thousand/ as the Annual Rental for the Lease.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedt. Servts
Ramsay & Co.

In the event of our Tender being accepted the services of a first class European, Practical Printer, of many Years Indian Experince has been

Recd. 13th Jany 1897

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Madras
No. 3339 11th January 1897.

From,
The Agents to the Trustees
Law: Asy: Press

To,
The Secretary to the Trustees

Rev. and Dear Sir:

I have the honor to state for the information of the Trustees of the Law Asylum Press that the Agents met on 4th Dec. 1896 to open Tenders for sale or lease of the Law: Asy. Press—

2. There were two Tenders, one from Messrs. Ramsay Co & one from E. J. Firth Esq.— After a preliminary discussion— the Agents adjourned to this morning.

3. A Second Meeting was held this morning and after a careful Consideration of the terms of the two Tenders, it was found necessary to adjourn till Monday the 18th.

4.— The Secretary has been directed to suspend other Office work as far as can be done to Enable him to supply the information required by the Agents and I am requested to say that the tenders with the Agents recommendation shall be forwarded as soon as possible after the Meeting of the 18th.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
W. W. S. L. Elwes
ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS

On behalf
of and by desire
of the Agents
to the Trustees
S. A. Press.

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Conditions and Rates in the event of a Type Foundry being developed.

The following metals shall be mixed in the quantities stated to produce types suitable for use, and for adding to type plant account.

For types:	For quadrats, leads, quotations, clumps, and metal furniture:
100 lb lead	100 lb lead
25 lb antimony	20 lb antimony
8 lb tin	5 lb tin

Stereotype castings and cheques to be made from type metal.

Type and leads, &c. made from a better mixture of metals than the above standard will be proportionately allowed for.

Types of an inferior mixture of metals will be rejected.

Broadside, titling jobbing, vernacular, and ordinary types cast in the foundry will be paid for at the rate given below, the body of the type being the guide for rate to be charged.

Old types rejected by the practical printer will be allowed for at 3 annas per lb; quadrats, leads, quotations, and metal furniture at 2½ annas per lb.

All punches, matrices, and machine and hand moulds made and used will form a part of plant stock.

All types must be cut truly to respective series in use; they must range properly and be square at both ends; the types when ready for use to be well-finished in every respect.

Rates for Types cast in the Foundry.

Description	Complete Founts, Sorts, and Spaces.			Quadrats, 2 to 4 ems.		
	R.	a.	p.	R.	a.	p.
Two-line Great Primer	„	6	-	-	4	.
„ English	-	6	„	-	4	.
Double Pica	-	7	-	-	5	„
Great Primer	-	7	-	.	5	-
English	-	7	„	-	5	.
Pica	„	8	.	.	5	-
Small Pica	„	9	-	.	5	„
Long Primer	.	10	-	-	6	.
Bourgeois	-	10	6	.	7	.
Brevier	„	12	„	-	7	6
Minion	„	13	.	.	8	6
Nonpareil	1	2	-	.	9	.
Ruby	1	6	-	-	11	.
Pearl	1	12	.	-	14	.
Diamond	3	-	.	1	8	-

Note - Other sizes of types not given in the above will be proportionately valued.

Leads	R. a. p.		R. a. p.
4 to pica	0-5-0	Quotations & clumps.	0-5-0
6 „	0-6-0	Metal furniture, assorted.	0-5-0
8 „	0-9-0	Chegues.	0-6-0

R. Hill
23/1/97

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No 3370

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Madras, 28th Jany: 1897

From
The Hon: Dr. Duncan
— „ — Ven: Archdeacon Elwes
R. Hill Esqre

To,
Revd A. W. Atkinson
Secy: L. A. Press Trustees.

Revd and Dear Sir,

I have the honor, in continuation of my letter No. 3339 11th Jan: 1897 to state for the information of the L. A. P. Trustees that a third meeting of the Agents to the Trustees was held on 17th January 1897 to consider the Tenders opened on 4th Jan: 1897 for the lease of the Press at Madras and the Branch at Ootacamund.

3 enclosures

2 — I enclose the 2 Tenders in original
(a) From E. J. Firth Esq.
(b) — „ — Messrs Ramsay & Co

3 — Mr Firth's Tender —

An offer is made
(1) To lease the Press for Rs 15,000 annually, the sum to be paid in quarterly instalments — & to deposit

Rs 20000 instead of Rs 30,000 required by the Advertisement

(2) To take over the Press as it stands with its assets & liabilities stock of paper &c – the stock of paper &c to be paid for as used.

(3) Power to terminate lease at end of 5 years, or extend it to 10 years at his option.

(4) Power to purchase Press for 3½ lakhs at any time during first five years subject to Agreement of Trustees to this or any other amount required.

(5) To be paid for any material additions made to plant &c.

4 – The Agents do not recommend the acceptance of this Tender for the following reasons:–

(1) The Offer does not accept the conditions laid down in paras 7 to 24 of the Notice regarding sale or lease &c which are essential in the interests of the Trustees

(2) The Offer of Rs 20000 instead of the Rs 30,000 required is not a sufficient Security for the due fulfilment of terms & conditions of lease

(3) To permit Mr. Firth to take the business with its assets & liabilities means giving him some Rs 45,000 as

Capital – which sum will be realized if the conditions of the Advertisement are upheld by the Agents for the Trustees for investment at 3 p.c. – since the assets on the 31 Dec. 1896 are approximately estimated at Rs 66000 and the liabilities at Rs 21,000.

(4) To allow him to pay for stock of papers &c as they are used means that this Account is to be kept open for a considerable time against conditions laid down in para 22 of Advertisement

(5) If the Lessee conducts operations successfully there is less reason for the Trustees desiring to terminate the Agreement at the End of 5 years than there would be at the End of 10 years, ~~Owing~~ owing to the reduced sum they will receive by interest on purchase money as compared with the annual amount by leasing.

5. Mess. Ramsay & Co's Tender.

This Tender offers

(1) To lease the Press for 10 years & generally accepts the published conditions

(2) Repeats the conditions as regards repairs, cleaning &c. & purchase of plant – as stated in paras 17 & 18 of Notice regarding sale or lease &c; with the stipulation that all old plant so renewed shall

become their property.

(3) That they shall only pay the same amount for taxes, premiums for insurance, quit rent, & other outgoings as are now paid

(4) Rs 15,000 is offered as the annual rental for the lease

6 – The Agents consider (1) that the stipulation for old plant becoming the property of the Lessee cannot be accepted, as it should be sold by the practical printer for the benefit of the Trustees.
(2) That the Lessee must be liable for any increase made by the Municipality in amount of taxes, quit rent, water rate &c. & if an increased value is fixed for Premises or plant – the increased Premium must be paid by the Lessee.

7 – Should Messrs Ramsay & Co waive the points referred to in paragraph 6, and the Trustees accept their offer, they will be in the following position financially.

Receipts annually

From Messrs Ramsay & Co –	Rs 15000
Rent &c.	720
Interest &c. on Rs 45000 at 3 p.c.	1350
	Rs 17,070

From this sum must be deducted yearly the following:—

For Practical Printer & Architect to Supervise.	Rs 800
Excess of amount now paid in pensions over Interest on Pension Fund. - - - - - - - - - - -	1442
New Pensions - - - - - - - - - -	2172
	Rs 4414

Who authorised this? We want full particulars about this & the New pensions
WW

This will give the Trustees Rs 12,656 per annum.

8 – The Agents do not recommend the Trustees to accept Messrs. Ramsay & Co offer.

They consider the offer of Rs 15000 as an annual rental reasonable, but they consider that should the present contracts & Agreements for work now in the Press not be maintained there would be no Security for the payment of the Rs 15,000 – the Agents are of opinion that had this offer come from an old Established & large firm it would have been well worth considering, but in view of the fact that Messrs. Ramsay & Co. in addition to the Rs 30000 Security – would require to pay down about Rs 25,000 for Stores, & should have about Rs 30000 as working Capital to start with, the Agents think that the position of the Firm is not such as to warrant them in recommending the acceptance of Messrs. Ramsay & Co offer.

9 – Moreover the Agents would

draw the Trustees attention to the fact that while the Trustees would, if they accept Mess^rs^ Ramsay & Co's offer receive only R. 12,656 per annum they have received from the Agents to the Press R. 15000 per annum for the last 3 years, and the Agents have also paid R. 1442 per annum out of the annual receipts towards payment of existing pensions which are in Excess of interest received from Pension Fund. The Agents believe that they will be able to send the Asylum R. 16,000 between 1 Jany: & 31^st^ Decr. 1897 & that this sum may probably be increased in after years with a comparatively small outlay for Machinery, & by securing Contracts for railway & other large printing work

10 – While therefore the Agents would be glad from a personal point of view to be relieved of their present position which gives them considerable & anxious works outside of the work which belongs to the posts they hold as Government Officers yet they consider that in the interests of the Asylum they are bound to recommend the Trustees not to accept Either of these offers, but to allow the Press to continue as it is. The Agents believe that the

opposition of the printing firms in Mount Road to the existence of the Press under the Agents has died out the Chief descriptions of work undertaken by the Press being those that could not be readily undertaken by any of those Firms, and that the Classes of work (the Madras Railway Contract & Messrs Wrenn Bennett & Co. work in particular) would go to England or Elsewhere, if not undertaken by the Agents.

10. If it is decided to continue the Press under the direct control of the Agents they will at once undertake the revision of Establishment & purchase of Stores &c which have not been done during the past Eighteen months owing to the uncertainty of their position

11– If however it is resolved to lease the Press to Messrs Ramsay & Co then in the opinion of the Agents the following corrections and additions should be embodied in the terms of contract– as stated in "Conditions of Lease." para 10 at the end add

"Interest on Deposit money shall be paid to the Lessee half yearly, or whenever received by the Trustees."

para 11 line 1 after "assign" add "by Mortgage or otherwise"; and in line 2 add "or plant"

para 13 line 3 add "and plant"

para 17, at the end add—

(Whenever the whole of the annual sum of R. 1360 is not required for repairs &c any alteration or small addition to premises may be made at the wish of the Lessee & subject to the approval of the Lessors & their Engineer or Practical Printer — The additional premises to be the property of the Lessors & no compensation will be given to the lessee on termination of the lease for these alterations or additions.'

Para 18 at the end add "no plant shall be purchased or manufactured and added to plant account by Lessee without the sanction of the practical Printer being first obtained — Plant purchased or manufactured without this sanction will not be accepted as part of new plant added during each year

Add also as Para 18 A — In the event of a type founding being developed for the manufacture of types to be added to type plant, the type foundry plant shall be purchased by the Trustees, & be their property. The quality of metal to be used shall first be approved of by the practical printer & will be allowed for at ~~subject to the condition~~ the rates attached to the contract ~~and subject to the conditions~~

Add also as Para 18 B. Types purchased

from Messrs. V. & J. Figgins, type founders, London, or other well known Firms, will be accepted, provided they are of the usual qualities sold by them & subject to the conditions attached to the contrac

Para 20 – At the end add 'The Stock book for plant received from the Lessors shall be maintained by the Lessee and all Entries shall be in accordance with instructions given or as modified from time to time by the practical Printer.

Para 21. At the end add 'The practical printer shall be the Superintendent of the Government Press for the time being (This addition must first be approved of by Government.)

12 – The Agents consider that if the Trustees accept Messrs. Ramsay & Co's Tender it will not be possible to hand over the Press until 3 months after they have been informed of this decision – & the modifications of the lease have been agreed upon & accepted. Stock must be taken – plant books opened – notice must be given to Employes, pensions arranged for & Engagements made with a Practical Printer & Architect on behalf of the Trustees – The Agents must continue so for 3 or 4 months beyond the time of handing over the

Press, to receive monies and await the decision of the Trustees & Government concerning the disposal of the monies — It will be also necessary for the Agents to take over all the books accounts documents &c from the Secretary's Office & to Employ a Clerk for that time.

13 — The Agents request that when the Trustees send on these tenders (with their opinion) to Government they will also forward this letter and their letter No. 3339 of 11 Jany. 1897. —

I have the honor to be,
Revd. and Dear Sir
Yours faithfully,

Signed on behalf & by desire
of the Agents to the
L.A. Press Trustees

J. Watkins Elwes
Archdeacon of Madras

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Through the Director of Public Instruction

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No 2327

Laurence Asylum.
10th February 1897.

From

The Vice-Chairman
Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
24 FEB 97
MADRAS

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith two Tenders, one from Mr. E. J. Firth and the other from Messrs. Ramsay & Co for Casing the Lawrence Asylum Presses, also letter No 3339 dated 11 January 1897 and a second carefully drawn up report on the two Tenders above named, No 3370 dated the 28th January 1897, from the Agents of the Press, with the Trustees' Resolution thereon, No. 1 of the 10th February 1897, for the information of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt.

H. Tremenheere

Vice-Chairman.
Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum

No. C/6 24th February 1897.

Submitted to Government

D Duncan

Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee dated 10th February 1897.

No1. Resolved — The Trustees having carefully considered the Tenders of Mr. E. J. Firth and Messrs. Ramsay & Co for the lease of the Press, and the careful report of the Agents of the Trustees thereon, are not in a position to take exception to that Report, and therefore resolve to adopt it, and propose to decline both Tenders.

(A true Extract)

Aug. Wm. Atkinson, M.D.
Principal Secretary.

From

The Vice-Chairman
Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

No. 2327.

Dated 19th February 1897.

Forwarding —
(i) Tender from Mr. E. J. Firth and (ii) Tender from Messrs. Ramsay & Co. for the lease of the Lawrence Asylum Press, also —
(i) Letter No 3339 dated 11—1—97
& (ii) —do— 3370 —— 28—1—97
from the Agents to the Trustees of the Press reporting on these Tenders; & a Resolution of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum proposing to decline both Tenders.

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

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3 H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
2 THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
1 THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Lawrence Asylum Presses

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the note flagged A=a in G.O. No. 599 Edl. d 29th Septr. 96 in which the Govt. approved of the proposal of the Committee, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund to decline Messrs: Binny and Co's tender to lease the presses for ten years for Rs 11,000 per annum with the option of buying it for 3½ lakhs during the period of the lease. Since the issue of that G.O. two more tenders have been received.

(1) Mr Firth's tender with an annual rental of Rs 15,000

(2) Messrs: Ramsay & Co's tender with an annual of Rs 15,000

The Agents to the Trustees after carefully scrutinising both the tenders advised the

Trustees

Trustees not to accept either of them, and the latter have accepted this advice.

The principal objection raised by the ~~Trustees~~ Agents is that if they accept the tender of Messrs. Ramsay & Co. (whose terms are more favourable than those of Mr. Firth) the Asylum will, after deducting the necessary expenditure, receive only Rs. 12,656 per annum, whilst the Presses have been contributing Rs 15,000 during the last two years and are expected to contribute Rs 16,000 during the current year.

If it is decided to reject the tenders of Mr Firth & Messrs Ramsay & Co., arrangements will have to be made for the future management of the Presses. Orders on this point are solicited.

H.H. In rejecting Messrs. Ramsay's offer the Agents to the Trustees point out that the firm is not an old established firm in a large way of business

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x Mr Firth moreover departs from the published conditions

HS | The trustees have done right in rejecting both tenders.

The Agents shd be asked to report as to what orders they think should be issued with regard to the future management of the Press

JG
26/3/97

If the Agents are willing to continue to manage, why make or suggest any change?

HS
29/3/97

I agree with the Hon. Mr. Grose. A change must come some day; and therefore I think the Agents should be asked to report as proposed by Mr. Grose.

A. GH
12.4.97

and therefore that ~~their~~ its position is not such as to warrant the Trustees accepting its offer, which as they point out might in other respects be worth considering.

The Trustees reject both tenders.

As to future management the Agents are prepared in the interests of the Asylum to continue to undertake the onerous duties which it imposes upon them.

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Edl. DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

Lawrence. Asylum Presses

FOR ORDERS.

The order should be kept back till we get the Archdeacon's letter – referred to by Dr Duncan – & have considered it.

J.S.
23.4.97

H.M.
The G.O. has not issued yet on the Asylum Press.

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FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

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Educational
~~Local & Munl.~~ (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 609.

Madras Office;
Please resubmit the file with the decision of Govt. wh. was held back 23/5/97

From
The Hon'ble Dr. Duncan
-"- Venble W. Weston Elwes M.A.
R. Hill Esq.

Order

No. 3621

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Dated 21st May 1897.
Received 23.5.97.
Registered 25.5.97.
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SUBJECT.

Concerning a proposed offer to purchase L. A. Press by Mr. C. H. Higginbotham

Note There are no papers here re: this. All these must be with S
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BACK PAPERS.

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Current No. 609 Educational.

Archdeacon's Office
Coonoor 21st May 1897.

No. 3621.

From

The Hon'ble Dr. Duncan } Agents to the
-"- Ven'ble W. Weston Elwes } Trustees, Lawrence
R. Hill Esq } Asylum Press.

To

The Secretary to Government
in the Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to state by desire of the Agents to the Trustees, Lawrence Asylum Preſs, for the information of Government that last month Mr. C. H. Higginbotham applied to the Agents to the Trustees Lawrence Asylum Preſs for certain information regarding the Preſs with a view to making an offer to purchase it outright.

2. Mr. Hill had several interviews with Mr. Higginbotham lasting up to the 10th of May, and explained to him the present position of the Preſs, the agreements entered into for securing regular work, showed him the establishment and other lists, annual statements &ca, and answered all his enquiries.

3. It seemed at one time probable that Mr. Higginbotham would make a definite offer, but on the 10th of May Mr. Higginbotham wrote a letter which the Agents to the Trustees take to mean that he does not intend to make an offer.

4. Under these circumstances the Agents to the Lawrence Asylum Preſs Trustees would be glad if the Government will be pleased to give as soon as is convenient to it a decision concerning the

tenders for lease now before them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Signed on behalf of the Agents to the L.A. Press Trustees

W. Weston Elwes
ARCHDEACON OF MADRAS

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos. 122, 258 + 609.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.~~

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Lawrence Asylum Presses.

FOR ORDERS.

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Resubmitted with C. No 609 from which it will be seen that Mr Higginbotham does not intend to make an offer for the Lawrence Asylum Presses.

An order rejecting the tenders of Mr Firth and of Messrs Ramsay & Co. and asking the Agents to report as to what orders they consider should be passed with regard to the future management of the Press may now be issued?

A.B.
26/5/97

H.M.

Yes
S.K.
28/5/97

Yes
J.G.
31/5/97

D. O.

16.4.97

Confidential

Office of the
Commissioner for Government Examinations.
Madras, 16 April 1897

My dear Grose

If Government has not already passed orders on the leasing of the Lawrence Asylum Press, or if the order has not yet been issued, it would be well for Government to stay its hand for a short time.

A ~~possible~~ probable purchaser

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Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 122 of 1897, dated 1/2 , from Agents to Trustees, L.A. Press

" " 258 " 1897, " 24/2 , " D.P.I.

" " 609 " 1897, " 21/5 , " Agents to Trustees, L.A. Press

To the Hon. Mr Bliss with reference to para 2 their note of the 29/3/97

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ORDER. ~~Mis~~ No. 321 dt 12-6-97

The Govt. accepts the proposal of the Lawrence Asylum Committee to decline ~~two~~ the tenders of Mr E. J. Firth and Messrs Ramsay & Co for the lease of the Law. Asylum Press.

2. The Agents to the Trustees, Lawrence Asylum Press, will be requested to be so good as to state what orders they consider should be passed with regard to the future management of the Press.

(From orders)

8/6/97

To

The Committee, Law. asylum, Ooty, thro' D.P.I. (Q of all cts)

" Agents to the Trustees, L.A. Press (C.No. 258 = P. rest = Q)

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* Send to the Ven the Archdeacon

has turned up & if the press could be sold outright it would be far preferable to the leasing of it. Archdeacon Elwes will address Government in a day or two if the intending purchaser is likely to offer good terms.

Truly yours
D Duncan

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.
Government Records.

Department.

G. O. (Mis).
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Government Records.

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My dear Forbes,
Has this order gone yet? If not, keep it back.

Yours sincerely
J. G. Innes.

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Sheddon Hall
17.4.93