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7th May 1864.

No. 14. Read the following letter from H. SMITH, Esq., Superintendent, Government Printing Establishment; to the Supervisor of the Government Printing Establishment, Fort Saint George, dated 29th April 1864.

I beg to explain that the omission referred to in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 25th April, No. 230, arose out of the under-mentioned circumstances.

2. The work, which had hitherto been printed at the Accountant General's Press, was brought over by an employé of that office, who stated that they were unable, or found it difficult, to print it there any longer, and wished to know if it could be printed here. The impression conveyed both to myself and Mr. Morgan, who was present at the interview, by this party's statement, was, that finding their work too heavy, the Accountant General's Office was desirous of transferring such portions of it as they might find it inconvenient to do themselves, to the central establishment; and in the reply* given, which was simply a categorical answer to the inquiry made, it was never supposed that the work referred to would have to be given out on contract at all, but that it would be turned out at the Accountant General's Press as heretofore. Nothing was stated or known here, of that establishment having been reduced.

* Copy accompanies.

From H. SMITH, Esq., Superintendent, Government Printing Establishment; to the Military Accountant, Fort Saint George, dated 26th January 1864.

In reply to your communication of yesterday's date, I have the honor to state that the description of work similar to that sent to be printed is not now executed here, the book-work of this office having been made over to Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co. on contract, and no funds are available here to defray the expense of printing the work sent. It is, therefore, herewith returned together with the muster book.

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 230 of the 25th instant.

2. It appears that the Superintendent thought that the work, if refused by him, would be done as before at the Accountant General's Press. He was wrong, however, in referring to the contract made with Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., without making the Military Accountant aware that communications on account of work required to be executed by that firm should be made through the Government Press.

(Signed) W. H. KERR,
Supervisor.

30th April 1864.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

MEMORANDUM.

Explanation called for in paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 230 of 25th April 1864, on the subject of the application for printing the Military Territorial books.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd May 1864.

(Signed) W. H. KERR,
Supervisor Government Printing Establishment.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1864, No. 250.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

(Encl 4).

Sir,

In reply to your communication of yesterday's date I have the honor to state that the description of work similar to that sent to be printed is not now executed here, the book work of this Office having been made over to Messrs Graves Cottson and Co. on Contract, and no funds are available here to defray the expenses of printing the work sent. It is, therefore, herewith returned together with the muster book.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obdt. Servant,
(Signed) H Smith
Superintendent Instr. Branches Establishment.

Fort St George.
26th January, 1864.

To
The Military Accountant.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I beg to explain that the omission referred to in para 2 of the order of Government dated 25th April, No. 230, arose out of the undermentioned circumstances:-

The work, which had hitherto been printed at the Accountant General's Press, was brought over by an Employé of that Office, who stated that they were unable, or found it difficult, to print it there any longer, and wished to know if it could be printed here. The impression conveyed both to myself and Mr. Morgan, who was present at the interview, by this Party's statement, was, that finding their work too heavy, the Accountant General's Office was desirous of transferring such portions of it as they might find it inconvenient to do themselves, to the Central Establishment; and in the† reply given, which was simply a categorical answer to the Enquiry made, it was never supposed

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obed. Servant,
W. Smith
Superintendent Genl.
Printing Establishment.

(Fort St. George)
29th April
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To
The Inspector
of the Government Printing Establishment.

To the Chief Secy to Govt.

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W. Gillan
Superintendent

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Explanation called for in Para 2 of G. O. Nº 230 of 25th April 1864, on the subject of the application for printing the Militia Territorial Books.

Nº 223. Ezekiel Clerk.

Superintendent Govt. Printing Establishment

2nd St George. 2/2nd May 1864. 10/3

To, The Chief Secretary.

7 May 1864 Nº 251.

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