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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 12th October 1869.

No. 30. Read the following letter from the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, in charge of Ordnance Office, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 1st October 1869, No. 201-G.

Ordnance Department.]

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government, dated 1st September 1869, No. 400, returning, on certain grounds, the estimate of the Stationery Depôt for 1870-71, for revision.

2. That document was accordingly forwarded to the Superintendent of Stationery, who has furnished full explanation as to the impracticability of reducing his estimate. I enclose copy of his letter, dated 24th September 1869, No. 377, which thoroughly explains the difficulty under which he labours, in carrying out the wishes of Government; and, concurring in the correctness of the statements therein made, I beg to submit the same with my strong recommendation that the Stationery budget may be permitted to stand as at first prepared, unless Government can pass such orders as will reduce the demands of the Civil Departments, and Government Press, to an extent sufficient to carry out the wished-for reductions.

From the Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated Fort Saint George, 24th September 1869, No. 377.

Having received with your foot-note, No. 2939, of 4th instant, Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 1st idem, No. 400, forwarding, for revision, my budget-estimate for 1870-71, I have the honour to state that a careful revision has been made of each item estimated for.

2. The Government has recorded its opinion that the estimate alluded to should not exceed the average of the actuals for 1867-68 and 1868-69; viz., about Rupees 1,08,000, or Rupees 6442 less than the amount budgeted for.

3. If the amount budgeted for had been for the purchase of articles for the use of my own department, or for departments under my orders or control, a peremptory order from me for the curtailment of stationery expenditure would have been possible; but my criticism of indents involves only pointing out errors in calculations, differences of averages from those of previous years, and demands unauthorized by Government orders, or for articles which have not lasted the regulated period. This criticism, which has been carried out with strictness and diligence, has resulted in large savings to the State; but it does not affect the vast majority of the articles demanded by offices, such as the Board of Revenue, the High Court, &c., &c., which have the control of indents of their subordinate departments.

4. Moreover, if the action of Government limited the establishment of offices to an average of previous years, and if that action also limited the expenditure of stationery of these offices to a similar average, then, I could have a certain and economical basis on which to estimate my budget. But a contrary principle obtains regarding both of these important subjects. Forty-four new offices marginally enumerated received stationery from me for the first time, in the last of the two years on which the average is suggested to be fixed: and as will be seen from the statement underneath, which affects two of the older establishments only, the quantity of stationery supplied to each, was in the last, much in excess of that of the first,

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Government Press.			
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5. I beg also to bring to notice that the estimate for local purchases, in 1870-71, includes a sum of Rupees 3500, (more than half of the amount which it is proposed to cut from my budget,) to enable me to comply with Order of Government, No. 881, of 22nd July last, for the purpose of purchasing black-ink powders locally, instead of indenting for them, as heretofore, on England.

6. One other item alone, amounting to Rupees 2068-7-4, being freight for stationery which was expected to arrive in 1868-69, and estimated for accordingly, but which was actually included in actuals for the year 1869-70, on account of delay in despatch from England, will, together with the Rupees 3500 alluded to in the preceding paragraph, and the hire of 157 boats employed in landing the delayed stationery, nearly balance the proposed reduction of Rupees 6442 from my budget.

7. There is only one other point which I would wish here to notice. It has been supposed that the extension of railway communication would reduce charges for conveyance of stationery ; but the fact is that these charges are in some instances *increased*, instead of being *diminished*. For instance, the sum previously paid for the conveyence of 12 maunds from this to Trichinopoly was, by country cart, about Rupees 12, whereas the same by rail now costs Rupees 18-2-0.

8. Under the foregoing circumstances, I deem it to be my duty to re-submit my budget-estimate as it stood before. It was made out with anxious and economical care. Should, however, you or Government still think that a reduction should be made, it can, of course, be effected by a proportionate reduction in the reserve ordered to be kept up to meet unexpected demands, or delays in supply ; but in that case, I anticipate that I shall be obliged to have recourse to the local market for sudden supplies, in which case, advantage will naturally be taken, by the few vendors of stationery, to enhance the price ; and consequently a loss, instead of a gain, be the result.

9. I have candidly explained how matters really stand, and I trust that I may not incur blame for the course which I have most respectfully adopted.

No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1869, No. 477.

The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will be informed that the Government see no reason for reconsidering their Order, dated the 1st September last, No. 400, directing that the budget-estimate of the Stationery Depôt for 1870-71 be reduced from Rupees 1,14,422 to Rupees 1,08,000. The present state of the finances imperatively calls for reduction of expenditure in all departments, and every effort should be made by Heads of Departments to that end.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th October 1869.

2. The Superintendent of Stationery has ample time to arrrange for meeting the deficit in the budget-estimate for 1870-71. He should at once intimate to Heads of Departments that their requisitions for stationery for 1870-71 must be limited to what is absolutely necessary, and that the most rigid economy should be exercised by them during the current year in the expenditure of stationery.

3. The attention of the Board of Revenue will be drawn to the very large supplies of stationery indented for by them in 1869-70, as compared with 1868-69, and they will be requested to impress upon all departments under their control the necessity for keeping the expenditure of stationery within the narrowest limits.

4. Heads of Departments generally should see that the stock of stationery in hand, in their respective offices, is correctly taken, and that their indents are carefully framed with reference to that stock, and the actual requirements of the departments.

5. With rigid economy in all departments the Government are of opinion that the budget assignment for 1870-71 will be found sufficient to meet the requirements of the year.

6. Paragraph 7 of the letter from the Acting Superintendent of Stationery will be communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and he will be requested to ascertain and report the cause of the Railway charges for stationery sent from Madras to Trichinopoly exceeding by fifty per cent. the cost by country cart. Pending the Consulting Engineer's report, the Superintendent of Stationery will despatch stationery up-country by carts.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
,, Accountant General, with the estimate.
,, Revenue Board.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Military do.
,, Public-Works do.
,, Heads of Offices in the Departments under the Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The INSPECTOR GENERAL of
ORDNANCE and MAGAZINES.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 12th.

Read.

G. O., 12th October 1869, No. 477.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 30-31.

Passing orders on the budget-estimate of the Stationery Depôt for 1870-71.

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No. 377

From

The Superintendent of Stationery,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Inspector General,
of Ordnance and Magazines,
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Sir,

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I have &c.

(Signed) W. E. Gothhart Lieut. & Q. A.
Ag: Superr of Stationery.

True Copy.

Alex Stewart Lieut. Col. & Q. A.
Dy: Insp: Genl: of Ord: & Mags:
(In charge of Ordnance Office.)

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Ordnance Department.
1 Enclosure.-

ORDNANCE OFFICE:
Fort Saint George,
1st Octr 1869.

No 4/201.

From Lieut. Colonel A. Stewart R.A.
Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
(In charge of Ordnance Office.-)

To The Chief Secretary to Government.-

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(b) No 377 dated 24th September 1869.

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Ordnance Department.
Enclosure.-

Dated 24th September 1869.

From
The Superintendent of Stationery
Fort St. George.

To
The Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance
& Magazines.
(In charge of Ordnance Office.-)

Sir,

With reference to the Estimate of Stationery Stores for the year 1870/71 now under consideration.-

Enclosure 1 Sheet.
Dated 12th October 1869.

the Civil Departments and Government Yards, to an extent sufficient to carry out the wished-for reductions.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.-

Alex Stewart. Lieut. Col. R.A.
Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.
(In charge of Ordnance Office.-)

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Financl. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines.

(Here enter 1st October /69 No. $\frac{G}{201}$)

Order thereon. 12 October 1869. No. 477

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No. 400.

Note The amount Sanctioned by the Govt. of India for the current year is Rs 96772 [illegible] Rs 89000 for the purchase [illegible]

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From No. 12th October 69.

The Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines (In charge of Ordnance Office)

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated 1st October

Received 2nd ~~September~~ 1869.

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No. 4935 1 Enclosure (Budget) $\frac{G}{201}$

Relative to the Estimate of the Stationery Depot for 1870/71.

Sanctioned 7/10

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Financial Department.

List showing the distribution of the Proceedings of Government, dated 12 October 1869.

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Legislative Department.

Public.

Board of Examiners ..... Copy to the Committee for the Examination of Candidates ..... 5/.
Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for information and guidance and for communication to the Subordinate Officers..... 6
Protector of Emigrants... 1
Tamil Translator to Government 1
Teloogoo do. to do... 1
Malayalim do. to do... 1
Canarese do. to do... 1
Persian do. to do... 1
Government Astronomer... 1
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor... 1
Officer in charge of Government Central Museum. 1
Chemical Examiner 1
Superintendent of Stationery..... 6
Superintendent of the Government Press 6
Municipal Commissioners... President of the Municipal Commission 6
Postmaster General... 6
Superintendent Electric Telegraphs. 1

Judicial.

Judges of the Court of Sudr and Foujdaree Udalut, for information and guidance and for communication to the Subordinate Officers... ..... do. ..... do. 6
Inspector General of Madras Police... ..... do. 1
Inspector General of Jails 1
Commissioner of Police 1
Magistrate of Police, 1st District..... Jours 1
Do. of Do. 2d Do..... Poonamallee 1
Do. of Do. 3d Do..... 1
Judges of the Madras Court of Small Causes..... 1
Advocate General..... 1
Government Solicitor... 1
Government Pleader... 1
Administrator General. 1
Chief Clerk of the Insolvent Debtors' Court 1
Coroner of Madras 1
Sheriff of Madras... 1
Clerk of the Council for making Laws 1
Clerk of the Supreme Court 6
Registrar of the Supreme Court 1
Clerk of the Crown... 1
Registrar General of assurances 6

Political.

Resident in Travancore and Cochin... 1
Government Agent at Chepauk..... 1
Government Agent at Tanjore..... Tanjore 1
Political Agent at Poodoocottah..... 1
Collector in charge of the Special Agent's Department at Cuddalore. 1
Officer in charge of the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore. 1

Ecclesiastical.

The Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras..... 1
Venerable Archdeacon of Madras..... 1
Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland ....

Marine.

Master attendant
Superintendent of Marine for information and guidance and for communication to the Sub-ordinate Officers 21

Financial.

Mint Master... ... .
Assay Master 1
Deputy Auditor and Accountant General..... 6
Civil Paymaster..... & 3
Secretary, Government Savings' Bank ....
Commissioner of the Department of Issue of Paper Currency..... 6

Railway.

Consulting Engineer for Railways... ....

Educational

Director of Public Instruction..... 10
Commissioner of the Uncovenanted Service Examination. 1

Revenue.

Revenue Board for information and for communication to the Subordinate Officers 1
Director of Revenue Settlement..... ..... do. ..... do. ....
Superintendent of Revenue Survey.. .... do. ..... do. ....
Commissioner of Inam... .... do. ..... do. ....
Conservator of Forests.... ....
Reporter of External Commerce... ....
Commissioners of Income Tax..... ....
Superintendent Government Gardens, Ootacamund ....
Superintendent of Stamps... ....

Pub. Works.

Chief Engineer, Department Public Works ..... do. ..... do. ....
Commandant of Engineers... ....
Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company ....

Military.

Controller of Military Finance..... ..... do. ..... do. ....
Adjutant General of the Army..... ..... do. ..... do. ....
Quarter Master General of the Army. ..... do. ..... do. ....
Deputy Adjutant General Her Majesty's Forces.. do. ..... do. ....
Deputy Quarter Master General do. ..... do. ..... do. ....
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines..... do. ..... do. ....
Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory ....
Superintendent Gun Powder do. ....
Military Accountant... ....
Paymaster Presidency... ....
Examiner of Medical Accounts ....
Brigade Major..... ....
Fort Adjutant... ....
Commissary General .... do. ..... do. ....
Examiner of Commissariat Accounts .. ..
Judge Advocate General ....
Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions. ....
Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing ....
Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief... ....
Barrack Master, Presidency ....

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Sending the Consulting
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patch Stationery up-
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To The Superintendent of Stationery & Stamp Duties
Accountant General - with the Estimate
" Revenue Board
" Revenue Department
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" Inspector General of Police.
" Registrar General of Births
" Stationery Commissioner

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Vide List appended

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

Financial

To

The Secretary Board of Ordnance Works &c. &c.

Dated 7th Oct. 1869, No. 477

Recd. 7th Oct. 1869

Nos. 30 to 31.

Passing orders on the Budget Estimate of the Stationary Department for 1870-71.

Forwarded to Audr. Genl. 15/10