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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1070-573 Press Mis.

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Dated 26-11- 1869.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 80. From G. H. M. BATTEN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 7th October 1869, No. 3950-A.

I am directed to forward a letter, in original, from the Accountant-General, Madras, (No. 2912, dated 4th August 1869,) and with reference to the application therein made for an increase to the salary of the Superintendent of the Printing Establishment of his Office, to request that the Government of India may be favoured with the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council as to the necessity of maintaining a separate Press for the Accountant-General's Office. Since the Press in question was sanctioned the printing of public correspondence has been very much extended, and it is possible that the Government Press at Madras is now strong enough to undertake the work of the Accountant-General.

No. 241.

No. 81. MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras for submission to the Government of India, Financial Department, with reference to Under Secretary's Memorandum in the Public Department, No. 442, dated 21st October 1869.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th November 1869.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant-General.

No. 82. From the Superintendent of the Government Press, to the Supervisor of the Government Press, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 18th November 1869, No. 791.

As directed by you, I have gone carefully through the list and valuation of work done at the Accountant-General's Office, and have valued it, as nearly as is possible without having all the proofs before me, at the rates by which we estimate the value of work done in the Government Press and Penitentiary Branch ; viz., for composition one rupee per foolscap page solid, two rupees per foolscap page tabular, and in proportion for smaller or larger pages. Pages of four *blank* columns are charged solid ; of more than four columns or four colums *solid*, as tabular. Press-work I have estimated by our prices also, viz., Annas 4 for every 250 or fraction of 250 impressions.

2. This gives total value of work done at Accountant-General's Office as under:—

	RS.
Composition (setting up)...	3,666
Press-work	202
Total...	3,868

3. I estimate that the *cost* of the work in this office would be about Rupees 2200, as the greater part of it would be done on the piece, and a foreman for this especial work would not be required.

4. There would not be any difficulty in executing the work in this office, provided work and material were turned over together, and I believe the result of the change would be a considerable saving to Government.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1869, No. 572.

In the above letter, the Government of India request information whether the printing work of the Accountant-General's Office cannot be undertaken in the Government Press, the Accountant-General's Press being abolished.

2. The statements furnished by the Accountant-General show that 2105 pages were printed, and 1,74,931 impressions struck, at his Office press during the year ending 30th September 1869. This work is valued by the Accountant-General at Rupees 5459-4-0, and actually cost, excluding the wear and tear of types, &c., Rupees 3098. The Superintendent of the Government Press, on an examination of the statements, estimates the value of the work at Rupees 3868, and the cost of its execution in the Government Press at Rupees 2200.

3. It thus appears that an appreciable saving would be effected by the measures proposed by the Government of India; and in anticipation of the final orders of that Government, the Governor in Council directs, with reference to the orders noted in the margin, that the provision made in the Budget of the Civil Office of Account and Audit for the Accountant-General's printing be struck out; and that a sum of Rupees 2200 be added to the assignment in the Budget of the Government Press, for salaries of Compositors, &c., in the Public Department.

G. O., 12th Oct. 1869, No. 476, Finl. Dept.
Do. 13th Nov. ,, ,, 548, do.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 84. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department; dated Fort Saint George, 26th November 1869, No. 573.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Batten's letter, No. 3950-A, dated 7th October 1869, requesting the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council as to the necessity of maintaining a separate Press for the Accountant-General's Office, and suggesting that the work might be undertaken at the Government Press.

2. From statements received from the Accountant-General, it appears that during the year ending 30th September 1869, 2105 pages were printed at his Office press, 1,74,931 impressions having been struck. This work is valued by the Accountant-General at Rupees 5459-4-0 and actually cost, excluding the wear and tear of types, Rupees 3098. The Superintendent of the Government Press, on an examination of the statements furnished by the Accountant-General, estimates the value of the work at Rupees 3868, and the cost of its execution in the Government Press at Rupees 2200.

3. It thus appears that a considerable saving in the cost of the Accountant-General's printing may be effected by the abolition of his Press, and the transference of the work to the Government Press; and His Excellency the Governor in Council believes that if the presses, types, &c., be handed over, the work can without difficulty be executed in that establishment. In anticipation of the orders of the Government of India, the Accountant-General has, therefore, been directed to make the necessary addition, to the extent of the cost as above estimated, to the Budget Estimate of the Government Press for 1870-71, and to strike out the provision for printing in the Budget of the Civil Office of Audit and Account. The new arrangement, if ordered by the Government of India, can be introduced at once if the unexpended balance of the provision for the Accountant-General's Press for the current year be transferred to the credit of the Government Press.

4 I am to add that at present a considerable quantity of work is executed for the Accountant-General at the Government Press. The returns for the official year 1868-69 show that printing equal to 1471 foolscap pages with 77,717 impressions, and valued at Rupees 1766-10-0, was so executed during that year.

5. The enclosure to your Under Secretary's letter is returned.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

1869.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From The Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Financial Department.

Dated 26th November 1869.

Read. No. 573. Enclosure.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 80—84.

Communicating orders passed regarding the transfer to the Government Press of the work of the Accountant-General's Press.

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No. 573

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Financial Department

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5. The enclosure to your Under Secretary's letter is returned.

I.W.H. Hemsley
26 Nov 69

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No.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of
Jail Department

Dated 26 Nov 1869.

No 573

Nos. 80-84

Conveying orders passed regarding the transfer to the Govt. Press of the work of the Jail Accts & Gents Ships