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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st April 1881, No. 669.

Stationery.

Read the following papers:—

From J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th March 1881, No. 1841 [Current No. 837].

I regret to report the loss of the undermentioned valuable papers by the ravages of white-ants in the store-room of the Stationery Office. The ants appear to have come through the asphalted floor near one of the iron columns supporting the roof of the building. The asphalt appears to have sunk by the weight of the stores or to have worn away: it may not have been laid on thick enough. The papers were not placed on the bare floor but on teak-wood tarred skids:—

	Reams.	Quires.	Sheets.	Value.		
				RS.	A.	P.
Lithographic paper, 360 lb. 54 x 36 inches.	5	12	17	2,278	1	5
Europe Cartridge, 40 lb.	17	4	0	148	5	7
Double Royal, 35 lb.	0	11	0	2	14	7
Total				2,429	5	7

I request authority for writing these damaged papers off the accounts, and selling them by public auction.

2. The Lithographic paper, which is the highest priced, has been in store since 1876, and was originally procured from England on the estimate of the Revenue Survey Department; but no demands have been made on this office for it since that time. The Superintendent, Revenue Survey, was asked in this office letter, No. 162, dated 17th May 1877, to take early measures to remove the paper lest it should be seriously damaged, there being no room here for its proper storage; but this officer in reply stated that the paper was not required, and that there was no record in his office of any indent including it. Although, however, no indent was received from him, the paper is understood to have been provided on his estimate as above stated, and there is no doubt that former supplies have been obtained for, and issued to, his office.

3. There are traces of white-ants in other parts of the store-room discovered to-day. A thorough examination will be made and the result reported. The asphalt-ing of the floor will probably have to be entirely renewed, and the wooden fixtures repaired. Meanwhile, iron skids will be used, as far as available, instead of wooden ones, and every expedient within the means of this office employed to keep out the white-ants and save Government property.

Government have been already informed of the insufficiency of, as well as want of light in, the store-room. With the quantity of stores that cannot but be kept in it, independently of those in the shed and godowns, &c., it is exceedingly difficult to make a frequent examination of the stores with the view of ascertaining whether they are undamaged. I would therefore take this opportunity to recommend:—

From Superintendent of Stationery to Government, 30th June 1876, No. 241, paragraph 9, in Finl. G.O., 5th Sept. 1876, No. 1618.
From Supt. of Stationery to Govt., 30th July 1877, No. 365, and Endorsement of Finl. Dept., 6th Aug. 1877, No. 1516, in Public Works G.O., 8th Aug. 1877, No. 564 W.
From Mr. Greator, Asst. Pay Examiner, to Government, 29th March 1878, para. 2, in Financial G.O., 4th April 1878, No. 645.
From Supt. of Stationery to Govt., 10th July 1879, No. 397, in Finl. G.O., 5th Aug. 1879, No. 1497.
From Superintendent of Stationery to Government, 29th Jan. 1880, No. 2273, and 19th Feb. 1880, Nos. 2286 and 2357, in Finl. G.Os., 4th and 24th Feb. 1880, Nos. 259 and 405.

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1st.—That the Superintendent of Works be requested to ascertain and do whatever is necessary to secure the store-room against white-ants, and to afford light sufficient to allow of the stores being easily examined; additional ventilation also appears requisite.

2nd.—That the last proposal to provide additional accommodation for this office by building an upper-story on the store-room* may receive early and favorable consideration and orders given for the execution of the work. The value of the stock dealt with in this office in 1879-80 was upwards of 8 lakhs,† and it seems obviously desirable that secure, suitable, and adequate accommodation should be quickly provided.

* Plans and estimate were forwarded by Superintendent of Works to me for countersignature on 22nd February 1881 and returned on the 25th February 1881.

† Financial G.O., 4th August 1880, No. 1509, paragraph 2.

From J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th April 1881, No. 22 [Current No. 900].

In continuation of my letter, No. 1841, dated 31st March 1881, I have the honor to report that the undermentioned articles have been, on further examination, found damaged by white-ants in the store-room of the Stationery Office, and request permission for their being written off the accounts and sold by auction:—

	Reams.	Quires.	Sheets.	Value.
				RS. A. P.
Paper, Writing, Royal H. M.	0	0	12	0 13 0
„ Country, Chellam, Demy	1	18	1	8 5 2
„ do. Foolscap	0	10	0	1 8 0
Total ..				10 10 2

ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1881, No. 669.

The damaged paper may be written off as proposed, and sold for what it will fetch.

2. Early orders will be issued in the Public Works Department in regard to the measures necessary for protecting the Stationery against white-ants, admitting more light into the office, and providing additional accommodation.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stationery.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of (1881) Madras
FINANCIAL.

To
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
STATIONERY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 21st.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 21st April 1881, No. 669.

APRIL.

Stationery. — Certain damaged paper to be written off as proposed by the Superintendent of Stationery, and sold for what it will fetch. Early orders to be issued in the Public Works Department in regard to the measures necessary for protecting the Stationery against white-ants, admitting more light into the office, and providing additional accommodation.

No. 184-1

Stationery Office
Madras 30th March 1881

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Current No 837

From
The Superintendent of
Stationery Madras
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government Financial
Department Fort St. George
Sir

I regret to report the
loss of the undermentioned
valuable papers by the ravages
of white ants in the store
room of the Stationery Office.
The ants appear to have come
through the asphalted floor near
one of the iron columns supporting
the roof of the building. The
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	Reams	Duns	Sheds	Value
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Lithographic paper 360 lbs 54 x 36 inches —	5	12	17	2278-1-5
Europe Cartridge 40 lbs	17	4	0	148-5-7
Double Royal 35 lbs	0	11	0	2-14-7
Total Papers				2429-5-7

I request authority for writing these ^{damaged} papers off the accounts, and selling them by public auction.

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3. There are traces of white ants ^{seen} and of further ^{seen} damage in other parts of the store room discovered today. A thorough examination will

will be made, and the result reported. The asphaltting of the floor will probably have to be entirely renewed, and the wooden fixtures repaired. Meanwhile, Iron skids will be used, as far as available, instead of wooden ones, and every expedient within the means of this office employed to keep out the white ants, and save Government property.

From Superintendent of Nations
to Government 30th June 1876 No
241 Para 9 in Financial G. O. 5th
September 1876 No 1618.

Do to do - 30th July 1877, No. 365
and Endorsement of Financial
Department 6th August 1877 -
No. 4516 in Public Works G. O. 8th
August 1877, No. 564 Tr.

From Wm. Greaves, Assistant
Pay Examiner, to Government
29th March 1878 Para 2 in
Financial G. O. 4th April 1878
No 645.

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From Superintendent of Stateways
to Government 10th July 1879
N^o 394 in Financial G.O. 5th
August 1879 N^o 1497.

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2nd That the last proposal
to provide additional accom-
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Accommodation for this
 office by building an
 upper story on the storeroom⁺ Plans and
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Your most obedient servant

J G Perrand
 Superintendent of Stationery
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The second paragraph
 of Mr Tennant's letter
 will be considered
 in the Finance Dept.
 and any order will
 be issued in the
 P. & M. Dept. in regard
 to the measures necessary
 for protecting the
 Stationery against
 white ants, admitting
 more light into the
 office, and pro-
 viding additional
 accommodation.

To the Supt. of Stationery.
 Acct. Genl.
 Fin. Dept.
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From Finl. (1881) Dept.
The Superintendent
of Stationery
Madras
 To The Chief Secretary
to Govt.
Finl. Dept.
Fort Saint George
M.D.
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Dated 30 March 1881
 Received 31

No 1841
 Current No 837

Requesting sanction to
 write off in the accounts
 to sell by public auction
 certain papers found
 damaged by white ants,
 & issue of orders to the Supt.
 of Works to inspect the
 building with a view to
 secure the necessary things
 to secure it from white
 ants.

With order

Stationery Office
 Madras 6 April 1881

No. 22
 From,
 The Superintendent of Stationery
 Madras
 To, The Chief Secretary to Govt.
 Madras

CURRENT No. 900

Sir, In continuation of my letter No 1841
 dated 31 March 1881, I have the honor
 to report that the undermentioned articles
 have been on further examination found
 damaged by white ants in the store
 room of the Stationery Office, and
 request permission for their being
 written off the accounts and sold by
 auction.

	Reams.	Qrs.	Shs.	Value
Paper Writing Royal & M.	12	13	13	13
" Country of the East India Co.	18	1	8	5-2
" do Foolscap	10	1	8	1-8
	12	10	10	2

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,

Your most obedient servant

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 BY G.O. No.

J G Tennant
 Supt. of Stationery

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To
The Supdt of Stationery &
" Accountant General
" Public Works Dept

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

Stationery damaged by
white ants.

Under Disposal Docket.

PAPERS to be read in Proceedings :—

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