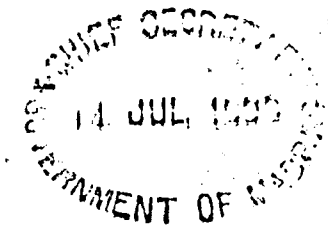


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Stationery Office,

Madras, 12th July 1898.

No. 1451

From

J.N. Atkinson Esquire I.C.S.,

Superintendent of Stationery,

To

Hon'ble Mr G. Stokes I.C.S.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Financial Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you in regard to arrangements for the testing of samples and the examination of supplies of paper received in the Stationery Office from the four Mills at Calcutta.

2. Since 1890 the samples have been tested by the Superintendent, Government Press, and his report has been a guide to the Superintendent of Stationery in his decisions in regard to them. This work is in addition to the ordinary duties of the Superintendent of the Press. Beyond this, it has been found necessary to send to that Officer for examination a small percentage of all supplies of paper tendered by the various Mills in compliance with orders given by the Stationery Department.

3. In consequence of the want of uniformity in the supplies forwarded - particularly in the case of one of the Mills - this work of examination has increased very considerably and the Superintendent of the Press has recently represented to me that it gives a great deal of extra work to himself, the Deputy Superintendent, and the Store-Keeper for which it is very difficult to find time.

4. I may mention that as the result of examination

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I have within the past two months rejected two consignments of paper received from the Mill above referred to. It will be readily understood that this places the Stationery stores at considerable inconvenience owing to the delay that must occur before the supplies can be replaced. The Mill is entirely to blame for this, and the expense that the proprietors are put to for conveyance charges is no set-off against the trouble and inconvenience the Stationery Office is put to.

5. In August last year, my predecessor asked the Superintendent of Stationery, Calcutta, whether he could conveniently arrange to have a certain percentage of the different descriptions of paper supplied to this Office by the Mills at Calcutta, examined by an officer of his department, before they are baled and shipped to Madras. In reply, the Superintendent stated that as the papers do not pass through his Office and may not do so unless so ordered by Government, he could not undertake the examination, and he added that the work of examination was already so heavy that his staff could not undertake any more. A similar reply was given to a further reference on the subject made in November last.

6. There is in Calcutta an "Examiner of paper" who is an expert. I feel sure that in the event of his being offered a consideration for doing so he would find time to carry out the by-no-means heavy examination of papers in ream before baling for despatch to Madras. Experience has fully demonstrated that such an examination is absolutely essential to secure uniformity of quality and colour and the advantages of having the inspection conducted at Calcutta before baling instead of on receipt in bale at Madras are too obvious to require enumeration.

7. I would therefore strongly recommend that the Government of Madras may be pleased to take steps for giving effect to such an arrangement. I am of opinion that an allowance of Rs (50) fifty per mensem to the Examiner at Calcutta would compensate him for his services and there can be no doubt that the expenditure would be fully justified for the reasons already indicated. I should still ask the

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Superintendent of the Press to test the sample sheets tendered for acceptance before the annual contracts are fixed.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

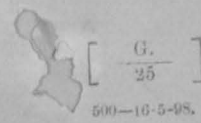
Your most obedient servant,

J. W. Atkinson.

Superintendent of Stationery.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Examination of the Supplies
of paper to the Stationery Office

FOR ORDERS.

- * The Titaghur Paper Mills Co.
 - " Bally
 - " Bengal
 - " Imperial

The Supt of Stationery
states that since 1890, samples
of papers purchased by him
from the four mills at Calcutta
have been examined by the
Supt. Govt. Press, Madras,
whose opinion has been a guide
to his decisions in regard to them

2. It ~~has~~ ^{has moreover been} found necessary
to send a small portion of the
Supplies received to the Press Supt
to examine and report if they
are according to the samples
accepted.

3. This work of examination
has increased very considerably
owing to the want of uniformity
in the Supplies forwarded by the
mills.

4. The Press Supt. has to
will ascertain and report

represented that the work of examining the Supplies involves extra labour for which it is difficult to find time

5. ~~That~~ As a result of such examination two consignments had to be rejected lately, and this places the Stationery Stores at a great inconvenience owing to the delay that must occur before they are replaced by

fresh supplies from the north

6. The Supdt ~~has~~ however addressed the Supdt of Staty Calcutta in August and November last, and enquired if he could conveniently arrange to have a certain percentage of the different descriptions of paper, (supplied to the Madras Stationery Office by the different Mills in Calcutta) examined by an officer of his department before they were ^{baled} and shipped to Madras.

The Supdt of Staty Calcutta ^{without the sanction of Govt.} would not undertake the examination, as the papers did not pass through his office, and as the work of examination was already so heavy his staff

Superintendent

could not undertake any more.
7. The Supdt of Stationery, Madras points out that the examination of the Supplies of paper from the mills is absolutely necessary to secure uniformity of quality and colour and adds that the advantages of having the inspection conducted at Calcutta before ^{baling} ~~baling~~ instead of on receipt in ^{bale} ~~bale~~ at Madras are too

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obvious to require enumeration.
8. He has ascertained that there is in Calcutta an "Examiner of paper" who is an expert, who will undertake the ^{by no means} heavy examination of papers in reams before baling for despatch to Madras, ^{on} as his being offered a consideration. He is of opinion that an allowance of Rs 50 per ^{the Examiner} ~~him~~ ^{month} would compensate him for his services.

9. The Samples deposited by the firms, before their contract settled, will, as usual, be examined and reported on by the Press Supdt. Madras.

will ascertain and report

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10. The Supdt has clearly explained the necessity for the supplies of paper being examined at Calcutta.

11. The question now is, how the extra cost proposed, viz Rs 600 per annum is to be met (i.e. whether the Cost should be borne by the Mills themselves or by Govt.)

12. In inviting Tenders for Black ink powder and Blue black ink (Country), the Supdt asks each Tenderer to deposit Rs 10/- to be paid to the Chemical Examiner, Madras as the fee for examining and reporting on the quality of the ink or ink powder. Similarly the Supdt. in this case, may be asked to

Correspond with the Proprietors of the Mills and ask them if they cannot pay a proper sum, proportionate to the quantity of paper ordered, towards the Cost of examining the supplies. This, the Mills will gladly agree to pay as they would thereby save heavy loss which they will otherwise bear.

Supdt pays it, it will be disbursed at Calcutta, not come into an Account? It will be charged to their Rs 600 per annum, viz Rs 600 for the year 1878-79.

Page 164; Fort St George Gazette 25/1/78 Part II

X. Note.

It has been ascertained from the Stationery Office that papers to the value of 3.52 lakhs are obtained from the Mills annually. See Statement in the Annual Report of the Stationery Office due this week.

2 Cope of paper ordered from the Mills - 3.66.
of watermarked paper for the use of the Stamp Office - 14
of paper for State Office - 3.52

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have to bear, if the papers are baled to Madras and rejected here on examination as being of inferior quality. The Mills will not feel the burden of the cost, especially as papers to the aggregate value of Rs 3.50 lakhs are ordered from them every year. The Supdt. rightly observes that "the Mills are entirely to blame for this" inferior quality.

13. The Supdt. does not state whether the Examiner of papers referred to by him is a Govt. Officer or a private individual, and whether he is attached to the Stationery Office, Calcutta and what remuneration he is paid. This information is necessary, because, if the expert is a private individual it is likely he will be easily influenced by the Mills, especially as he stays in the same place. Even if he is a private individual, the following measures, if adopted, will it is hoped, keep him above temptation.

will ascertain and report.

(1) Requiring him to give a bond to the effect that he will bear all the expenses, in case the papers wh: he passed ^{as good} are subsequently found by the to be inferior to the samples.

(2) Requiring the firms (or Mills) to pay the amount in the Bank in the name of the Supt of Stacks along with the deposits they annually place with him per S.P.C of the total cost of the value of the papers ordered.

The latter condition will, it is hoped, keep the mills away from all close touch with the "Examiner of paper" as payment to him will be made by the Supt: either direct or thro' the Supt at Calcutta.

4. The Supt has not asked the Supt. of Gov. Pg. Calcutta, if he could arrange to have the examination ~~through~~ carried out, if necessary, by the payment of a nominal sum of Rs 250 or 300 annually.

5. The Supt ^{may} have asked the Bombay

Which?
The proportionate amount which each mill is asked to contribute towards the ^{cost of} examination
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Point 6) of the latest Annual Report of the Bombay State Office which says that the examination is carried on by the "Survey Committee" which meets for the purpose.

Bombay Supt. as to the proceedings adopted there.

16. The Supt will be able to say if the examination will continue throughout the year or only for a few months.

17. It is submitted therefore that a memorandum may be sent to the Supt of Stacks asking him to keep himself in ~~close~~ report fully with regard to matters in paras. 12-16.

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Put up draft ^{memo} asking the Supt. to report further re the examination and also on para A. & to state whether it is likely that the Mills will bear the cost of the examination

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Read the following paper:—

From the Superintendent of Stationery, no. 1451 8/2 July 98
Order of N^o 858, 11th August 1898.

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R The Supdt of Stationery will be requested to make further enquiries regarding the "Scanner" of paper, referred to, ~~by him~~ and to report whether he is a Govt. Officer or a private individual, ⁽²⁾ and whether he is attached to the Stationery Office, Calcutta and ⁽³⁾ if so, what remuneration he is paid ~~per m~~.

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Part II

2. It is observed that the cost of the Chemical examination of the samples of black ink powder and blue black ink is met from money deposited by the Tenderers themselves. The Supdt will ascertain and report.

whether such a course cannot
be adopted in the case of
the Mills for the examination
of the supplies of papers and
whether it is likely that
the Mills will bear the cost
of examination.

3. ^{The Supdt.} He will also communicate
a) with the Supdt. Govt. Printing
Calcutta with a view to securing
the services of an examiner of
paper under his supervision
if possible at a less cost,
and b) with the Supdt. of State
Bombay with a view to ascertain
the procedure adopted there
by the "Survey Committee"
referred to in para 6 of the
latest ^{last} Annual report on the
working of the Stationery office
Bombay.

4. In reporting on the above
points the Supdt. will state
whether the ~~payment for the~~
~~work and the~~ examination
of the supplies will extend
over the whole year or will
take place at stated intervals

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