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[Despatch Abstract.]

Examination of paper supplies to the Madras
Stationery office by Calcutta Mills — Enquiry of
the Govt of Bengal whether an arrangement
could not be made under which the
examiners at Calcutta would undertake the
examination of paper in years before
for a consideration of about Rs 50 per ton.

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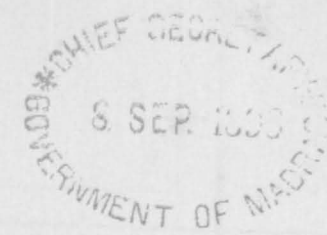
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From

The Superintendent of Stationery, Madras

No. 2104

Dated 6th September 1898

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SUBJECT.

Submitting information regarding the Store Examines at Calcutta and Survey Committee at Bombay.

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Stationery Office,

Madras, 6th September 1898.

No. 2104

From

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF STATIONERY,

MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Financial Department.

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Sir,

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In reply to para 1 of G.O.R.No. 858, Financial, dated 4th ultimo, I have the honour to report that the following information has been obtained from the Superintendent of Stationery, Calcutta:-

- (1) The Store Examiner is a Government Officer.
- (2) He is attached to the office of the Superintendent of Stationery.
- (3) His pay is Rs. 250/- per mensem.
- (4) There is a Store-Examiner's Department with an establishment consisting of the Store-Examiner and two assistants, three sorters and one ^{peon}. The Store-Examiner not only examines 5 per cent of the Country made papers supplied by the local Mills, but all articles of Country manufacture purchased under contract for the Stationery office. He also examines English articles purchased locally.

2. In regard to the Survey Committee referred to in para 5 of the G.O. already quoted, I have ascertained from the Superintendent of Stationery, Bombay, that it consists of the following officers:-

The First Assistant Collector.

The Assistant Superintendent of Stationery

and either

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The Asst. Superintendent of Stamps

or

The Asst. Collector of Abkari

or

The Asst. Collector of Income tax

or

The Second Dy. Superintendent, Government Central Press

or

The Superintendent, Financial Department Secretariat.

The Committee meets at the Stationery Stores in the Town Hall Bombay, when consignments of paper are received from the Mills.

A bale of each description of paper is opened from the several consignments received and samples taken out for examination.

These are compared with the approved samples and if found to be of the required quality the consignments are passed. If the paper is found to have slight defects they are brought to the notice of the manufacturers with a view to their being remedied but if the paper is found to be inferior it is rejected. If any variety of paper is under the prescribed weight for that variety, the necessary deduction is made from the manufacturer's bills.

The proceedings of each meeting are noted in a book kept for the purpose, and the samples from each consignment examined are signed by Members of the Committee.

3. I have delayed to make the necessary references to the four Mills in accordance with para 2 of the G.O., as it would obviate further correspondence were I in a position to give them ^{some} definite information in regard to the cost of the examination of the supplies of paper. I therefore await the further orders of Government on the information I am now able to put before it on the points mentioned in paras 1 and 3 of the G.O. in regard to which I would offer the following remarks:-

4. The advantages that would accrue from having the paper examined in Calcutta by an expert before it is baled, are very great. It would hardly be possible to form an efficient Survey ^{here on the lines of that existing in Bombay and I venture to doubt whether the officers who form that Committee} Committee, are capable of giving a sound opinion as to the quality of samples of paper submitted to them, though of course they could check the shades of colour. This is, however, a minor point.

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To be of any value at all any such local Committee would have to include either the Superintendent, Government Press or his Deputy. This would practically result in the system in vogue at present, under which samples are examined in the Government Press. Further more, it would involve an officer of the Press attending frequently at the Stationery stores and there would be no guarantee of an improvement in the supplies and a diminution in the inconvenience to the Store Department, already described to Government, by the rejection of consignments of paper. On the other hand the inspection by the practical Store-Examiner in Calcutta would ensure that only paper fit for acceptance both in regard to quality and colour, leaves the Mills at Calcutta for the Store Department here.

5. I would therefore, respectfully strongly urge that the action recommended in para 7 of my letter No. 1451 of the 12th July last, may be approved of and taken. If the allowance of Rs 50/- per mensem proposed by me is accepted by the Government of Bengal on behalf of the Store-Examiner, I should have something definite to put before the Mill Companies when asking them to bear the cost of examination. If however, the Government desires it, I will at once refer the general question for the remarks of the Companies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Atkinson

Superintendent of Stationery.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1936 and 2454
W. 858 dated 14/8/98

SUBJECT.

Testing of samples
of paper supplied by the mills
at Calcutta.

FOR ORDERS.

Sent to H.C. 12.9.98
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Note commd. No 80.
No 232/13
From the Supdt of
Stationery 17/6.9.98.
No 21/04
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Attention is drawn

to the note on C. No 1936 dated
14/8/98 in August 1898.

2. It will be seen from the further enquiry made by the Superintendent of Stationery in Bombay, the duty of examining the samples of stationery supplied is entrusted to a committee consisting of 3 public officers, none of whom need necessarily be experts, while at Calcutta, the function is exercised by a special expert officer called the "Store-Examiner" on Rs 250, who, with a staff of Assistants, is attached to the stationery office. This officer examines 5 per cent of all paper supplied by the mills, besides all other country and locally

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Locally purchased English-made articles.

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The Supt. of Stationery ~~on~~
3. ~~Dr. Atkinson~~ is right in saying that the formation of a committee on the lines of the one in Bombay is hardly possible here, while he doubts if the Committee in Bombay could give any sound opinion as to the quality of paper. A committee like that to do any useful work should number among its members the Supt. of the Govt. Press, or his deputy. This would mean the continuation of the existing system, which it is the intention of the Supt. of Stationery to modify, and what is worse, the Govt. Press will be put to greater inconvenience by one of its officers being often called away to serve on the committee. The inconvenience ^{which} the stationery office now suffers ~~from under~~ ^{from under} the existing system, by the rejection, ^{on} ~~off~~ ^{after receipt here} ~~testing~~ of paper supplied from Calcutta ~~is~~ ^{will} not be remedied by the formation of

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of such a committee. The Superintendent of Stationery, Calcutta, having expressed his inability to undertake the task of examining paper supplied by the Calcutta mills, the only course left open is to arrange with the Store-Examiner through the head of his office for the work being done out of office hours. Under article 91(a) and (c) of the C. S. Regns., the Supt. of Stationery, Calcutta, can permit the Store-Examiner to ^{accept} any remuneration up to Rs 100. Mr Atkinson believes that for a consideration of Rs 50 per mensem, the Store-Examiner would find time to carry out the by-no-means heavy examination of paper in readiness before loading for despatch to Madras. This examination in Calcutta, he says, is absolutely necessary to secure uniformity of colour and quality. If the payment of

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Read again G.O.R. No. 858 Finl., dated
4th August 1898.

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no 932 of 25-X-98

The Govt. of Bengal will be
addressed.

To
The Supdt. of Stationery.

LETTER no 938 of 25-X-98

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal

Sir,
At present samples of paper
received in the local Stationery
office from the Calcutta mills are test-
ed by the Supdt. of the Govt. Press, ^{whose}
~~the~~ report is taken as a guide by the
Supdt. of Stationery in his decisions in
regard to the samples. It has also been
found necessary to send to the ^{Supdt. of} same
officer a small percentage of the
supplies received for examination with
reference to the samples accepted. The
experience in this Presidency has fully

demonstrated

Which?

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I have no objection to this, which
is very likely to afford a course
as could be adopted - but I
doubt much the value of an expert
opinion given by a man on Rs 250
a month in a case in which
lakhos are involved

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2. Rs 50 to made directly by
Govt., the charge will, under
Article 1337. C.A. Code, fall
on the Bengal Govt., which
is apparently not contemplat-
ed.

5. Submitted that the reference
to the mill-owners, which
the Supdt. of Stationery has got
to make ^{with reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 858 Finl., 24/8/98,} may now be order-
ed to be made. This will
throw light on the question
whether the remuneration
to the Sae-Examiners ^{should}
take the form of a monthly
allowance, or be a percen-
tage on the value of the cap-
pels from the mills.

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No. As the Supdt. points out
he must have something definite
to place before the Mills. But with
draft order of Rs 250 to put up
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demonstrated that such an examination is absolutely essential in order to secure uniformity of quality and colour. As a result however of the present arrangement consignments of paper received from the Calcutta Mills have sometimes to be rejected and returned and the local Stationery Stores are placed at considerable inconvenience owing to the delay that occurs before the rejected stores are replaced by fresh supplies from Calcutta.

2. With a view to obviate such inconvenience in future, the local Supdt. of Stationery enquired of the Supdt. of Stationery, Calcutta, whether he could conveniently arrange for the examination at Calcutta of a certain percentage of the different descriptions of paper supplied to the Madras Stationery office by the Calcutta Mills before they were baled and shipped; but the Supdt. of Calcutta stated that as the papers do not pass through his office and may not do so unless so ordered by Govt. he could not undertake the examination. He added that the work of examination ^{required of his staff} was ^{very} already so heavy that his staff could not undertake any more.

3. It is understood that the work of examination at Calcutta is performed by an expert, the Store Examiner, who with a staff of assistants is attached

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attached to the Stationery Office and that this officer examines 5% of all papers supplied by the mills besides all other articles locally purchased whether of European or local manufacture.

4. As it would be of great advantage if the examination of paper supplied to the Local Stationery office by Calcutta Mills were conducted at Calcutta before baling instead of on receipt in bale at Madras, I am directed to enquire whether an arrangement could not be made ^{made} which the Store Examiner at Calcutta would undertake the examination of paper in reams before baling for despatch to Madras for a consideration of about Rs. 50 per mensem in or out of office hours.

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