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Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 212

From

The Superintendent,
Government Press,
MADRAS.

No. 131

Order

Dated 12 - 1
Received 14 - January 1899.
Registered 16 -
Enclosures
Spare copies. -

SUBJECT.

Suggesting that the price of the List of Antiquities, Vols. I & II may be reduced and the same be brought under the operation of the G.O. regarding the sale of publications by the Government Agents.

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No. 131.

Government Press,
MINT BUILDINGS, MADRAS,

12th January 1899.

OFFICE NOTE.

The Superintendent, Govt. Press, submits that 127 copies of Vol. I and 180 copies of Vol. II of Mr. Savell's List of Antiquities are in stock at the Govt. Press, but no copies have been sold from the Govt. Press, as Messrs. Higginbotham & Co. were selling them on Commission Sale. As all Govt. publications should come under the operation of A G.O. No. 460 Financial, dated 18th May 1898, an enquiry was made from Messrs. Higginbotham & Co. in December last as to how they obtained copies, at what price they sold them, and with what Commission. They have replied that they obtained them for sale from the Chief Secretary to Government (Vol. I on the 6th December 1882 and Vol. II on the 11th November 1884) of which

they have copies in stock,
and copies are sold Vol. I at
Rs. 10 and Vol. II at Rs. 8 nett
with a commission of 25%
off the selling price. No
orders being traceable at the
Press as to the supply of the
copies and the selling price
fixed for them, an estimate
of the printing & charges
of the list ^{has been} made and
the selling price of the
Vols I + II (inclusive of the
Commission of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.
allowed to Agents) comes
to Rs. 3-0-0 and Rs. 2-12-0
respectively per copy.

2. As the prices at
which Messrs. Hiffmuth & Co.
sell the list are very
exorbitant, and it is likely
that a reduction of price
may command a larger
sale, the Superintendent
suggests that this publication
like the other archaeological
publications may be brought
under the operation of the
G.O. above referred to, with
the reduction of price

proposed, and the order, if any,
restricting its sale through
Messrs. Hiffmuth & Co., may
be cancelled.

R. Hill
Superintendent.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

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no correspondence can
be traced here re the Commis-
sion

sell them^{Vol} to the public. Mr. Hill, the present Superintendent, reports that the Second Volume is being sold by Messrs. Hegg & Co at Rs 8. (exclusive of the commission) regarding which, however, no correspondence can be traced here. This price was probably also fixed by Mr. Hegg.

According to Mr. Hill's estimate, Vols I and II can be sold at Rs 3-0-0 and 2-12-0 respectively which would include the commission of 33 1/3% allowable to agents under ^{Tril} G.O. No. 460 of 18-5-98. Compared with these rates, the present selling price is no doubt exorbitant as Mr. Hill remarks. As, however, it is said that no order can be traced at the Press either as regards the high price fixed for the Volume or the appointment of Messrs. Hegg & Co for the sale of the copies, Submitted that before taking

Mr. Hill's



Mr. Hill's suggestions into consideration, G.O. No. 1309 of 31-10-82, a paper communicated to him, and G.O. No. 272 of 18-2-84 which was sent to him in 1884 for note, may be forwarded to him again for perusal. They may enable him to ^{trace} find out the circumstances under which the price of the Volumes came to be fixed at such a high rate and the conditions under which Messrs. Hegg & Co agreed to be the sellers of the publication.

No. 291, of 30-1-97

To

The Super. Govt. Press, U. O.

Encl.
27/1/97
H. Hill

No. 614

In reply to the above reference No. 291, the Superintendent submits that the selling price proposed in

B. ~~Mr. Hill's~~
C. ~~Mr. Hill's~~

Office Note No. 131 dated 12th Jan'y 1899,
viz. Rs. 3 and Rs. 2-12-0 for Volumes
I and II of Mr. Sewall's List of Anti-
quities is not high enough, as he
finds on reference to certain work
books that the cost price of the
volumes comes to Rs. 2-5-4 for Vol I
and Rs. 2-0-0 for Vol. II; adding
50 per cent. to meet commission
for Agents and other charges under
G.O. No. 460 Financial, dated 18th May
1898, the selling price of the volumes
should be Rs. 3-8-0 for Vol I
and Rs. 3 for Vol. II.

2. No correspondence between
Mr E. Keys and Mr. Sewall, either
official or semi-official, is
traceable on the subject of fixing
the selling price of these volumes,
or on the arrangements entered into
with Messrs. Higginbotham & Co.

B. Hill

Superintendent

11th February 1899.

For orders

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Press, points

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B. Sewall's
Antiquities

out that of 127 copies of Vol I
and 180 copies of Vol II ^{at the Press,} none
have been sold and he at-
tributes the fact to the present
exorbitant price. He suggests
that the publication may be
brought under the operation
of G.O. No. 460 Finl dt 18-5-98,
with the reduction of price pro-
posed by him, and that the order,
if any, restricting the sale of
the works through Messrs Higgin-
botham & Co may be cancelled.
In other words, he proposes

(1) that the selling price of Vols
I & II of Sewall's List of Anti-
quities, inclusive of 33 1/3 % of
commission allowed to agents
be fixed at Rs 3-8-0 and Rs 3-0-0
instead of the present price of
Rs 10 and 8 respectively which
exclude the commission of 25%
charged by Messrs Higginbotham & Co

(2) that the sale of the
publication, like all other
archaeological publications,
be thrown open to all the

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Gout agents appointed under G.O.
No. 460 dated 18-5-98, instead
of being confined to Messrs. Higgin-
botham & Co.

and (3) that the arrangements,
if any, entered into with Messrs.
Higginbotham & Co in regard to the
sale of the publications in ques-
tion and the commission charged
by them be cancelled.

As no trace can be found either
here or at the Gout Press in re-
gard to the arrangements referred
to in item (3) above, it is sub-
mitted that the Gout's proposals
in (1) & (2) may be referred to
Messrs. Higginbotham & Co for re-
marks.

For the C.S.

Please see the proposed
reference to Messrs. Higginbotham
& Co below

Cml
25/1/99

Financial Dept

Memo: No 586, 4/27-2-99

Messrs Higginbotham & Co
are requested to be so good
as to state the conditions
upon which ^{copies of} "List
of Antiquities" Vols I & II
were placed on sale with
them in 1882 and 1884
& forward copy of the
correspondence, if any, on
the subject or ^{note} ~~words~~ can
be traced in the Secretariat.
They are also desired to
report whether they see any
objection to the sale price of
the volumes being fixed at
Rs 3. 8. 0 & Rs 3. respectively

Cml
25/1/99

To.

Messrs Higginbotham & Co.

28/2/99

Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 906

From

Messrs. Higginbotham & Co.

Mouth Road

Order

No.

Dated 1. 3. 99

Received 3. 3. 99

Registered 4. 3. 99

Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Stating that they are glad
to reduce the selling price
of the two volumes of "Seventeenth
List of Antiquities" vols 3 & 4
1 Rs 3 respectively.

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By appointment to
H. R. B. the Prince of Wales.

CURRENT No. 906
HIGGINBOTHAM & CO.,
Printers, Publishers, Booksellers, Stationers, Engravers.
Die-Stampers and Rubber Stamp Makers.
MADRAS AND BANGALORE.



By appointment to
H. E. the Governor of Madras.

BOOKSTALLS at Madras Central, Bangalore City, Arkonam, Raichur and Mettapolliam Stations.
Telephone No. 244.

Mount Road, Madras, March 1st 1899.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Madras.

Sir

We are in receipt of your Memorandum No. 586 dated 27th ult. re "Sewell's List of Antiquities" And in reply beg to state, it is on record in our State book that on the 22nd June 1882 we received from your Department 50 Copies of Volume I of the publication in question on Commission Sale, at Rs 10. per Copy less 25%. And 50 Copies of Volume II priced at Rs 8. each were forwarded to us on the 11th November 1884 under the same Conditions - Copies of the book have been sold at these rates and Statements of Sale submitted to your Department with proceeds payable, deducting our Commission as specified. We regret to add, that after the lapse of 15 and 17 years since the book was received by us, we are now unable to place our hands on the Correspondence that transpired in this Connection. And with regard to your proposal to reduce the selling price of the two Volumes to Rs 3.-8- And Rs 3. respectively, we shall be

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I The Govt approves of the proposals of the Lupt, Govt Press, ~~to be~~ ^{at the} ~~the~~ ^{selling} price of Vols I + II of Se-well's "List of Antiquities" ~~to be fixed~~ at Rs 3-8-0 and Rs 3, respectively, and ~~that~~ ^{but} the publication, like the other archaeological pub-
II lications, ~~be brought~~ under the operation of G.O. N. 460
Tril dated 18th May 1898.

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Press, suggested that the order,
if any, restricting the sale
of the publication through
Messrs. Hoggins & Co may
be cancelled. It does not,
however, appear from the
letter received from that
firm, that there has
been any such order, &
none can be traced in the
Secretariat to that effect.

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Financial (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 37/

DATED 13-3-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the proposal of the Supl. Govt. Press
to fix the selling price of Volumes I + II of
Sewell's "List of antiquities" at Rs 3-8-0 and
Rs 3-0-0 respectively and to bring the publication
like all other Govt. publications under the operation
of G.O. no 460 of 18th May 98 which throws open the
sale of Govt. Publications to all the agents appointed
under it.

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