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G.O., No. 869, 2nd August 1899.

AUGUST.

Cyclostyle Ink.

Restricting the issue of English — to the offices of the Government Secretariat, the High Court, the Board of Revenue and the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command; and directing the Superintendent of Stationery to submit a further report at the end of six months on the — of local manufacture.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 746, Financial, dated 13th September 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, dated Madras, 26th July 1897, No. 1293.

15. * * * The cyclostyle ink prepared by M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao, Taluk Sheristadar of Tiruchengódu, referred to in the report for 1895-96, was tried and reported by twelve Collectors to be quite suitable [vide Board's Proceedings, No. 395 (Land Revenue), dated 20th October 1896]. The Board considers that Collectors may be authorised to make the ink according to Venkata Rao's recipe and that the recipe may also be brought to the notice of other heads of departments. Under these circumstances I recommend that the recipe be communicated to all heads of departments and that they may be directed to prepare the ink, and use it in their offices, and report on the same after a year; and that the supply of English ink be reduced by three-fourths until it is found that the former ink can entirely be substituted for the latter.

Order—No. 746, Financial, dated 13th September 1897.

5. * * * The cyclostyle ink prepared by M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao having been favourably reported on, the Superintendent will communicate the recipe to all heads of departments, who will be directed to use the ink in their offices and report the result to the Superintendent after a year's trial. The supply of English ink will, as recommended by Mr. Atkinson, be reduced by three-fourths pending a final decision in this matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th October 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, dated Madras, 2nd August 1898, No. 1668.

14. (3) In regard to the reduction in the supply of English cyclostyle ink by the use of that made from the recipe of M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao, I have the honour

to report that the necessary instructions were communicated to all heads of departments with the request that they would prepare the ink and use it in their offices. Their reports as to the efficacy of the country-made ink are awaited.

READ—also the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd July 1899, Ref. No. 3624.

With reference to paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 746, Financial, dated 13th September 1897, I have the honour to report on the proposed substitution of Indian cyclostyle ink for that of English manufacture.

2. In my circular No. 1923, dated 19th October 1897, I requested all heads of departments to manufacture the cyclostyle ink in accordance with M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao's recipe and to report after a year's trial upon its suitability as compared with similar ink of English manufacture. Subsequently, the Treasury Deputy Collector, Trichinopoly, reported that he had found it cheaper and more convenient to use English lamp black in place of that made from jinjili oil and cloth wicks as recommended by Venkata Rao. I accordingly communicated a copy of his letter to all heads of departments and asked them to try English lamp black in the preparation of Indian cyclostyle ink. A brief statement of the opinions of various officers on the respective merits of Venkata Rao's and the Treasury Deputy Collector's inks is herewith appended. It will be observed that with the exception of the Medical Storekeeper to Government and the Treasury Deputy Collector, Kurnool, who condemn the Indian ink altogether, all officers regard it very favourably and give preference to the Treasury Deputy Collector's ink which they say is both cheaper and less difficult to make. Experiments made with both kinds in this office have had satisfactory results. I am of opinion that the Treasury Deputy Collector's ink is better and cheaper; it is also easier to make and takes less time in making. Owing to the inferior quality of the lamp black obtainable in some of the local markets, some officers have complained of the colour of the ink produced from it. I feel sure that if a stock of English lamp black is maintained in this office and issued to officers for the preparation of cyclostyle ink, the ink produced will in every respect be equal to the English ink.

3. The officers noted below only have reported on the cost of the ink. From experiments made in this office, the cost of making one bottle of Venkata Rao's ink amounts to about As. 6-3 and that of the Treasury Deputy Collector's ink to As. 4-3. These prices compare very favourably with that of the English ink which is Rs. 1-1-7 per bottle, even after excluding the price of the jar which may be roughly put down at two annas:—

	Venkata Rao's.	Treasury Deputy Collector's.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Customs Revenue, Central Division	0 3 6	0 1 6
Collector of Nellore	0 6 1½	..
Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle	0 6 8	..
Treasury Deputy Collector, South Canara	0 4 7	..
Brigadier-General, Royal Artillery, Madras Command	..	0 4 6
Treasury Deputy Collector, Anantapur	..	0 1 6

4. A few of the officers suggested the manufacture and supply of cyclostyle ink from this office as a central depot. This course is at present not practicable for want of establishment. Besides which it would involve additional expenditure on transit and packing charges which can be avoided by officers making the ink themselves.

5. Under these circumstances I have the honour to propose that Government should restrict the issue of English cyclostyle ink to the departments of the Secretariat and such other important offices as the Government may specify and direct all

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officers who require cyclostyle ink to manufacture it themselves in accordance with the method suggested by the Treasury Deputy Collector, Trichinopoly. Lamp black required for the purpose will be supplied by this office.

6. I would add however that no very strong reason appears to exist why the supply of English cyclostyle ink should not cease altogether.

ORDER—No. 869, Financial, dated 2nd August 1899.

The proposals in paragraph 5 of the letter from the Superintendent of Stationery are approved. In addition to the offices of the Government Secretariat, English cyclostyle ink will be supplied to the offices of the High Court, of the Board of Revenue (all departments), and of the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

2. The Superintendent of Stationery will submit a further report at the end of six months on the cyclostyle ink of local manufacture, in view to the consideration of the question of the entire discontinuance of the supply of English cyclostyle ink.

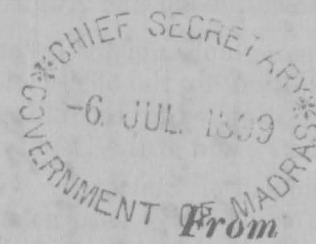
(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To all departments of the Secretariat.
„ the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,
for the information of the Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces.
„ all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary.

Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3398



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Order

*The Superintendent of
Stationery
Madras.*

Ref No 3624

*Dated 3rd July 1899
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SUBJECT.

*Reporting on the proposed
substitution of Indian
cyclostyle ink for that
of English manufacture.*

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Name of officer

Presidency Post Office

Secretary Board of Revenue Land Revenue.

Director of Public Instruction

Secretary Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.

Secretary Board of Revenue Land Revenue and Agriculture.

Report on the work of the Deputy Collector of the District.

An excellent kind of ink for the cyclostyle.

The ink has proved on trial to be equal to English ink both as regards clearness of impressions and as regards the number of impressions obtainable after a single application of the ink on the writing board.

This ink is preferable to the katalow's ink. Impressions are clearer and the process of making is less tedious and wasteful and less costly.

It is a good deal of labour. Proposed on trial to be equal to the English ink as regards clearness of impressions.

Report on the work of the Deputy Collector of the District.

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Cost of making and holding of ink.

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Name of officer	Report on Venkata Ravi's ink.	Report on the assay Deputy collector or ink.	Cost of making one bottle of ink.
Treasury Deputy collector Krishnapoley collector of Bellary.	Found it as suitable as the English ink. Colour is durable, does not destroy the paper, gives as many copies as English ink. Has no objectionable smell. It does not smudge. It is as good and efficient as English ink. Is as good as the English ink.	Recommend the substitution of English lamp black. Venk. Ravi's ink is decidedly better than this as b. - 1 1/2 per bottle.	
Treasury Deputy collector Salem.	It suits just as well as ink of English manufacture. The ink has been found to be a failure as it does not give clear impression while it spreads on the paper. Serves all practical purposes but the colour of the impressions is not as bright as of those obtained from the ink of European manufacture. Answers the purpose very well.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector in charge of Treasury South Arcot.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Chingleput.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Anantapur.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Adilabad.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Vizagapatam.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Coimbatore.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Tirunelveli.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Madurai.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.
Treasury Deputy collector Ar. cot.	Is as good of similar ink of English manufacture. Found successful.	By the use of lamp black the labour of preparing the ink was facilitated a great deal. Quite as suitable as the other ink and the process of preparation easier and less costly. Found suitable. It is preferred to Venkata Ravi's ink.	4-4-7 per bottle.

Name of officer

District Judge South Arcot.

District Judge Vellore.

District Judge Coimbatore.

District Judge Salem.

Commissionary General Madras Command.

Executive Engineer West Coast Division

Conservator of Forest Southern Circle.

Medical Storekeeper to Government Madras Command.

Administrative Commissariat Officer for Burma.

Brigadier General Royal Artillery, Madras Command.

Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Madras.

Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, Pudukottai and Kistna.

Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, Central Division.

do do Northern Division.

Report on Venkata Rao's ink.

Answers the purpose.

Is good as the English ink and would serve the purpose quite as well.

Found suitable for use Venkata Rao's ink is good.

Found just as suitable as English manufacture.

Is suitable as that supplied from the Stationery Office.

Quite as suitable as the English ink.

Very suitable for use and very suitable for Stationery Office.

It is intended in all reports.

Is suitable as the English ink.

Is good as English manufacture.

Serves the purpose and can very well be substituted for English ink.

Answers the purpose well.

Report on Treasurer's Deputy Collectors' ink.

Is as good as the other ink and is less costly and can be made without much difficulty.

Is good as the English ink and would serve the purpose quite as well.

Found suitable for use Venkata Rao's ink.

Quite as suitable as the English ink.

Is suitable as that supplied from the Stationery Office.

Is good as English manufacture.

Serves the purpose and can very well be substituted for English ink.

Answers the purpose well.

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Financial Dept.

Read. Extract from G.O. No 748 Dated: 13.9.97.

[Para 15 of Rept on p. 5. from "The cyclo type ink" "Substituted for the latter" = A

Para 5 of Order from "The cyclo type ink prepared" to "decision in this regard" = A

Extract from G.O. No 892 Dated: 18.10.98

[Para 14 (3) of Suplt's report on page 7 = A]

Read C. No 2398 [A without enclosure]

H. M.

Order No 867, 22nd August 1899.

In view of the report from the Supdt of Stationery read

Perhaps it will be better to adopt para 5 of Mr. Bradley's report to begin with.

If the locally made ink continues to be reported on favorably, it may be generally adopted for all offices.

MA 31.7.99

I cannot agree. I have seen the T.D.C.'s ink is better than the Venkat Rao's but the opinions (which Mr. B. has not accurately analyzed) do not convince me either way is as good as English.

All Deputy Secy to Govt. Mr. B's 5th para might be approved.

All kinds of decisions on this C.S. be approved.

Ref. S.C. to Stationery File



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Speaking from personal experience I can say that Venkat Rao's ink is as good as English ink and for cheaper

Read Extract from G.O.No. 746, Financial, dated 13-9-97.

[Para. 153 Rept. on p.5 from "The cyclostyle ink"....65.

Flag A - "substituted for the latter" = A
Para. 5 of Order...from "The cyclostyle ink prepared" to "decision in the matter" = A

Extract from G.O.No. 392, Financial, dated 13-10-93.

(Para. 14(3) of Supt's report on page 7A) 6

Read C. No. 2393 (=A without enclosure)

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