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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1655

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th June 1863.*

No. 551. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 17th June 1863, No. 697 :—

Communicating letter from the Superintendent, Government Printing Establishment, requesting that measures may be adopted for improving the passage under the north slope of the building, formerly the Magazine and now occupied as the Warehouse of the Press Office, which is used for casting rollers, and requesting that the Garrison Engineer may be directed to report what arrangement he considers best to attain the object. (Vide Public Proceedings, 17th June 1863, Nos. 114-115.)

No. 552. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1863, No. 1,655.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 4th Division for early attention.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, B. E.,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from H. SMITH, Esq., Superintendent Government Printing Establishment; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th June 1863.

I have the honor to report that the passage under the north slope of the building, formerly the Magazine and now occupied as the Warehouse of the Government Press Office, which is used for casting rollers, is not only very contracted in space, but has no means of admitting the air, but by the doorways; and, when these are thrown open for the purpose, the dust is blown in and the rollers and the composition for casting them which have to be left there, from want of more room, are thus seriously injured. The persons, too, that are employed on the work of casting are very much incommoded from the heat and want of space; and, under these circumstances, I would suggest that a room, or enclosed shed, may be attached to the passage to obviate the inconveniences and the injury referred to, or that any other measures may be adopted that may be deemed suitable to effect the objects in view.

MEMORANDUM BY SUPERVISOR GOVERNMENT PRESS.

I have seen the place referred to in this report; it is not even a passage but simply the covered entrance to the building used as the Press Warehouse, and is as the Superintendent states utterly unfit for the purpose to which it is now applied. I doubt if it would be possible even if it were advisable to convert it into a suitable room for casting rollers for the Press. The removal of the old casemates will probably make the finding of proper accommodation near at hand somewhat difficult, as it must be a place where a fire can be lighted, but we cannot be worse off than we are now; the present place is quite away from the Press Office.

I recommend that the Garrison Engineer be directed to report what arrangement he considers best.

15th June 1863.

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1863, No. 697.

This report will be referred to the Public Works Department with a view to the Garrison Engineer being directed to report as to the best mode of remedying the evils complained of.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Kerr
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
Supervisor Government Press.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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