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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th May 1877, No. 61 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 119. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th March 1877, No. 433 W.

ADVERTING to paragraph 5 of Despatch from the Government of India to the Secretary of State, No. 12, dated 23rd February 1877, published in *Gazette of India* of February 23rd, 1877, I have the honor to forward, for the information and consideration of Government, a statement showing the minimum and maximum delay in the receipt by this office of the printed orders of Government for each day of the month of January 1877.

2. From this statement Government will observe that the least time on the average it takes to communicate an order to me is over nine days, while that every day I may expect to receive an order which has taken three weeks in transit.

3. Considering that my office is situated within a hundred yards of the Public Works Secretariat, it might be thought sufficient to conclude my remarks at this point and to leave these facts to speak for themselves, and this I should not hesitate to do were it not that the facts are in themselves so astonishing that there is danger, if left unexplained, of their being totally misunderstood, I therefore wish to explain that the intervals shown in the statement do not include the time required for registering the correspondence on which the orders of Government have to be passed and for other necessary routine processes; they do not include all the weeks or, in some cases, even months taken up in coming to a decision on the case; the figures represent merely the delay which occurs, after a decision has been arrived at, in communicating this decision to this office.

4. But although it is probable that under a better system such extreme delay might be avoided, I should not have brought the matter to notice had I not felt sure that something might immediately be done to improve matters. For some time past, I have noticed that the first information I have received regarding the orders of Government is from the local press, and though probably the last person to wish that the information placed at the disposal of the press be curtailed, I may perhaps fairly claim that in my official capacity I may be placed on an equality with the general public.

No. 119-A. From J. STURROCK, Esq., Supervisor of the Government Press, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 16th April 1877, No. 574.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your endorsement, dated 10th April 1877, referring a letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts with a statement showing the dates of despatch to, and of receipt from, the Press of the Public Works Department Proceedings during the month of January 1877.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 14TH MAY 1877, No. 61 W.

2. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts remarks that the least time that it takes to communicate an order to him is over nine days, and that every day he may expect to receive an order which has taken three weeks in transit.

3. An analysis of the list forwarded by you shows—

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2 days in " ...	9	13 " in " ...	10
3 " in " ...	18	14 " in " ...	6
4 " in " ...	27	15 " in " ...	4
5 " in " ...	31	16 " in " ...	1
6 " in " ...	30	18 " in " ...	4
7 " in " ...	50	19 " in " ...	1
8 " in " ...	21	20 " in " ...	4
9 " in " ...	23	21 " in " ...	2
10 " in " ...	21	24 " in " ...	
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Although the above does not fully account for the state of things reported, it is apparent that many of the Proceedings entered in the list forwarded by you were in the Press for a considerable time. It is to be borne in mind, however, that many of them were long papers with a number of complicated tabular statements for which a particular type is sometimes required, and I have no hesitation in saying that I am quite satisfied that the work is, on the whole, turned out as expeditiously as is possible with the funds, premises, and material available.

4. During the month of January the work turned out in the Public Works Department of the Press equalled 3,001 foolscap pages with an additional 1,142 pages of re-made matter, involving altogether 208,286 impressions; and, as the amount of work received daily varies very greatly, it will be readily understood that a very large staff would be required to deal with it without any papers being at any time allowed to fall into arrears, and, as a matter of fact, no printing press can be worked on really economical principles, unless it is so arranged that there shall always be work ready to put in hand so soon as men and type are available. That the Public Works Department of the Press is now able to overtake the work sent to it, is apparent from the fact that while the month of March opened with 135 papers on hand, it closed with only 66, the decrease having been tolerably steady throughout the month.

5. The Government, however, may desire greater expedition even at some sacrifice of economy, but before any great improvement can be effected additional premises must be provided, and under any circumstances I shall be glad if something can be done towards expediting the transfer to the Press of the premises now occupied by the Lithographic Department, which I understand has been under contemplation for some time. It will then be possible for me, should Government so desire, to submit proposals for the purchase of a considerable amount of additional material and the entertainment of a larger staff, but at present no room is available for either more men or more presses.

6. The periods shown in paragraph 3 include the time spent in the correction of proofs in the Public Works Secretariat Office. There is no reason to complain of any delay in the return of proofs, but still the transfer and return of papers from the Press to the Office always takes up a certain amount of time; and, as there is a staff of well-paid Examiners in the Press, I would suggest the adoption of the practice prevailing in most other departments of only sending such proofs to the office as may be specially asked for. If this suggestion be adopted due notice will always be taken of any instance of carelessness on the part of the Examiners which may be brought to notice after the issue of a paper. I have also to remark that it frequently occurs that a printed Proceedings of Government contains a large number of pages but only a short Government Order. In such cases, if it be not already the practice, I would suggest that where time is an object, a copy of the Government Order might be issued in MS. to such officers as may be in a position to understand its purport without having the whole of the printed matter before them.

7. In conclusion, I would observe that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts opens his letter with an allusion to a Famine Despatch to the Secretary of State, in which it is stated that some delay appears to have occurred in Madras in communicating the Orders of Government to Subordinate Officers. It was only towards the end of January that it was brought to my notice that there was any ground for complaint in connection with the issue of "Famine papers" from the Press. Since that time I believe it has been only on very rare occasions that the issue from the Public Works Department of the Press, of an order marked "Famine" has been delayed beyond the second day following that of receipt, while, as a rule, they have been issued on the following day.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1877, No. 61 W.

RECORDED.

2. It is remarked that, as soon as the new offices in Chepauk are ready for occupation by the Public Works Department Secretariat, &c., more space will be available for the Press in the Government Office.

(True Extract.)

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To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Supervisor of the Government Press.

Fxd. E. C. Shunker.
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List of G.O. sent to Press during the month of Jan'y 1877.

G.O. No.	Date	Date sent to Press	Date returned	No. of papers
1	Jan'y 21 st	Jan'y 3 rd	Jan'y 6 th	3
2	" "	" "	" "	3
3	" "	" "	" "	3
4	" "	" "	" "	3
5	" "	" "	" "	3
6	" 3 rd	" 5 th	4 th 16	2
7	" 4 th	" 6 th	1 st 16	3
8 & A	" 5 th	" "	1 st 11	3
9	" "	" "	1 st 11	2
10	" "	" "	1 st 17	2
11	" "	" "	1 st 13	2
12	" "	" "	1 st 17	3
13	" "	" "	1 st 17	3
14	" "	" 5 th	1 st 10	
15	" "	" 5 th	1 st 15	
16	" "	" 6 th	1 st 16	
17	" "	" "	" "	
18	" "	" "	" "	
19	" "	" "	" "	
20	" "	" "	" "	
21	" "	" "	" "	
22	" "	" "	" "	
23	" "	" "	" "	
24	" "	" "	" "	
25	" "	" "	" "	
26	" "	" "	" "	
27	" "	" "	" "	
28	" "	" "	" "	
29	" "	" "	" "	
30	" "	" "	" "	

The date of dispatch
by the officers concerned
is never later than
the day following
the date of issue
from the Press.

L. Q.		Date	Date sent to press	Date printed	Remarks	L. Q.		Date	Date sent to press	Date printed	Remarks
31	Jan	5 th	Jan 10 th	Jan 15 th		60	Jan	6 th	Jan 10 th	Jan 15 th	
32	"	"	"	"		61	"	"	"	"	
33	"	"	"	"		62	"	8 th	"	"	
34	"	"	"	15		63	"	"	"	"	
35	"	"	"	11 th		64	"	"	"	"	
36	"	"	"	15 th		65	"	"	"	"	
37	"	"	"	13		66	"	"	"	"	
38	"	"	"	17 th		67	"	9 th	"	"	
39	"	"	"	13		68	"	"	"	"	
40	"	"	"	"		69	"	"	"	"	
41	"	"	"	20 th		70	"	"	"	"	
42	"	"	"	"		71	"	"	"	"	
43	"	"	"	18 th		72	"	"	"	"	
44	"	"	"	16 th		73	"	"	"	"	
45	"	"	"	13 th		74	"	"	"	"	
46	"	"	"	15 th		75	"	"	"	"	
47	"	"	"	"		76	"	"	"	"	
48	"	"	"	"		77	"	"	"	"	
49	"	"	"	20 th		78	"	10 th	"	"	
50	"	"	"	18 th		79	"	"	"	"	
51	"	"	"	11 th		80	"	"	"	"	
52	"	"	"	22		81	"	"	"	"	
53	"	"	"	"		82	"	"	"	"	
54	"	"	"	13 th		83	"	"	"	"	
55	"	"	"	19 th		84	"	"	"	"	
56	"	"	"	23 rd		85	"	"	"	"	
57	"	"	"	11 th		86	"	"	"	"	
58	"	"	"	11 th		87	"	"	"	"	
59	"	"	"	15 th		88	"	"	"	"	

G.P. no	Date	Date sent to press	Date printed	Remarks
89	Jan 10 th	Jan 10 th	Jan 20	
90	"	Jan 11 th	Jan 20	
91	"	"	"	
92	"	"	"	
93	"	"	"	
94	11 th	"	"	
95	"	"	"	
96	"	"	"	
97	"	"	"	
98	"	"	"	
99	"	"	"	
100	"	"	"	
101	12	"	"	
102	"	"	"	
103	"	"	"	
104	"	"	"	
105	"	"	"	
106	"	"	"	
107	"	"	"	
108	"	"	"	
109	13 th	"	"	
110	"	"	"	
111	"	"	"	
112	"	"	"	
113	"	"	"	
114	"	"	"	

G.P. no	Date	Date sent to press	Date printed	Remarks
115	Jan 15 th	Jan 15 th	Jan 20 th	
116	"	"	"	
117	"	"	"	
118	"	"	"	
119	"	"	"	
120	"	"	"	
121	"	"	"	
122	"	"	"	
123	"	"	"	
124	"	"	"	
125	"	"	"	
126	"	"	"	
127	"	"	"	
128	"	"	"	
129	"	"	"	
130	"	"	"	
131	"	"	"	
132	"	"	"	
133	"	"	"	
134	"	"	"	
135	16	"	"	
136	"	"	"	
137	"	"	"	
138	"	"	"	
139	"	"	"	
140	"	"	"	
141	"	"	"	

G.O	Date	Date sent to Press	Date sent to printer	Date returned	Remarks
194	Jan 20 th		Jan 22 nd	Feb 2 nd	
195	"	"	"	"	
196	"	"	"	"	
197	"	"	" 23	Jan 31 st	
198	"	22 nd	" 23	Feb 12	
199	"	"	" 23	" 12 th	
200	"	"	" 23	Jan 29 th	
201	"	"	"	" 30 th	
202	"	"	"	" 31	
203	"	"	"	"	
204	"	"	" 24	Feb 9 th	
205	"	"	" 23	Feb 2 nd	
206	"	"	" 23	Jan 24 th	
207	"	"	" 24	" 27 th	
208	"	"	"	" 31 st	
209	"	"	"	" 30 th	
210	"	"	"	" 30 th	
211	"	"	"	" 29 th	
212	"	"	"	Feb 8 th	
213	"	"	"	Jan 30 th	
214	"	"	"	" 31	
215	"	"	"	"	
216	"	"	"	"	
217	"	23 rd	"	" 30	
218	"	23 rd	" 25 th	Feb 8 th	
219	"	"	" 24 th	" 32 nd	
220	"	"	" 25 th	Jan 30 th	
	"	"	" 24 th	Feb 6 th	

194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220

G.O	Date	Date sent to Press	Date printed	Remarks
221	Jan 28 th		Jan 25 - Feb 3 rd	
222	"	"	" 26 th " 8 th	
223	"	"	" 24 th " 8 th	
224	"	"	" 4 Jan 31 st	
225	" 24	"	" " 26 th	
226	"	"	" 25 " 30 th	
227	"	"	" " Feb 2 nd	
228	"	"	" " " "	
229	"	"	" 24 th Jan 27 th	
230	"	"	" 25 Feb 2 nd	
231	"	"	" " " 3 rd	
232	"	"	" " Jan 30 th	
233	"	"	" " Feb 1 st	
234	"	"	" " Jan 26 th	
235	"	25	" 26 Feb 1 st	
236	"	"	" " Jan 30 th	
237	Cancelled.			
238	"	25	Jan 26 th Jan 29 th	
239	Cancelled.			
240	"	25	Jan 27 th Feb 10 th	
241	"	"	" 26 th Jan 29 th	
242	"	"	" " " "	
243	"	"	" " Feb 13 th	
244	"	"	" 27 th Jan 31 st	
245	"	"	" 26 Feb 7 th	
246	"	"	" 26 Feb 22 nd	
247	"	"	" 26 " "	

b	b. O no	Date	Date sent to Press	Date printed & returned	Remarks
	248	Jan 25 th	Jan 25 th	Jan 30 th	
	249	"	"	Feb 2 nd	
	250	"	"	Feb 2 nd	
	251	"	"	Feb 2 nd	
	252	"	"	30 th " 8 th	
	253	26 th	Cancelled		
	254	"	Jan 27 th	Feb 2 nd	
	255	"	" 27	" 8 th	
	256	"	"	" 3	
	257	"	"	" 6	
	258	"	"	" 8	
	259	"	"	" 9	
	260	"	"	" 15	
	261	"	"	" 3	
	262	"	"	Jan 31 st	
	263	"	"	Feb 3 rd	
	264	"	"	" 22 nd	
	265	"	"	Jan 31 st	
	266	"	"	" 31	
	267	"	"	Do 31	
	268	"	"	Feb 5 th	
	269	"	"	"	
	270	"	"	Feb 15 th	
	271	"	"	" 15 th	

b. O no	Date	Date sent to Press	Date printed & returned	Remarks
272	Jan 26 th	Jan 27 th	Jan 31 st	
273	" 27 th	"	Feb 3 rd	
274	"	"	" 8	
275	"	"	" 8 th	
276	"	"	29 " 12	
277	"	"	" Jan 31 st	
278	"	29 th	" 30 Feb 1 st	
279	"	"	29 th Jan 31 st	
280	"	30 th	" 30 th Feb 2 nd	
281	"	"	Feb 1 st " 13 th	
282	"	"	Jan 30 th Jan 31 st	
283	"	"	" 31 Feb 8 th	
284	"	"	" " " 15	
285	"	"	" " " 15 th	
286	"	"	Feb 1 st " 8 th	
287	"	"	" " " "	
288	"	"	" " " "	
289	"	"	Jan 31 " 13	
290	"	"	" " " 13	
291	"	"	" " " 13	
292	"	"	" " " 22 nd	
293	"	"	" " " 8 th	
294	"	"	" " " 16 th	
295	"	"	" " " 1 st	

296	Jan 30 th	Jan 31 st	Feb 9 th
297	"	"	"
298	" 30	"	" 8 th
299	" 30	"	" 24
300	" 31	"	" 24 th
301	" 31	Feb 1 st	" 17 th
302	" 31	"	" 30 th
303	" 31	Jan 31 st	" 30 th
304	" 31	"	"
305	" 31	"	" 1 st
306	" 31	"	" 1 st
307	" 31	"	" 1 st
308	" 31	Feb 1 st	" 19 th
309	" 31	"	" 9 th
310	" 31	"	" 12 th
311	" 31	"	" 12 th
		"	" 2 nd

Statement showing the delay caused in the receipt of Government Orders by the Office of Examiner P. W. Accounts for the month of January 1877.

Date of Receipt	Date of orders Printed	Printed	Mini. num	Maxi. num
January 2 nd 1877	December 16, 19, 20, 28, 29	4	17	
3	D ^o 7	27	27	
4	D ^o 19	16	16	
5	D ^o 18, 27	9	18	
6	D ^o 18	19	19	
8	January 3 rd December 15, 19, 22, 26, 27	5	24	
9	December 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 January 2	7	19	
10	D ^o 19, 21, 27, 30 January 2 nd	8	22	
11	D ^o 21, 26, 30	12	21	
12	D ^o 12, 22, 26, 27, 28, January 6	6	31	
13	D ^o 19, 20, 27, January 5, 8 April 1876	8	25	
15	D ^o 28	18	18	
16	D ^o 26, 27, January 5, 6, 8, 9	7	21	
17	D ^o 19, 27 D ^o 5, 6, 9, 10	7	29	
18	D ^o 26 D ^o 5, 8, 9, 11	7	23	
19	D ^o 29 D ^o 5, 8, 10, 12	7	21	
20	January 5, 10, 13	7	15	
22	December 18, January 6, 8, 16	6	37	
23	D ^o 28, January 6, 8, 9, 10, 15	8	26	
24	January 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16	8	19	
25	D ^o 13, 15, 16, 18	7	12	
26	D ^o 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20	6	14	
27	D ^o 15, 17, 18, 19	8	12	
29	D ^o 18, 19	10	11	
30	D ^o 5, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20	10	25	
31	D ^o 19, 20, 25	6	12	

Fort Saint George.
8th March 1877.

P.W.D.

14/3/77

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FROM L. CONWAY-GORDON,

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 433.W.

PORT ST. GEORGE, 8TH. MARCH 1877.

SIR,

ADVERTING TO PARA 5 OF DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO. 12, DATED 23RD. FEBRUARY 1877, PUBLISHED IN GAZETTE OF INDIA OF FEBRUARY 23RD. 1877, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD FOR THE INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT A STATEMENT SHEWING THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DELAY IN THE RECEIPT BY THIS OFFICE OF THE PRINTED ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT FOR EACH DAY OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1877.

2. FROM THIS STATEMENT GOVERNMENT WILL OBSERVE THAT THE LEAST TIME ON THE AVERAGE IT TAKES TO COMMUNICATE AN ORDER TO ME IS OVER 9 DAYS, WHILE THAT EVERY DAY I MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN ORDER WHICH HAS TAKEN THREE WEEKS IN TRANSIT.

3. *State of P.W.D.* CONSIDERING THAT MY OFFICE IS SITUATED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT, IT MIGHT BE THOUGHT SUFFICIENT TO CONCLUDE MY REMARKS AT THIS POINT, AND TO LEAVE THESE FACTS TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AND THIS I

SHOULD

L. C. Conway-Gordon
14/3/77
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SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO DO, WERE IT NOT THAT THE FACTS ARE IN THEMSELVES SO ASTONISHING THAT THERE IS DANGER, IF LEFT UNEXPLAINED, OF THEIR BEING TOTALLY MISUNDERSTOOD, I THEREFORE WISH TO EXPLAIN THAT THE INTERVALS SHOWN IN THE STATEMENT DO NOT INCLUDE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING THE CORRESPONDENCE ON WHICH THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE TO BE PASSED AND FOR OTHER NECESSARY ROUTINE PROCESSES; THEY DO NOT INCLUDE ALL THE WEEKS, OR IN SOME CASES, EVEN MONTHS, TAKEN UP IN COMING TO A DECISION ON THE CASE; THE FIGURES REPRESENT MERELY THE DELAY WHICH OCCURS, AFTER A DECISION HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT, IN COMMUNICATING THIS DECISION TO THIS OFFICE.

4. BUT, ALTHOUGH IT IS PROBABLE THAT UNDER A BETTER SYSTEM, SUCH EXTREME DELAY MIGHT BE AVOIDED, I SHOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT THE MATTER TO NOTICE HAD I NOT FELT SURE THAT SOMETHING MIGHT IMMEDIATELY BE DONE TO IMPROVE MATTERS. FOR SOMETIME PAST, I HAVE NOTICED THAT THE FIRST INFORMATION I HAVE RECEIVED REGARDING THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT IS FROM THE LOCAL PRESS, AND THOUGH PROBABLY THE LAST PERSON TO WISH THAT THE INFORMATION PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE PRESS BE CURTAILED, I MAY PERHAPS FAIRLY CLAIM THAT IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY I MAY BE PLACED ON AN EQUALITY WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE
SIR,
YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT;

Alonzo Jordan

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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FROM THE EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 433. W.

DATED 8TH. MARCH 1877.

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ENCLO. ONE.

BRINGING TO THE NOTICE OF
GOVERNMENT THE DELAY IN THE RECEIPT
BY HIS OFFICE OF THE PRINTED ORDERS
OF GOVERNMENT.

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Government Office
Front St. George

16th April 1877

From The Supervisor
Government Office

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Enclosure, dated 10th April 1877, referring a letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with a statement showing the dates of despatch to, and of receipt from, the Press of the Public Works Department Proceedings during the month of January 1877.

The Examiner of Public Works Accounts remarks that the least time that it takes to communicate an order to him is over 9 days, and that every day he may expect to receive an order which has taken three weeks in transit.

An analysis of the list forwarded by your hands is as follows:

1 day in Press	8	4 days in Press	27
2 days	9	5 days	31
3 days	18	6 days	30

7 days in Press 50	15 days in Press 6
8 days 21	16 days 4
9 days 23	18 days 1
10 days 20	19 days 4
11 days 15	20 days 7
12 days 8	21 days 4
13 days 7	
14 days 10	24 days 2

Although the above does not fully account for the state of things reported, it is apparent that many of the Proceedings entered in the list forwarded by you were in the Press for a considerable time. It is to be borne in mind, however, that many of these were long papers with a number of complicated tabular statements for which a particular type is sometimes required and I have no hesitation in saying that I am quite satisfied that the work is, on the whole, turned out as expeditiously as is possible with the funds ^{premises} and material available.

During the month of January, the work turned out in the Public Works Department of the Press equalled 3,000 foolscap pages with an additional 1142 pages of re-vised matter, involving altogether 208,286 impressions, and as the amount of work received daily varies very greatly it will be readily understood that a very large staff would be required to

deal with it without any papers being at any time allowed to fall into arrears, and as a matter of fact no printing press can be worked on really economical principles unless it is so arranged that there shall always be work ready to put in hand, so soon as men and type are available. That the Public Works Department of the Press is now able not to overtake the work sent to it is apparent from the fact that while the month of March opened with 125 papers on hand it only closed with only 66, the decrease having been tolerably steady throughout the month.

The Government, however, may desire a greater expedition even at some sacrifice of economy, but before any great improvement can be effected additional premises must be provided, and under any circumstances I shall be glad if something can be done towards expediting the transfer to the Press of the premises now occupied by the Lithographic Department, which I understand had been under contemplation for some time. It will then be possible for me, should the Government so desire, to submit proposals for the purchase of a considerable amount of additional material and the entertainment of a larger staff, but at present no room is available for either more men or more paper.

6 The periods shown in Para 3 include the time spent in the correction of proofs in the Public Works Secretariat Office. There is no reason to complain of any delay in the return of proofs, but still the transfer and return of papers from the Press to the Office always takes up a certain amount of time, and as there is a staff of well-paid Examiners in the Press, I would suggest the adoption of the practice prevailing in most other Departments of only sending such proofs to the Office as may be specially asked for. If this suggestion be adopted due notice will always be taken of any instance of carelessness on the part of the Examiners which may be brought to notice after the issue of a paper. I have also to remark that it frequently occurs that a printed Proceedings of Government contains a large number of pages, but only a short G.O. In such cases, if it be not already the practice, I would suggest that where time is an object, a copy of the G.O. might be issued in Adv. to such officers as may be in a position to understand its purport without having the whole of the printed matter before them.

7 In conclusion, I would observe that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts opens his letter with an allusion to a former Despatch to the Secretary of State, in which

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it is stated that some delay appears to have occurred in Madras in communicating the orders of Government to subordinate officers. It was only towards the end of January that it was brought to my notice that there was any ground for complaint in connection with the issue of famine papers from the Press. Since that time I believe it has been only on very rare occasions that the issue from the Public Works Department of the Press of an order marked "Famine" has been delayed beyond the second day following that of receipt, while as a rule they have been issued on the following day.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servt.

J. Hurlock
Superintendent, Govt. Press

Comptroller

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16/7 March 1877

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Referring upon the
delay of printing the
proceedings of the
by the Secy to Govt.

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From the Secy to Govt.
to Government
D.W.D.

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14/5 May 1877

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Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th May 1877
Read the following:—

From the Examiner. P.W. acco (H.E. No 433. Wd/8 March/77)
— Supervisor Govt Press (— 574 d/16 April/77)

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2 It is remarked
that as soon as the new offices
in Chepauk are ready for
occupation by the Public
Works Department Secretariat,
more space will be
available for the Press in
the Government office.

This is a kind of compromise
B. might have properly be
made in his departmental
two W. for Press.

J.P.V. A.
Supra. Govt. Press.

14.5.77

Desp 25.5.77

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