

No. 849 & of 29th March 87.

The charge is
sanctioned, and
an appropriation of
Rs. 987 made from the
Provincial Reserve

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J.W.C. No. 1761

- Rs. 987 March
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Received 21st March 1887

B. No. 849 W of 29.3.87

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Ex P.W.D. with Bill
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With Order
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Copy of a letter from the Superintendent Govt.
Press to the Secretary P.W. Code Committee No. 213
dated 26th January 1881.

In returning the bill for printing portions
of the P.W. Code and the vouchers, I have the honor to state
that I have duly examined and amended the charges. The
charge for printing paper Rs 21 per ream is very high. The
Government have decided that paper should be supplied by
officers who have their printing done at Private Presses.

Copy of a letter from the Superintendent Government
Press to the Secretary, P.W. Code Committee. No. 331/81 dated
10th February 1881.

In reply to your letter No. 65 dated 8th Feb-
-ary 1881, I have the honor to state that I consider Rupees 12
a ream a fair price for the paper referred to.

Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Station-
-ery to the Secretary P.W. Code Committee No. 1639 dated
10th February 1881.

In reply to your letter dated 8th instant
enclosure to which is herewith returned, I beg to state
that the paper referred to, appears to be Printing Double
Royal 50 lbs. I would consider Rs 12 per ream a fair
price for the paper if purchased to the extent of 10 reams
and Rs 15 per ream the price that should be charged,
for

for a smaller quantity in the local market.

Copy of a letter from the Secretary P. W. Code Committee to E. J. Firth Esqre, Secretary to the Madras L. A. Press Committee No. 72 P. W. C. dated 16th February 1881.

I have the honor to forward herewith a revised bill amounting to Rs 1180-6-11, received from the Superintendent, L. A. Press, with his letter No. 344 dated 2nd February 1881, and to request that you will reconsider, in Committee, the charge for paper therein made. The bill was according to rule, forwarded to the Superintendent Govt. Press for check and was returned by that officer, with his corrections, and with a remark that the charge for paper was considered ^{very} high. Vide his letter attached, No. 213 dated 26th January 1881. Mr. Moore revised the bill according to these corrections, but declined to reduce the charge for paper. As it appears from the accompanying copies of letters from the Superintendent of Stationery and the Superintendent Govt. Press, that paper of description used in printing the code can be purchased in either small or large quantities in the local market at a much lower price than that charged for in the bill, I request you will reconsider the charge with reference to the reports made by those officers and have forwarded to me a revised bill so as to enable me to effect an early settlement of these claims.

Copy of a letter from the Secretary L. A. Press Committee

Committee to the Secretary P. W. Code Committee No. 670a dated 8th March 1881.

Adverting to your letter No. 72 dated 16th ultimo and enclosure, I have the honor to return Revised Bill No. 1425 of the 21st November 1880 for Paper 1180-6-11, altered to Paper 1024-13-6, the charge of paper having been reduced to cover the actual cost (Rs 15) to the Press of the same, plus 80%, agreeably to the enclosed letters from the Superintendents of the Government Press and Stationery Office respectively, (which please return) the original charge is the Press rate for work done for the Public.

Since Government have ordered that officers requiring work done by the Press, shall supply their own paper, there has been no demand for D. D. Pott and we have ceased to order it from England, or it might have been available at the rate quoted from the Superintendent of the Government Press, viz. Rs 12 a ream.

The Superintendent of Stationery quotes Rs 15 a ream as a fair price for small quantities purchased in the market, Rs 12 for quantities in excess of 10 reams, but my experience is that a large demand prompts combination and results in higher prices being demanded.

I regret the delay which has occurred in answering this, owing to my having been on leave.

(True Copies).

J. W. Gaynor
Superintendent,
Leads Branch.

Encl.
M. 1761/81

From

Major G. H. Trail R.C.,
Offg. Examiner of P.W. Accounts,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

N^o 101 P.W.C.

Madras 17th March 1881

Sir

I have the honor to forward
herewith a Bill amounting to Rupees
987. 2-2, received from the Secretary,
Lawrence Asylum Press, for printing
certain portions of the Public Works
Code and Public Works Forms Nos.
M1 to M26 (c) inclusive, together with
copies of correspondence regarding
the charge made for printing

paper, and to request that, if you approve of the charges, you will obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of the same, and for the provision of the necessary funds from the Provincial Reserves to meet the charge.

2. The Bill was duly checked and corrected by the Superintendent - Government Press, and the Secretary Lawrence Asylum Press, has accepted these corrections, excepting the charge for paper, which he informs me (vide his letter No 670 a, dated 8th March 1881) that he is unable to reduce to a lower rate than Rupees 15 per ream, being the actual cost of the paper, plus 8_{per}

per cent for commission and wastage.

The charge first made was Rupees 21 per ream.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
D. H. Fraile Major R. E.
Offg. Examiner P. W. Accounts & Stores

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