

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 1658 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stationery

From: Finl. Dept., drawing attention to the remarks of the Govt of India in its resolution reviewing the reports on the administration of the — officers in Madras, Bombay and Bengal for 1897-98, as regards the necessity for economical arrangements in the use of —, communicated to Officers of the P.W.D.

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1. Examining, Ky. Hearsay

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., Nos. 892—897, Financial, dated 18th October 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Reviewing the Administration Report of the Stationery Department for 1897-98; and forwarding copies of the proceedings to the Governments of Bombay and India, to the Superintendents of Stationery of Bombay and Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Bengal.

G.O., No. 563, Financial, dated 2nd May 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on certain proposals of the Superintendent of Stationery for the disposal of the surplus stock of stationery articles on hand to the book value of about Rs. 29,000, and addressing the Government of India regarding the sale of a portion of them by public auction.

READ—also the following paper :—

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Accounts and Finance—Stores), dated Simla, 9th May 1899, No. 2088-S.R.

Read—the following communications forwarding the annual reports on the administration of the Stationery Departments in Bengal, Madras and Bombay for the year 1897-98 :—

Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 6098 (Miscellaneous), dated the 30th November 1898.

Endorsement from the Government of Madras, No. 897 (Financial), dated the 18th October 1898.

Letters from the Government of Bombay, Nos. 5723 and 823, dated respectively, the 14th December 1898 and 17th February 1899.

Resolution—The values of the stock and of the receipts and issues of the three Stationery Offices in 1897-98 compare as follows with those recorded in 1896-97 :—

	1896-97.	1897-98.
	RS.	RS.
Value of stores in hand at the beginning of the year (at the valuation of the year)	14,51,881	12,25,977
Value of stores received or credited during the year	33,02,451	41,86,002
Total	47,54,332	54,11,979
Value of stores issued during the year	35,03,018	41,41,906
Balance at the close of the year	12,51,314	12,70,073

2. These values are distributed between the three Stationery Offices as follows :—

	Opening Balance.		Receipts.		Issues.		Closing Balance.	
	1896-97.	1897-98.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1896-97.	1897-98.
Calcutta	RS. 8,21,105	RS. 6,95,721	RS. 23,74,970	RS. 29,26,351	RS. 24,75,017	RS. 29,41,253	RS. 7,21,058	RS. 6,80,819
Madras	3,47,647	2,75,211	5,32,345	7,96,402	6,04,781	7,18,621	2,75,211	3,52,992
Bombay	2,83,129	2,55,045	3,95,136	4,63,249	4,23,220	4,82,032	2,55,045	2,36,262
Total	14,51,881	12,25,977	33,02,451	41,86,002	35,03,018	41,41,906	12,51,314	12,70,073

3. The following figures for the nine years ending 1897-98 show a progressive increase in the aggregate value of stores issued by the three Stationery Offices except in the years 1893-94 and 1896-97 :—

	RS.
1889-90	27,18,551
1890-91	29,30,276
1891-92	30,99,696
1892-93	32,01,557
1893-94	31,82,246
1894-95	32,93,229
1895-96	36,78,131
1896-97	35,03,018
1897-98	41,41,906

4. The increases during the four years ending 1892-93 were almost entirely confined to the Calcutta Office. Since that year there have been increases in all three offices :—

	Calcutta.	Madras.	Bombay.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1892-93	24,15,430	4,49,681	3,36,446
1893-94	23,75,259	4,63,174	3,43,813
1894-95	22,81,561	5,75,866	4,35,802
1895-96	25,97,305	6,48,940	4,31,886
1896-97	24,75,017	6,04,781	4,23,220
1897-98	29,41,253	7,18,621	4,82,032

The increase in the year under review was largely in the Calcutta Office, where the value of the issues was higher by Rs. 4,66,236 than in the preceding year. The value of stores issued by the Madras and Bombay Offices was higher by Rs. 1,13,840 and Rs. 58,812, respectively. The net result is an increase of Rs. 6,38,888.

5. The value of stores issued by the Calcutta Office to the Local Governments increased by Rs. 1,76,006, namely, Rs. 62,033 in issues to Bengal, Rs. 21,495 to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Rs. 26,601 to the Punjab, Rs. 35,586 to the Central Provinces and Rs. 31,198 to Lower Burma. In the value of stores issued to Officers and Departments of the Government of India there was an increase of Rupees 2,09,276, and in the issues to Postal and Telegraph Offices of Rs. 28,843. The increase generally is attributed to larger demands from the Government Presses and the greatly augmented requirements of the Military Department in connection with the operations on the North-West Frontier. The Governor-General in Council trusts that the Local Governments will continue to impress upon their officers the necessity for economical arrangements in the use of stationery.

6. The value of stores of Indian origin purchased during the last five years is stated in the following table which shows a satisfactory increase in 1897-98 :—

	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Calcutta	18,50,817	17,70,657	19,62,036	18,50,176	21,80,300
Madras	2,53,363	2,88,668	3,36,910	3,09,125	3,60,357
Bombay	2,66,976	3,44,456	2,67,224	2,92,548	3,39,340
Total	23,71,156	24,03,781	25,66,170	24,51,849	28,79,997

7. The saving effected by the substitution of Indian for imported stores in each of the last three years is estimated to have been :—

	RS.
1895-96	3,80,038
1896-97	4,09,516
1897-98	2,87,701

