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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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G.O. No.	1012	Press Mis.
Dated	4-10-1866.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
4th October 1866.*

No. 59. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 27th September 1866, No. 222.

I regret to report the robbery of a large quantity of type and printing materials from this office, between the closing of it on Saturday the 4th ultimo, and its opening on the following Monday. The circumstance having been brought to the notice of the Police authorities, the premises were carefully examined, when it became evident that an entrance had been effected into the Press-room by some person climbing over the wall which divides the Press from the Revenue Record Room.

2. The four watching Gollahs, in whose charge the office had been left, could give no account of the robbery. They were accordingly suspended, and handed over to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, who reports as follows:—"After a careful investigation regarding the theft of type from your office, I can come to no other conclusion than that the onus rests with the four Gollahs who had charge of the office, and all the keys, from Saturday afternoon till Monday morning. As there is no trace, however, of the missing type, there is not sufficient evidence to ensure conviction by the Magistrate."

3. That the Gollahs were actually concerned in the theft I do not believe, but they were clearly guilty of gross dereliction of duty, in allowing it to be perpetrated without their knowledge. From the manner in which the entrance into the Press-room was effected, it is manifest that the thief was well acquainted with the premises; and I have a very strong conviction in my own mind that the robbery was committed by one immediately connected with the Printing Establishment, and this conviction is strengthened by the fact that, from time to time, small quantities of type have been found missing, notwithstanding the precautions used to guard against pilfering.

4. I have for some time past intended to address Government regarding the revision of my Printing Establishment, which, as regards supervision, I consider to be on an unnecessarily expensive scale, and I now, therefore, avail myself of the present opportunity of bringing the subject under their consideration.

5. The Establishment now consists of 1 Superintendent on Rupees 80, 1 Foreman on Rupees 50, and 6 Compositors on salaries ranging from 24 Rupees to 12 Rupees. The retention of a Superintendent and Foreman to supervise so small an Establishment of Compositors appears to me needless; and I propose, therefore, with the permission of Government, to dispense with the services of these two men, and to entertain in their stead one efficient Foreman and Supervisor on a salary of Rupees 70 per mensem, whereby an annual saving of Rupees 720 will be effected.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1866, No. 1012.

This is the second instance within the last thirty-three months in which a large quantity of type belonging to the Accountant General's Press has been stolen, and the Government regret that the inquiry that has been instituted in the present case has led to no satisfactory result.

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(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
„ Examiner of Claims.
„ Commissioner of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Read the following letter
from the Accountant General.

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