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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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No. 110. Read the following letter from F. BRANDT, Esq., Acting Supervisor,
Government Press, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint
George ; dated Fort Saint George, 16th October 1867.

In forwarding, for the orders of Government, two letters addressed to me by
the Acting Superintendent of the Government Press, dated 15th instant and 26th
September 1866, I have to explain that no orders were passed on the latter in conse-
quence of its having been from time to time contemplated to make radical changes
in the constitution of the establishment, which, if carried out, would obviate the
necessity of the increased charges for which I have now to request sanction.

2. As no positive orders to break up the Printing Establishment have yet
been received, the budget estimate has, by my orders, been made up for the year
1868-69, on the supposition that things will remain as they are. The sanction of
Government is, however, necessary for the extra charges which it is now proposed
to enter in the budget estimate.

3. The total proposed increase amounts to Rupees 579 per mensem, or Rupees
6948 per annum, and is composed of the following items :—

	RS.
(1). Pay of one Assistant Foreman.....	35
Ditto two Imposers.....	40
Pressmen and others, about... ..	130
Paper Cutter.....	8
	— 213
(2). Pay of additional Examiner.....	70
Do. Rough Proof Reader.....	40
Do. two Reading Boys.....	16
Do. Assistant Ware-houseman.....	7
	— 133
(3). Increase of pay to Press Overseer.....	50
Do. do. to Head Examiner.....	50
Do. UnderWare-houseman.....	10
	— 456
(4). Pay of five Machinists and nine Wheelers (for the new Machines).....	123
	— 579

4. The charges shown in item No. 1 are necessitated by the great increase of
work during the last few years. The reduction effected in 1862, when part of the
work was given out on contract, was found on experience to have been too sweeping,
and, as the work increased, the necessary hands were irregularly paid from the amount
allowed for piece-work ; this item is not, therefore, a fresh charge, but a re-adjust-
ment.

5. The necessity for an additional Examiner, Rough Proof Reader and Reading
Boys (item 2) is undoubted. The work has been got through somehow or other by
employment of Readers by time, payment being made from piece funds and by
over work ; but it is desirable that payment for this work should constitute a per-
manent charge. This increase, like the former, is nominal—not real.

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6. With regard to the increase of pay proposed in item 3 for the Head Examiner and Press Overseer, I have already satisfied myself that the proposed increase is not more than commensurate with the greatly increased work and responsibility; and, whether the establishment remain on its present basis or not, the pay of these employes ought to be raised.

7. As to the increased pay for the Warehouseman, and necessity for his having an Assistant, I cannot speak with certainty, but am prepared to accept Mr. Morgan's recommendation. Lastly, the Machinists and Wheelers required to work the large new machines have hitherto been paid from piece-work funds; their salaries should be charged to the permanent establishment fund.

From Mr. H MORGAN, Acting Superintendent, to the Acting Supervisor, Government Press; dated Fort Saint George, 15th October 1867.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, a letter to your address, dated September 26th, 1866, and request you will be so good as to apply for the sanction of Government to the additions to the establishment and alterations therein proposed; as, if these extra sums are inserted in the budget estimate for the year 1868-69 without the previous sanction of Government, the Accountant General will strike out all sums above last year's (1866-67) authorized budget.

2. I have also to request you will procure sanction for engagement on the regular establishment of five machinists and nine wheelers for the new machines, at an aggregate of Rupees 123 per mensem, these men having been paid from the piece-work allowance during the past year.

3. The extra sum proposed to be entered in the budget estimate is Rupees 579 per mensem, or total for the year Rupees 6948.

From Mr. H. MORGAN, Acting Superintendent, to the Acting Supervisor, Government Press; dated Fort Saint George, 26th September 1866.

As it is not practicable for the Auditor of the Press Accounts to audit the amount of work done in the Government Press, and cost thereof, I have thought it best to forward the accompanying Statements direct, as having no connection with his report, and as being necessary to the preparation of the budget estimate for 1867-68.

2. The work has been very heavy, particularly in the Press Department, the Machines and Presses having been worked 124 nights, and the Office opened at six in the morning and closed at times varying from half past six to eight o'clock in the evening the greater part of the remainder of the year. It is hoped that, before the end of this year, night work will not be necessary, two new machines* having been ordered from England.

* Since received.
F. B.

3. A part of the extra cost for this over-time has been recovered from the Inspector General Mofussil Police, and part from the Registrar General, but there has been a large increase to the charges of the Establishment, Rupees 1,03,186-8-11 having been expended in 1865-66, against Rupees 92,853-8-10 in 1864-65, a difference of Rupees 10,333-0-1.

4. Statement B shows a decrease of 3,221 pages in the number of pages set up, and an increase of 7407 in the number of pages remade-up—a total increase of 4186 in the number of pages printed. Although the Statement shows a decrease in the number of pages set, there has, really, been a large increase. Last year, 22,984 pages were entered to account of the Registrar General's Office, the greater part of which was remade-up matter, and should have been entered in that column. This year, only 9321 pages have been entered to that Office—13,663 pages less than last year—showing an increase in other Departments of nearly 10,000 pages.

5. The average cost per page, for all numbers, from 7 up to 300,000 impressions, and charging one-fifth for remade-up matter, has been Rupees 1-0-0½. The average cost of the work printed by Graves, Cookson, and Co. during the same period has been Rupees 1-8-10, and at Gantz

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Brothers 1-12-4 per page (see Statement A). The cost per page in the various Departments has been as follows:—

	ES.	A.	P.
Secretariat.....	0	15	7
Revenue Board.....	0	13	1
Gazette	2	3	9
Job (including all numbers).....	0	15	5

One-fifth has been added to the Secretariat, Revenue Board, and Gazette, for remade-up matter; the Job pages are all original. The Secretariat and Revenue Board pages are similar to those for which Graves, Cookson, and Co. charge Rupees 1-2-0 per page, with the addition of Pies 2 for every marginal line (Rupees 1-2-3), and double (Rupees 2-4-0) for Statement. The cost of the work in the Job Department has been enhanced by paying higher rates for night work.

6. The following Statement will show the steady and rapid increase in the quantity of work turned out yearly by the Government Press.

Date.	No of pages printed.
1861-62.....	99,345
1862-63.....	104,918*
1863-64.....	100,801
1864-65.....	138,684
1865-66.....	142,870

7. As stated in paragraph 2, the Press-work has been very heavy, as will be seen in the following statement.

Department.	Number of Impressions.
Gazette.....	1,196,961
Chief Secretary's.....	143,164
Revenue.....	145,274
Public Works.....	319,857
Military.....	175,814
Revenue Board.....	448,718
Job.....	11,486,350
Total ..	13,916,138

8. In the Binding Department, 6117 Books have been full bound; 9792 stiff covered, with cloth, sheep, or colored paper sides; 40,444 stiff covered, with country cartridge sides; 61,255 pamphlets folded and stitched; and 33,939 folded and pasted—a total of 151,547 books. 375,690 sheets have been ruled by machine.

9. In 1862, consequent on giving the High Court and Book to be printed on contract, the following reduction in the regular Establishment took place:—

1 Examiner.....	100
1 Do.	60
2 Foremen, at 60.....	120
1 Rough Reader.....	45
2 Do. at 40.....	80
1 Compositor.....	25
1 Do.	15
1 Do.	12
4 Do. at 10.....	40
2 Do. at 7.....	14
1 Pressman.....	12
3 Do. at 11.....	33
8 Ballers, at 8.....	64
4 Do. at 7.....	28
2 Peons, at 7.....	14
4 Binders, at 3-8-0.....	14
1 Paper Cutter.....	8
39	684

but although the work has so much increased (by more than one-third), no addition has since been made.

* The Sudder and Book Work was given to be printed on contract in November 1862, the number of pages printed during the previous six months in the Government Press having amounted to 9603.

10. For the last three years it has been found necessary to employ extra men to get out the work. This has been done by paying persons on the regular establishment from the amount allowed for piece-work, and it led to great inconvenience last year, the amount sanctioned having been exceeded by Rupees 11,894.

11. These *irregular* hands on the permanent establishment have been, one Assistant Foreman at Rupees 35, two Imposers (Compositors) at Rupees 40, sixteen Pressmen, Ballmen, and Wheelers, at sums varying from Rupees 100. to 130 per mensem, and a Paper Cutter at Rupees 8.

12. The employment of an Assistant Foreman and Imposers has been caused by the new system of making up Proceedings of Government in the Revenue and Public Works Departments; and it has been absolutely necessary to employ the Press and Machinemen, because, although so much work was given out in 1862, there has been much more in the office since, and the whole of the Presses and Machines have had to be worked, often, night and day. It will be the more necessary to employ the Pressmen, as one new Machine was set to work during the past year, and two more are now ordered from England.

13. It is requested that sanction may be given for the re-employment of these men, provision for whom has been made in the budget estimate.

14. The great increase in the number of pages printed, has caused a similar increase in the labor of the Readers and Examiners. This has been met in part by the employment of Readers on time (paid from the piece funds), and partly by the regular establishment working at all hours necessary, sometimes from six in the morning until nine or ten o'clock at night. It will be seen in paragraph 9 that five Readers, drawing together Rupees 285 per mensem, were dismissed on the reduction of establishment in 1862. I have now respectfully to suggest that an advance in salary of Rupees 50 per mensem be given to the Head Examiner, for his greater responsibilities, his attending at all hours (being put to increased expense in consequence) to see to the proper distribution of work amongst the other Examiners, as well as for his own proper duties of passing all proofs in the Chief Secretary's and, lately, in the Legislative Department; that another Examiner on Rupees 70 per mensem, and a Rough Proof Reader on Rupees 40 per mensem, with two Reading Boys on Rupees 8 each, be allowed to be taken on the regular establishment—a total of Rupees 176. I beg to point out that the work of the Legislative Department, the Registrar General's Office, much of the Mofussil Police, and the Sanitary Commissioner, have all been added since 1862. These proposed additions to the regular establishment will not lead to any additional expense; it will merely be shifting charges to their own proper head.

15. Mr. Leslie, the Press Overseer, has several times applied to be recommended for an increase to his pay. He well deserves it, for he works hard at all hours, and for weeks, on emergencies, has not left the Office from Monday morning until the following Saturday night. He has no chance of rising to any higher post, as there is no one in the Press Department above him. His work has almost doubled within the last three years. I think, with regard to his position in the Office, he should be placed on an equality with the second Examiner, who receives Rupees 150.

16. During the past two years the under-warehouseman has also made many applications for an increase to his salary, on the ground that his work and responsibility have doubled. Since his pay was fixed (Rupees 15), all the new work mentioned in paragraph 14 has been brought into the Office. He is responsible for the safe delivery of the whole of the papers mentioned in the detailed list of Job Work. Considering his responsibilities, very hard labor, and long services (since February 1853), I recommend for him an increase of Rupees 10. It is also necessary that he should have an Assistant (Rupees 7 per mensem), as now we have to employ a binder to help pack, and charge his labor to the piece work, which was only intended for compositors.

17. The total addition to the regular establishment will be Rupees 456 per mensem, which will be partly made up from savings elsewhere; and, to the best of my belief, the changes will add greatly to the efficiency of the office.

18. All these men have been employed, and extra salaries have been paid to others, for a long time, and I now request *sanction* for their employment, as, being left in sole charge, I fear being blamed for irregularities not introduced by me.

19. Soliciting early orders on this subject, as it is necessary at once to send in the budget estimate, I have the honor to be, &c.

STATEMENT A, exhibiting Out-turn and cost of Book Work by Messrs. Gantz Brothers, and by Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., for the Government Press, in 1865-66.
I.—By Gantz Brothers.

Department.	No. of pages printed.	Amount paid.	Deduct amount for binding.	Amount paid for printing only.	Add cost of examining at 10 per cent.	Cost at the Govt. Press at 1-2-4 per page.	Difference in favor of the Government Press.	Remarks.
Book Department.....	1,462½	RS. 2,816 11 7	RS. 461 6 0	RS. 2,355 5 7	RS. 235 8 7	RS. 1,675 12 6	RS. 915 1 8	
N. B.—Amount paid Messrs. Gantz Brothers for printing 1,462½ pages, Rupees 2,355 5 7								
Add 10 per cent., for examining charges.....								
Cost at the [Government Press.....								
Difference in favor of Government Press.....								
Net charge of Messrs. Gantz Brothers including 10 per cent. for examining charge..								
At Government Press rate of Rupees 1-0-0½, as shown in the Note in Statement B. 2,590 14 2 or 1 12 4 do.								
Difference in favor of Government Press.....								
II.—By Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co.								
Departments.	No. of pages printed.	Amount paid.	Deduct amount for binding.	Amount paid for printing only.	Add cost of examining at 10 per cent.	Cost at the Govt. Press at 1-2-4 per page.	Difference in favor of the Government Press.	Remarks.
Book Department.....	1,482½	RS. 10,128 15 3	RS. 193 0 4	RS. 9,935 14 11	RS. 993 9 6	RS. 8,068 15 4	RS. 2,860 9 1	
High Court do.	5,559½							
	7,042							
N. B.—Amount paid Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., for printing 7,042 pages..... Rupees 9,935 14 11								
Add 10 per cent., on Rupees 9,935-14-11 for examining charges.....								
Cost at the Government Press.....								
Difference in favor of Government Press.....								
Net charge of Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., including 10 per cent., for examining.....								
At Government Press rate of Rupees 1-0-0½, as shown in the Note in Statement B.....								
Difference in favor of Government Press.....								

RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	per page.
10,929	8	5	or	1	8	10
8,068	15	4	or	1	2	4
2,860	9	1	or	0	6	6
10,929	8	5	or	1	8	10
7,060	5	5	or	1	0	0½
3,869	3	0	or	0	8	9½

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STATEMENT B. Work done at the Government Press during the Official year 1865-66.

STATEMENT D. Work done at the Government Press during the Official year 1865-66.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	SMALL PICA.			LONG PRIMER.			BREVIER.		Pica Solid.	Vernacular.	Equal to Solid Pages.	Re-made up Pages.	Total number of Pages.	Marginal Lines.	Number of im-pressions.	ACTUAL COST.			Average rate per Page.	Remarks.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Chief Secretary's Depart-ments.....	3,990	612	1,440	..	..	..	..	..	4,240	..	12,028	6,685	18,713	19,690	143,164	12,755	15	6	2,718	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE,
1st May 1866.

(Signed) H. MORGAN,
Acting Superintendent.

(a).—One-fifth should be added for re-made up pages, making cost per page, Rupees 1-0-0.
(b).—Being the amount paid for over-time to Press and Ball-press General, &c.

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DETAILED List of Work executed in Job Department during the Official year 1865-66.

Names of Offices.	No. of	Appearing	Equal to	No. of	
	Pages.	pages.	Foolscap	copies	
			pages.	printed.	
Accountant General...	86	354	856	4,548	
Adelphi Press...	14	41	41	.....	
Adjutant General...	264	543	704	39,579	
„ Volunteers...	23	31	33	2,260	
„ Royal Artillery...	72	107	168	20,531	
Agent Army Clothing.....	104	760	439	55,657	
Arsenal...	2	2	2	9,000	
Assay Office...	1	1	1	200	
Bishop of Madras...	1	1	1	160	
Board of Examiners...	48	215	231	52,778	
Body Guard...	1	1	1	500	
Brigade Major...	56	77	96	12,205	
Civil Court, Gunttoor...	1	1	1	1,000	
„ „ Tanjore...	1	1	1	2,000	
„ Pay Master...	27	101	297	8,646	
Collector of Ganjam...	11	11	11	33,000	
„ Sea Customs...	42	370	571	154,405	
Civil Engineering College...	34	43	49	5,495	
Commander-in-Chief...	5	6	10	124	
Commissary General...	157	325	501	267,975	
Commissioner of Police...	50	145	218	25,306	
Conservator of Forests...	39	80	122	23,478	
Consulting Engineer for Railways.	41	56	55	6,242	
Controller Public Works Accounts.	79	262	471	245,165	
„ Military „	97	161	153	25,283	
Coroner's Office...	8	11	9	3,250	
Court of Small Causes...	18	50	75	86,207	
Crown Office...	2	2	2	2,000	
Deputy Accountant General, Hyderabad...	1	1	1	5,000	
„ Inspector General of Hospi- tals...	46	91	133	18,008	
Director of Revenue Settlement ..	74	206	285	60,603	
Examiner Clothing Accounts...	1	1	2	500	
„ Commissariat „	25	36	54	18,760	
„ Claims ..	3	11	23	500	
„ Medical Accounts...	27	39	61	5,828	
„ Pay Department...	58	148	253	78,530	
Executive Engineer...	15	19	87	7,098	
„ „ North Range...	3	3	3	500	
Family Payment...	69	109	136	49,958	
Fort Dispensary...	3	3	3	450	
Garrison Hospital...	15	31	32	1,108	
Gazette Office...	23	56	76	19,013	
General Hospital...	37	68	89	15,648	
„ Stamp Office...	34	69	118	28,413	
Government Agent...	18	77	138	5,117	
„ House...	13	17	20	2,910	
„ Museum...	7	12	...	573	
„ Savings' Banks...	2	8	12	825	
„ Solicitor...	2	4	4	550	
High Court ..	24	35	54	4,177	
Inam Commissioner...	4	6	5	13,000	
Income Tax Office...	2	2	6	150	
Inspector of Schools...	10	12	11	7,580	
„ General of Police...	210	488	1,005	2,933,968	
„ „ of Ordnance.	4	7	10	1,060	
Carried over...	2,014	5,317	7,743	4,366,821	

Impressions from Plate.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th November 1867.

Detailed List of Work executed in Job Department.—(Continued.)

Names of Offices.	No. of Jobs.	Appearing pages.	Equal to Foolscap pages.	No. of copies printed.
Brought forward...	2,014	5,317	7,743	4,366,821
Judicial Department ...	4	112	92	6,000
Judge Advocate General ...	3	3	3	4,200
Legislative Department ...	19	21	21	6,517
Leper Hospital ...	4	8	9	60
Lying-in-Hospital ...	1	2	12	1,440
Madras Water Works ...	1	1	1	50
Magistrate of Royapetta Police ...	7	10	12	4,825
„ Town ...	25	33	37	15,820
„ Vepery ...	3	4	4	11,200
Malayalam Translator ...	31	373	384	38,330
Marine Police ...	3	4	4	134,640
Master Attendant ...	58	71	81	87,388
Medical College ...	10	24	45	410
„ Stores ...	33	152	254	4,678
Military Department ...	63	121	133	18,771
„ Accountant ...	119	324	721	80,493
„ Female Asylum ...	1	38	38	100
Mint Master ...	2	3	4	120
N. T. Palavarum ...	1	1	1	1,000
Pay Office, Kamptee ...	1	1	1	6,000
Paymaster, Mysore Circle ...	4	16	43	10,048
„ Presidency ...	29	33	36	29,320
„ Rangoon ...	1	1	1	5,000
Post Office ...	373	725	1,058	4,356,115
Principal Inspector General, Medical Department...	109	326	409	16,845
Protector of Emigrants...	6	8	7	9,250
Private Secretary...	9	14	19	1,282
Public Department...	198	290	345	151,045
„ Works ...	74	191	232	16,502
„ „ Stores ...	24	131	203	5,057
Quarter Master General...	230	445	527	53,978
Registrar of Diocese...	9	15	39	1,975
„ General...	520	5,042	9,321	1,187,449
Revenue Board ...	160	3,002	4,265	311,166
„ Department ...	99	152	155	12,703
„ Survey ...	9	18	15	5,748
Sanitary Commission ...	25	42	59	13,503
Savings' Bank. ...	2	8	12	1,575
Settlement Office, Godavery...	2	2	4	400
Sheriff's Office...	28	35	35	6,172
Staff Office ...	1	1	1	1,000
Superintendent of Marine ...	44	59	76	10,098
„ of Pensions...	93	135	188	58,273
„ of Stationery...	185	468	872	412,765
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division...	58	67	81	18,244
„ „ 5th Division...	1	1	1	1,500
„ „ „ „ „	3	3	3	474
Surgeon, 2nd District ...				
Total...	4,699	17,853	27,610	11,486,350

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE,
1st May 1866.

(Signed) H. MORGAN,
Acting Superintendent.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th November 1867.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1867, No. 1435.

With the foregoing letter, the Acting Supervisor, Government Printing Establishment, submits with his support an application from the Acting Superintendent for an addition to the numerical strength, as well as for an increase to the salaries of certain servants of the present Establishment, at a total expenditure of Rupees 579 per mensem. Of this sum, Rupees 469 appear to have been paid from the amount allowed for piece work, so that the proposed increase to this extent is only nominal. It is now suggested that the men who have hitherto been paid from the above source should be brought on the permanent establishment; this is accordingly sanctioned.

2. In consideration of the work in the Press having, as it is stated, considerably augmented, the increase proposed to the pay of the Press Overseer, Head Examiner, and Under Ware-houseman—in all Rupees 110 per mensem—is also sanctioned.

3. The additional expenditure to be incurred under these orders will be included in the monthly statement of fresh charges, &c., and the Government of India requested to sanction the same as a permanent charge.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Supervisor Government Press.

„ Accountant General.

„ Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

DETAILED List of Work executed in Job Department during the Official year 1866-67.

Offices.	No. of Jobs.	Appear- ing pages.	Equal to Foolscap pages.	No. of Im- pressions.	
Accountant General	132	508	1,840	74,274	
Adjutant General	206	877	1,298	76,404	
„ Volunteers	27	51	69	2,359	
„ Royal Artillery	62	105	191	18,524	
Agent Army Clothing	55	83	116	30,650	
Arsenal	2	6	14	18	
Bishop of Madras	2	2	2	210	
Board of Examiners	20	36	59	3,805	
„ Revenue	110	3,074	4,376	2,70,222	
Brigade Major	13	26	49	4,850	
Camp Equipage Depot	1	1	1	500	
Chemical Examiner	2	2	2	550	
Civil Engineering College	20	33	38	6,165	
Collector of Sea Customs	40	302	418	25,678	
„ Madras	3	9	9	3,800	
Commissary General	149	321	508	3,91,510	
„ of Ordnance	3	6	15	5,018	
Commissioner Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations... ..	29	65	50	3,664	
„ of Police	37	125	201	70,096	
Conservator of Forests	35	78	137	10,594	
Consulting Engineer for Railways	24	31	34	2,700	
Controller of P. W. Accounts	49	149	278	6,03,478	
„ Military	95	178	230	28,422	
Coroner's Office	8	11	11	2,400	
Court of Small Causes	14	30	27	1,58,760	
Crown Office	2	2	2	300	
Commissioner, Chinthe	1	23	23	250	
Deputy Inspector General of Hos- pitals	36	77	32	11,050	
„ „ Burmah	1	8	14	200	
„ „ S. F.	2	5	11	1,200	
Director of Public Instruction	1	9	9	500	
„ of Revenue Settlement	54	389	653	17,324	
Examiner Commissariat Accounts	29	65	107	21,500	
„ of Claims	2	8	22	1,200	
„ Medical Accounts	17	50	85	7,345	
„ Pay Department	218	935	2,061	2,55,402	
Executive Engineer	1	1	1	200	
„ „ N. Range	11	17	59	18,400	
„ „ Bangalore	13	388	432	650	
Family Payment Office	13	17	34	4,674	
Garrison Hospital	7	10	20	3,492	
Gazette Office	10	32	35	7,964	
General Hospital	30	59	91	21,314	
„ Stamp Office	40	85	154	25,279	
Government Agent	8	10	16	3,960	
High Court	63	93	104	11,892	
Inam Commissioner	1	1	1	2,000	
Inspector of Schools	9	9	9	1,800	
„ General of Jails	55	105	141	23,726	
„ „ of Police	170	576	752	19,50,323	
„ „ of Ordnance	1	1	1	5,000	
Judicial Department	3	25	25	6,500	
Legislative	7	70	73	1,508	
Leper Hospital	5	9	26	1,408	
Lying-in-Hospital	13	14	20	1,370	
Carried over...	1,961	9,202	14,986	42,05,382	

DETAILED List of Work executed in Job Department—(Concluded.)

Offices.	No. of Jobs.	Appear- ing pages.	Equal to Foolscap pages.	No. of Im- pressions.
Brought forward...	1,961	9,202	14,986	42,05,382
Madura Civil Court ...	1	1	1	2,500
Magistrate, Royapettah...	9	10	10	5,500
" Town ...	8	9	9	11,950
" Vepery ...	14	17	18	2,900
Malayalam Translator ...	20	301	310	1,46,864
Master Attendant ...	26	32	36	38,925
Municipal Commissioners ...	2	2	9	700
Medical College ...	12	12	23	775
" Stores ...	81	490	612	3,43,650
Military Department ...	57	90	102	14,876
" Accountant ...	177	493	1,115	1,25,940
" Fund ...	8	18	27	1,396
" Female Asylum ...	1	37	30	1,200
Mint Master ...	3	7	11	388
Ordnance Depôt, Mount...	1	1	1	1,000
Paymaster, Presidency ...	8	19	43	12,251
Post Office ...	529	1,022	1,499	26,41,055
Principal Inspector General, Me- dical Department ...	84	424	446	42,089
Private Secretary ...	16	20	20	3,590
Protector of Emigrants ...	1	1	1	10,000
Public Department ...	174	255	270	67,273
" Works ...	45	89	101	13,180
" Stores ...	12	25	37	2,180
Quarter Master General ...	182	281	437	27,964
Registrar of Diocese ...	4	4	4	440
" General ...	302	3,139	3,386	30,94,363
Registry of Shipping ...	2	2	4	340
Revenue Department ...	93	152	174	37,588
" Survey ...	47	96	117	82,518
Sanitary Commissioner ...	69	532	596	21,474
Sheriff's Office ...	4	10	10	2,000
Superintendent of Marine ...	47	140	209	10,884
" Pensions ...	35	43	69	10,450
" Stationery ...	33	114	176	25,493
Suptg. Engineer, 2nd Division...	1	1	1	3,000
" 4th ...	38	53	79	24,260
" 5th ...	3	3	3	11,000
" 6th ...	1	1	1	1,000
" 8th ...	1	1	1	1,000
Station Staff Officer ...	2	2	2	2,000
Telegraph ...	3	6	42	3,000
Triplicane Dispensary ...	16	27	28	1,275
Vepery ...	1	1	1	300
Total	4,084	17,185	25,057	1,10,55,876

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE,
1st April 1867.

Acting Superintendent.

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NAMES OF OFFICES.	SMALL PICA.			LONG PICA.			BREVET.			Pica Solid.	Vernacular Solid.	Vernacular Statement.	Equal to Solid Pages.	Re-made up Pages.	Total number of Pages.	Marginal Lines.	Number of im- pressions.	ACTUAL COST.		Average rate per Page.	Remarks.
	Solid.	Half Tabular.	Tabular.	Solid.	Half Tabular.	Tabular.	Solid.	Half Tabular.	Tabular.									Rs. A. P.	Stores.		
Chief Secretary's Depart- ments	2,832	237	1,503	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,370	...	...	10,563	6,047	16,610	11,579	1,25,419	Rs. 10,548 3 1	...	...	(a).—One-fifth should be added for re-made up pages, making cost per page, Rupees 1.0-11.
Military	1,912	276	1,336	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,551	...	...	10,549	9,464	20,013	21,142	1,54,656	Rs. 8,973 1 9	...	...	(b).—Being the amount paid for over-time and the Wages of Extra Press and Ballmen employed in striking the large number of copies in Job Department.
Revenue	356	57	1,297	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,948	...	...	7,983	4,505	12,488	11,974	1,24,981	Rs. 7,406 9 8	...	...	(c).—Paid to Vernacular hands for Examination Papers. Number of pages printed in Mr. Grose's Room, not known.
Public Works	1,625	441	2,859	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,764	6,674	25,438	14,530	8,99,600	Rs. 15,641 2 0	...	...	
Revenue Board	11,872	76	3,248	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,792	1,481	5,273	4,672	8,43,554	Rs. 11,071 5 10	...	...	
Gazette	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	119	425	332	10,470	Rs. 1,302 2 1	...	...	
Secret	238	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,057	...	...	...	26,063 11 3	Rs. 90,581 3 11	...	...	
Job	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	18,837	1,088	10,274	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Deduct	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Add depreciation of stock, at 14 per cent, on Rupees 1,05,731	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. Interest, at 6 per cent, do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. House rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. cost of Printing Ink	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT B. Work done at the Government Press during the Official year 1866-67.

CHETTERPORE, 6th May 1868.

No. 415.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq.,
Collector of GANJAM.

To J. GRCSE, Esq.,
Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Referring to your Official Memorandum, No. 478, dated the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the Press Report for 1867-68 was despatched to the Board on the 22nd ultimo. However, I beg to annex a Memorandum showing the particulars of the additional information, which the Board now require to be shown in the new Statement forwarded with the Memorandum under reply.

MEMORANDUM.

B.—Abstract showing the number of copies of the District Gazette struck off and issued in each month of the year 1867-68.

Months.	Total number of copies actually struck off.	Total number of copies actually issued.
April 1867	275	280
May " " " " " "	250	280
June " " " " " "	285	280
July " " " " " "	285	282
August " " " " " "	283	281
September " " " " " "	292	285
October " " " " " "	310	289
November " " " " " "	285	281
December " " " " " "	210	284
January 1868	215	289
February " " " " " "	315	283
March " " " " " "	315	

Particulars of Sundry Receipts.

	RS.	A.	P.
Sale proceeds of the spare copies of the District Gazette	1	11	0
Do. of Sea Custom forms	218	13	3
Do. of Acts, etc., printed at the Collectorate Press	285	6	0
Total	515	14	3

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Collector.

CHETTERPORE,
6th May 1868.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

STATEMENT A, exhibiting Out-turn and cost of Book Work by Messrs. Gantz Brothers, and by Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., for the Government Press, in 1866-67.

I.—By Gantz Brothers.

Department.	No. of pages printed.	Amount paid.	Deduct amount for binding.	Amount paid for printing only	Add cost of examining at 10 per cent.	Grand Total.	Cost at the Govt. Press at 1-3-4 per page.	Difference in favor of the Government Press.	Remarks.
Book Department.	2,141	RS. 5,345 A. P. 2 1	RS. 902 A. P. 12 0	RS. 4,442 A. P. 6 1	RS. 444 A. P. 3 10	RS. 4,886 A. P. 9 11	RS. 2,587 A. P. 0 8	RS. 2,299 A. P. 9 3	

N. B.—Amount paid Messrs. Gantz Brothers for printing 2,141 pages... Rupees 4,442 6 1
Add 10 per cent., for examining charges... 444 3 10

Cost at the Government Press...
Difference in favor of Government Press...
Net charge of Messrs. Gantz Brothers including 10 per cent. for examining charge...
At Government Press rate of Rupees 1-0-11, as shown in the Note a in statement B...
Difference in favor of Government Press...

II.—By Messrs. Graves, Cookson and Co.

Departments.	No. of pages printed.	Amount paid.	Deduct amount for binding.	Amount paid for printing only	Add Cost of examining at 10 per cent.	Grand Total.	Cost at the Govt. Press at 1-3-4 per page.	Difference in favor of the Government Press.	Remarks.
Book Department.	2,323 3/4	RS. 12,921 A. P. 15 11	RS. 216 A. P. 1 6	RS. 12,705 A. P. 14 5	RS. 1,270 A. P. 9 5	RS. 13,976 A. P. 7 10	RS. 9,431 A. P. 15 2	RS. 4,544 A. P. 8 8	
High Court do.	7,805 3/4								

N. B.—Amount paid Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., for printing 7,805 3/4 pages... Rupees 12,705 14 5
Add 10 per cent., for examining charges... 1,270 9 5

Cost at the Government Press...
Difference in favor of Government Press...
Net charge of Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co., including 10 per cent. for examining...
At Government Press rate of Rupees 1-0-11, as shown in the Note a in statement B...
Difference in favor of Government Press...

Wanting Vizagapatam

No. 91.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq.,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the GODAVERY DISTRICT,
To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit my report on the operations of the Printing Presses during the year 1867-68, accompanied by the explanatory Statements, prepared in the forms prescribed.
2. The following Statement exhibits the work done with its estimated value compared with the results of the year preceding:—

	1866-67.			1867-68.			Comparison of the value of work.					
	No. of papers.	Value.		No. of papers.	Value.		Increase.		Decrease.			
		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Office work	311	2,647	5 4	340	2,318	0 10	...	...	329	4	6	
District Gazettes	101	6,269	1 0	112	6,451	6 6	182	5 6	...	...	...	
Judicial Department	46	242	6 6	136	543	4 5	300	13 11	...	...	...	
Private work	80	239	13 1	42	145	12 4	...	...	91	0	9	
Police Department	4	15	3 4	10	81	9 10	66	6 6	...	...	...	
Marine do.	29	101	13 10	...	...	...	...	...	101	13	10	
Medical do.	...	...	...	3	6	5 8	6	5 8	...	...	...	
Educational do.	...	...	...	4	26	10 8	26	10 8	...	...	...	
Public Works do.	9	51	11 4	7	39	0 0	...	...	12	11	4	
Total..	580	9,567	6 5	654	9,612	2 3	582	10 3	537	14	5	
Net Increase...							44	11 10				

3. The Presses were fully occupied during the year. The average number of papers struck off in a month in the year under report shows a small increase; nevertheless the average value of work done in a month is less than in the year preceding, which it will be remembered compared only eleven months. This result is due to three causes:—

1st.—According to the nature of work and number of impressions, the value fluctuated. The papers and forms struck off in this year were chiefly in the vernacular.

2nd.—The larger of the two Presses was out of order for some weeks.

3rd.—Extra Establishments were entertained for a shorter period than in the year preceding, and for the striking off a large number of Ryotwar Puttahs and Receipts, such help became absolutely necessary.

4. The average circulation of the District Gazettes during the past five years is shown below:—

Years.	Average.
1863-64... ..	560
1864-65... ..	625
1865-66... ..	781
1866-67	959
1867-68	1,070

5. The Demand, Collection, and Balance for the year under report is given below:—

Balance on 1st April 1867.	Demand for 1867-68.	Total.	Collection.	Balance on 1st April 1868.	Surplus on account of subscription received in advance for Gazettes.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
23 8 8	1,248 3 4	1,271 12 0	1,028 8 0	243 4 0	272 6 0

The whole amount of balance, with the exception of Rupees 1-6-0 erroneously included in the demand for the past year, is due by Village Gazette subscribers, and the greater portion of it has since been brought to account; measures have been adopted for the collection of the remainder before the close of the current month. Though, as a rule, subscriptions are received in advance, yet, in the case of village subscribers, the Gazettes were not stopped immediately on their falling into arrears, as they will pay the same on being reminded of it.

6. The following is an Abstract of Charges connected with the Press:—

	1866-67.	1867-68.	COMPARISON.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
Fixed Establishment...	RS. 2,050	RS. 2,252	RS. 202	.....
Sadeward and Contingencies ...	84	55	.....	29
Stock newly purchased ...	3	683	680	.....
Repair of materials ...	11	17	6	.....
Extra Establishment...	63	15	.....	48
Total...	2,211	3,022	888	77
Net increase...	.....	.....	811	.....

The increase under Fixed Establishment is ascribable to the year under comparison having consisted of only eleven while the one under report includes twelve months. The increase under the head of Stock is in consequence of a Royal Columbian Press, at a cost of Rupees 600, as well as space rules and other articles, valued at Rupees 83, having been purchased during the year under report. The decrease under Extra Establishment is owing to the employment of temporary hands for a shorter period in the present year than in the past.

7. The sum of Rupees 1-6-0 referred to in paragraph 5 was erroneously over-demanded in 1866-67, and sanction is now requested for writing off the same.

8. The several forms of Accounts and Abstracts sent by the Board in May 1865, have, from time to time, been printed and supplied to the talooks, and the specimen forms were forwarded to the Board on 9th May 1866.

9. The accounts connected with the Press Department have been regularly and correctly kept under the superintendence of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Account Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

COCANADA, 13th May 1868.

No. 116.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq.,
Acting Collector of the GODAVERY DISTRICT,

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th ultimo, No. 478, together with four printed copies of blank forms of Statement which should accompany the Press Report, I have the honour to inform you that the report on the operations of Presses in this district for 1867-68, was forwarded to you on the 23rd ultimo, with Statements in the usual forms.

2. A Statement in the form now received is, however, forwarded, to be substituted for those already sent.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

MASULIPATAM, 15th June 1868.

No. 191.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq.,

Acting Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT.

To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Printing Press in this district for the official year 1867-68, together with the usual Statements prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. It will be observed from the Comparative Statement, that the value of work turned out during the year under report is Rupees 8,453, showing an increase of 44.5 per cent. compared with last year.

	Free.	Full rate.	Reduced rate.
1866	1,612	381	7,117
1867	1,453	325	5,734
Increase	159	56	1,383

3. STATEMENT B.—The marginal Statement shows the number of Gazettes issued during the year free of charge, on full, and on reduced subscription, as compared with the preceding year. From this it will be observed that under each

head there is an increase, while under that of reduced subscription it is remarkably large.

4. STATEMENT A.—Only six pages of the Circuit Committee Report of Rajahmundry were printed this year owing to the scarcity of type, the present stock being hardly sufficient for the work of this office and the other Public Departments. A quantity of type has been received during the year, and some more has been indented for, and on receipt of this supply greater progress will be made next year.

5. STATEMENT C.—The approximate value of the stock on hand in the Press Department will be seen from the enclosed Statement.

	1866-67.	1867-68.	Increase.
Receipts	795-2-6	1,608-12-5	813-9-11
Charges	2,174-5-1	2,727-8-3	253-3-2

6. STATEMENT D.—From the marginal Statement it will be observed that there is an increase both in receipts and charges which is due chiefly to the fact that the official year 1866-67 consisted of eleven months only. In the year under report the value of stock purchased was also greater than in the previous year.

7. STATEMENT E.—It will be observed from this Statement that the balance outstanding at the end of the year under report was Rupees 435, being less than half of the amount outstanding at the close of the previous year. As noted in the margin of the Statement, Rupees 68-2-0 were remitted by the Board on account of certain private books damaged by the Cyclone. This amount has now been included in collections, and the remaining balance only is shown in Column 6.

8. The balance of subscriptions due by village officers on account of Gazettes supplied to them, as well as the other balances, will be collected shortly.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

MASULIPATAM, 22nd June 1868.

No. 195.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq.,

Acting Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

In addition to my Press Report for the official year 1867-68, submitted on the 15th instant, I have the honour to state, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1868, that the Press Registers are duly kept in the forms prescribed by the Board. The specimen forms of Accounts and Abstract sent by the Board in 1865 were printed in 1865 and 1867, and were supplied to all Talooks and Divisional offices as well as to the Collector's Satcherry. I regret that this information was omitted in the Press Report. I had not seen the Board's Proceedings of 31st March when the report was despatched.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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NELLORE, 9th May 1868.

No. 1,323.

From J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq.,
Acting Collector of NELLORE,
To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit the usual annual report on the operation of the Printing Press of this district for the official year 1867-68, accompanied by the necessary explanatory Statements.
2. The outturn of work during the year under report was Rupees 13,148-1-4, against Rupees 12,671-12-0 for the eleven months of the preceding year, the increase being Rupees 476-5-4, as shown in the subjoined Statement:—

Departments.	1866-67.			1867-68.			Increase.	Decrease.
	No. of papers.	Value.		No. of papers.	Value.			
		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.		
Office work	607	5,796	13 10	705	4,676	2 4	...	1,120 11 6
District Gazette.	120	4,886	10 8	176	6,554	6 6	1,667 11 10	...
Selections from Records.....	14	168	12 0	9	87	8 0	...	81 4 0
Judicial Department	110	366	15 10	101	340	15 9	...	26 0 1
Other Public Offices	136	1,245	4 2	199	1,366	0 9	120 12 7	...
Private works ...	58	207	3 6	54	123	0 0	...	84 3 6
Total...	1,045	12,671	12 0	1,239	13,148	1 4	1,788 8 5	1,312 3 1
					Deduct decrease.		1,312 3 1	
					Net increase...		476 5 4	

3. My particular attention has been directed to increasing the circulation of the District Gazette, and this with considerable success. From 210, the number of subscribers to the District Gazette in 1867-68, it has risen to 629, or 420 in excess of the previous year, as detailed in the subjoined Statement, the subscriptions amounting to Rupees 400 this year, against Rs. 120-11-0 last year:—

	1866-67.	1867-68.	Increase.
Public Offices.....	125	127	2
Private individuals on full subscription	15	41	27
Village Officers and Public Servants under 25 Rupees salary on reduced subscription	70	461	391
	210	629	420

4. The demand on account of Gazette subscription, private works, etc., inclusive of balance outstanding at the close of last year, was Rupees 605-7-6, which was all realized except Rs. 33-1-0, the small balance at the end of the current year, of which sum Rupees 12-8-0 has since been realized, and for the speedy collection of the remaining sum, namely, Rupees 20-9-0, the requisite measures will be adopted.

	RS.	A.	P.
Gazette subscription	754	8	0
Private work	139	1	0
Sundry receipts	49	14	6
Total..	943	7	6

5. Excluding the sums received in advance last year as subscriptions to the District Gazette for the current one, the actual collections during the year under report amount to Rupees 943-7-6, as exhibited in the margin.

6. In paragraph 5 of my last report of the 17th April 1867, No. 112, the sum of 10 Annas was stated to have been received from a deceased Stamp Vendor, which amount it has now been found necessary to omit in the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement accompanying the present report, as there is little likelihood of claimants appearing for the Gazettes due.

7. The total expenditure incurred in the year on account of the Press exclusive of charges for the Fixed establishment and Saderward was Rupees 778-12-11, or Rupees 178-12-11 in excess of the Budget Grant of Rupees 600.

8. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,361, of 31st March 1868, I have the honour to report that the Press Registers are duly kept in the form prescribed by the Board under the supervision of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury. With respect to the specimen forms of accounts and abstracts referred to in the same paragraph of the aforesaid Proceedings, I beg to state that none of them have as yet been printed. They are, however, now going through the Press, and copies when ready will be submitted for the Board's inspection.

9. During the year, 34 pages of Selections from the District Records have been printed, as exhibited below:—

	Pages.
1. From Mr. J. B. Traverse, Collector of Nellore, to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 30th May 1808, offering his sentiments on the intention of the Board to introduce, with the ensuing Fusly, village rents in the districts under his superintendence.....	2
2. From Mr. J. Fraser, Collector of Nellore, to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 14th August 1809, giving his opinion upon the subject of village rents	1
3. From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Collector of Nellore, dated 31st August 1809, intimating that he has justly interpreted the Board's Orders with regard to the principles of rent	1
4. From Mr. J. Fraser, Collector of Nellore, to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 30th June 1810, transmitting the particulars of the Settlement effected in Fusly 1220.....	1
5. Do. do. dated 22nd October 1811, reporting on the Lease Settlement of the Nellore district for Fuslies 1219, 1220, and 1221, and on the Revenues generally of Fusly 1220	4
6. From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Collector of Nellore, dated 30th March 1812, transmitting the copies of correspondence which has passed with Government on the subject of his letter, dated 22nd October 1811, reporting on the Lease Settlement of the District under his charge for Fuslies 1219, 1220, and 1221, and on the Revenues generally of Fusly 1220.....	5
7. From J. Fraser, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1814, submitting his first report upon the Decennial and eventually permanent Settlement of the District (incompleted).....	18
1 Appendix to above Report. Translate of a Pattium or kaul	2
10. A careful Selection has been made of other Records suitable for re-printing, but the press of work has prevented further progress being made. It will be observed that the Nellore Gazette contains a larger amount of matter than the District Gazettes in most of the other districts.	

Exd. T. Cartledge.

BELLARY, 6th May 1868.

No. 99.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq.,

Collector of BELLARY,

To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Printing Press in connection with this office during the past official year 1867-68. The Statements received with Circular Memorandum, No. 478, dated 27th ultimo, accompany it duly filled in.

* 2 Columbian Presses.
1 Little Favorite Press.
1 Galley Proof do.
1 Hand do.

2. Towards the close of the official year, another Columbian Press was received, so that there are now five* Presses working in the office.

3. The total value of work executed in the official year under report amounts to Rs. 9,834-4-6, against Rupees 9,410-11-4 of the previous year, making a net increase of Rupees 423-9-2, arising from an increase of work occasioned by the greater bulk of some of the issues of the District Gazette. There is also a trifling increase of Rupees 46-1-1 under private work, which does not call for special remark.

4. There is a decrease in the other description of work turned out by the Press, arising partly from a sufficient number of forms, etc., required for the use of some of the offices having been printed in the previous year, so that the requirements in those offices during the year under report were to some extent anticipated, and partly owing to extra work thrown on the Presses by the increased bulk of the District Gazette, which rendered it necessary to decline work indented for by the Judicial Department. One additional Press lately received will enable the Department to meet this demand in future.

5. The total demand on account of private work done amounts to Rupees 1,318-4-7, inclusive of Rupees 23-1-0 on account of the balance of last year. Of this, Rupees 1,284-0-9 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 34-3-10 at the close of the past official year, of which Rupees 18-14-4 have since been collected in April 1868.

6. The District Gazette commands a weekly circulation of 1,191 copies, which is less than the circulation of the previous year by 309 copies.

7. The charges of establishment, cost of materials and stock, amount to Rupees 3,256-2-3, showing an increase of Rupees 661-1-2, owing to type, etc., sanctioned in last year having been received and paid for during the year under report.

8. No Selections from the Records have been printed as yet, but copies of the papers selected have been submitted for the approval of the Board, and on their sanction being received the same will be printed.

9. The accounts of the Press are regularly kept.

E. W. Cartledge.

ON CIRCUIT AT KADIRI, 28th April 1868.

No. 67.

From F. B. MOLONY, Esq.,
Acting Collector of CUDDAPAH,

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I. I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the District Press for the year 1867-68, accompanied with the usual Statement.

2. The value of the entire work performed is in excess of that turned out last year by Rupees 1,561-3-4, and making allowance for the fact that the year 1866-67 had only eleven months, there is still an increase of eight per cent. in the operation of the Press, which is attributable chiefly to a larger quantity of office work done in the year under review.

3. There has been very little rise in the number of subscribers to the District Gazette, as it was 1,207 in 1866-67 against 1,216 in 1867-68. The balance of subscription to the District Gazette remaining to be collected at the close of the year was Rupees 41-2-0, and strict orders have been issued for the collection. Of the amount of Rupees 18-11-0 shown in the return as still due for private work done, Rupees 17-3-0 have been collected since the close of the year, and of the remainder, Annas 12 is irrecoverable, as Parthasarthy Setty, late a Translator in the High Court, and by whom it is due, has died. I, therefore, solicit orders for striking that sum off the accounts.

4. A list of the Selections from valuable records is now under preparation, and I will shortly address the Board about printing them.

5. I have, in conclusion, to submit that the Press Registers are kept in the form prescribed by the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

KURNOOL, 27TH MAY 1868.

No. 203.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq.,

Collector of KURNOOL,

To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to forward the accompanying Statement showing the working of the District Press for the year 1867-68.

2. The financial result of work during the year exceeds that of the previous year 1866-67, by Rupees 1,424-2-3; this increase is to a certain degree attributable to the last year's account having been made up only for eleven months on account of the change in the official year. It is, however, mainly due to the exertions of Mr. Turner, who has interested himself very much in this department, and to the new Head Compositor. The value of work done for the Judicial and Police Departments has also considerably increased this year. The small decrease in the work done for other Departments is owing to want of application from them.

3. There are two Presses at work, a Columbian and Washington, and also a Galley proof, which latter was, however, out of repair for a long time, and only made available for work in September 1867, on the arrival of the Head Compositor. The supply of an additional Press, as supplied to the other districts, is still much needed.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 7th December 1866, No. 8,730, paragraph 7.

4. From the very great delay in the receipt of the supply of type, etc., which were indented for in 1866 and 1867, regarding which I have repeatedly corresponded with the Board, and the want of hands in the Press Office, no Selection of Records have been printed. The type having arrived, some Selections will be printed as soon as possible. Now, however, there is a great deal of work to be done, as the Abkarry Muchilkas for the whole district and the License Tax Rules have to be taken in hand.

5. I deem it necessary to bring to the notice of the Board that even now the full supply of types required has not come, and the Telugu cases received are perfectly useless for any purpose whatever. The brass mould is of native make, and very clumsy, and must be altered before it can be used.

6. The Press Registers are duly kept up in the forms prescribed by the Board.

7. With regard to the delay in the submission of specimen forms of the Accounts and Abstracts sent by the Board in May 1865, I beg to state, that it appears that some of the Telugu forms of the Talook accounts only were printed in that year, and I do not know why they were not then sent to the Board as ordered. Some modifications having been made since in the headings, etc., of the Treasury Accounts, I desired the Treasury Deputy Collector to prepare revised forms accordingly, which will be printed without delay, and sent for the Board's inspection as directed.

8. Out of the uncollected balance of subscriptions to the Gazette, etc., namely, Rupees 42-12-11,

Captain R. R. Ricketts, 18th Regt., N. I.
M. Hanumantha Rao, late a Vakeel of the District Munsiff's Court.
Panchasarathy Chetty, Translator High Court, Madras.

the sum of Rupees 4-3-6, due by the subscribers noted in the margin, is irrecoverable. The first has gone to England, the second has left the district altogether, and his present residence is

unknown, and the third is reported to have died. I request the necessary sanction to write off the Press Accounts the said Rupees 4-3-6.

9. I regret to state that no improvement has yet taken place in the accommodation provided for the Press: the operations are carried on in a small open verandah merely surrounded by insecure bamboo matting. The whole Cutcherry is much crowded, and all the Departments in my office labour under similar disadvantages for want of accommodation. I am unable to make any better arrangement in this respect till the whole building is improved by the alterations and additions sanctioned by Government, which is unfortunately delayed

Vide Government Order, dated 29th June 1866, No. 1,594.

by the non-submission of the necessary plans and estimates by the Superintending Engineer.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

SAIDAPET, 2nd June 1868.

No. 181.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq.,
Acting Collector of MADRAS.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Board, the usual annual report on the operations of the Printing Press of this district with the necessary Returns.
2. The gross value of the work turned out during the past official year is Rupees 7,072-0-4, against Rupees 6,503-4-0 of the preceding year, showing thereby an increase of Rupees 568-12-4.
3. The circulation of the District Gazette has made more advance during the year under report than during the previous one, the number of additional subscribers being greater, and it is hoped that the circulation for 1868-69 will be larger still.
4. The printing of the Selections of the district records approved of by the Board has been commenced and will be continued as time will allow.
5. No amount of private work was done at the Press, none having been applied for; but even if application had been received, it could not have been undertaken owing to the very heavy work that has to be performed in supplying printed forms to the License Tax, Abkarri, Quit-rent, and Salt Departments.
6. The wooden and hand Presses are useless, and as a new Press is much needed, an Indent has been submitted. The want of room for the Press Department is much felt; but this will be removed on the completion of the additional buildings that have been lately sanctioned.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

CHITTOOR, 3rd June 1868.

No. 182.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq.,
Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit my Press Report for 1867-68, together with the usual Statements Nos. 1 and 2.

2. From Statement No. 1 it will be seen that the value of work turned out during the year was Rupees 9,069-7-8, against Rupees 7,530-12-8 in the preceding year, thus showing an increase of Rupees 1,538-10-0. Even making allowance for the one month, by which the previous official year was shorter than that under report, there will still be found an increase, which is chiefly owing to the larger quantity of work done for the Revenue Department.

3. The papers noted in the margin were selected from the records for printing, with the Board's sanction, and the work was undertaken as soon as the new supply of type was received, but was not completed within the year owing to some of the papers to be printed not being forthcoming. The Special Commissioner's reply to Mr. Stratton's Report on the Western Polliems has, however, now been completed, the missing papers having been obtained from the Board. The Report on the Terupathi Pagoda will be finished as soon as certain Statements that have been applied for are received from the Board, and copies of both will then be submitted.

4. The circulation of the District Gazette has slightly improved. The Board are, however, aware of the obstacles to an extended circulation in this district.

English Types.....	385½ lbs.
Telugu do.	8 "
Borders	12 "
Quotations	300 "
Leads	10 "
Coat of Arms.....	2 "
Brass Rules	5 Dozens.
Double Brass Rules.	16 "

5. 393½ lbs. of types and other Press materials, as per margin, have been received during the year.

6. The subscriptions to the District Gazette are now collected in advance. Every effort has been made to collect the arrears, and the balance has been reduced to Rupees 51-9-0. Of this, a sum of Rupees 1-11-0 is irrecoverable, as the present residence of the defaulter is not known. I, therefore, beg the Board will sanction its being written off the accounts. The balance will soon be collected.

7. In the concluding paragraph of their Proceedings, dated 31st March 1868, No. 2,361, the Board remarked that the Collector of this district had not submitted copies of the forms struck off in this Office. I beg to invite attention to my predecessor's letters Nos. 77 and 102, of 27th March and 30th April 1867, from which it will be seen that copies of these forms were duly furnished.

8. The Press Registers are regularly kept in the forms prescribed by the Board.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From C. W. READE, Esq.,

Collector of SOUTH ARCOT,

To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit my report on the operations of the Press Department in this district during the past official year 1867-68, with the usual explanatory statements.

2. The results of the past year were satisfactory. It will be seen that there has been an increase in the value of work done as compared with 1866-67, and though this may have been the result partly of the shortness of the previous official year with which the comparison is instituted, there has been still an increase after making allowance for this circumstance.

	RS.	A.	P.
Total value of work done in 1867-68	6,317	10	0
Deduct value of work done in April 1867...	677	8	0
	5,640	2	0
Value of work done in 1866-67	5,144	7	0
Increase in 1867-68	495	11	0

3. The increase was chiefly in the Gazette and Office work; the former in consequence of the Board's Standing Circulars which were in arrears to some extent having been all published in Supplements during the past year, and partly in consequence of increased matter published from time to time in the Gazette as well as in the Police sheet.

4. The circulation of the Gazette has also increased during the past year. Though there have been slight fluctuations in the number of subscribers in certain months in consequence of withdrawals, etc., the circulation has never fallen much below 900, and the average number of subscribers has been 920 per month, while in the previous year it was only 898. The circulation of the Gazette ought, I think, to be much larger, and I have requested the Divisional Officers to exert themselves with this object, as in some of the talooks the proportion of village officers who take in the Gazette is very small, and to this class its usefulness and importance is undeniable. I have likewise republished the Board's views in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, dated 31st March 1868, No. 2:6, and I am sanguine that considerable additions to the list of subscribers will be the result in the coming year.

5. The demand on account of subscriptions to the District Gazette amounted to Rupees 952-6-10 or Rupees 1,103-7-10 including the value of private work. The balance brought forward from previous year's account was Rupees 1,289-1-9, which with the current demand brought up this sum to Rupees 2,392-9-7. The actual receipts during the year on account of these items, amounting to Rupees 2,144-8-9, being deducted, there remained a balance of Rupees 248-0-10 on the 31st March last, as detailed below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance of subscription to the District Gazette	159	6	7
Do. on account of Private work	53	10	3
Do. do. Sundry Items	35	0	0
	248	0	10

The first item will be realized in due course. The second and third items, amounting to Rupees 83-10-3, are, I fear, irrecoverable. As already reported, the Press Registers and the Accounts connected with the Press Department were regularly kept only since 1865, and the balance under notice accrued before that year. There are no accounts to show by whom this balance is really due, and the late Foreman, through whose extreme negligence these arrears are due, is unable to furnish any

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq.,
Collector of TANJORE,

To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

account. I have some time since dismissed the Foreman, Smith, for inefficiency, and I have only now to ask sanction for writing off the above sum.

6. The charges amounting to Rupees 2,501-10-9 call for no remark. The increase in the cost of the fixed establishment, as compared with 1866-67, was in consequence of the salaries of 12 months having been paid the year under report, while in the previous year payment was made only for 11 months.

7. In consequence of the very great pressure of business in the Press Department, and the accumulation of arrears of work during the late Foreman's incumbency, it was necessary during the past year to employ two extra hands at a cost of Rupees 42. This additional aid was imperative, but will be dispensed with so soon as the cause for it ceases. No charges were incurred during the year for the purchase of stock, the Superintendent of the Fort Saint George Gazette Press having failed as yet to supply the Press or the materials sanctioned in last year's Indent.

8. As regards the printing of Selections from the Records, I have again to express my regret that during the past year nothing has been done. The two Selections noted in the margin out of those approved are, however, in hand, and at all events these will be completed within the current year. I attribute to the late Foreman of the Press the very unsatisfactory state of the department for the past few years, and without a really efficient man at the head to Superintend, nothing seemed likely to go right, and I am satisfied that to this cause is to be ascribed the delay there has been in bringing out the Selections from the Records. But the new man I have has been a great improvement, and I may safely promise in the coming year that this part of his labours, as well as others, will be vigorously carried on.

9. Since my report of 29th April 1867, a further number of the forms furnished by the Board have been printed at the Press and supplied to the talooks. Specimen copies of these forms will be submitted separately.

10. The Press Registers have been carefully and correctly kept as already mentioned. This point was noticed in the last paragraph of my Report for 1866-67, but I observed that the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 31st March, have remarked, that no allusion was made to it in my report.

11. The Wooden Press which I reported as useless was sent to the Superintendent of the Gazette Press, as directed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd October 1867, No. 6,907, and the value has been deducted from the value of the stock in hand.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

1. I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the working of the District Press during the year 1867-68, together with the usual Statements in the revised forms, communicated with the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 478, dated the 27th April 1868.

2. From the subjoined Abstract Statement it will be observed that the value of work turned out during the year 1867-68, exceeded that of the preceding year by Rupees 1,758:—

	1866-67.		1867-68.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.		
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office work	442	2,527	344	2,193	.....	334
District Gazette	69	6,803	68	8,690	1,887	.....
Judicial Department	188	637	214	746	109	.....
Other Public Offices	100	614	146	762	148	.....
Private work	133	613	137	561	.....	52
Total.....	.....	11,194	.....	12,952	2,144	386
Net.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,758	.....

The increase was chiefly in the "Gazette." The decrease under head "Private work" was due in a great measure to the Municipalities not requiring the same number of forms as in the preceding year, they having supplied themselves with forms to last for more than a year.

3. There was a considerable increase in the circulation of the District Gazette, the total number of copies circulated having been 60,905, against 41,271 in the year preceding. The number of persons to whom Gazettes were supplied was 1,372 against 1,290, the increase being due to a larger number of Village Officers becoming subscribers towards the end of the year.

4. The total demand on account of the Press, inclusive of balance brought forward, was Rupees 2,206-12-10, the whole of which was realized within the year with the exception of Rupees 13-0-10, which becoming due by the Municipal Commissioners of Combaconum towards the end of the year, was not recovered within the year.

5. The expenses of working the Press amounted to Rupees 3,010-8-8, against Rs. 3,852-8-11 in the preceding year. This decrease, however, is only nominal, the cost of printing paper having been, as observed by the Board, erroneously included in the last year's account.

6. Deducting expenditure from the total value of work, there is a considerable balance, amounting to Rupees 9,941-11-3, * in favour of the Press, which I trust will be considered a satisfactory result.

7. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Press reports that the Press was so much occupied with current work that he found it impossible to make any progress, worth speaking of, either in the matter of printing Selections from the Records, or in striking off forms of Talook Accounts.

8. The Press Registers, owing to the inefficiency of the Clerk in charge of the work, have not been satisfactorily kept. A. Form or Register of work has been latterly written up for the whole year. B. Form or Register of distribution of Gazettes has been kept only in the vernacular and that not satisfactorily. The Deputy Collector has now taken steps to prevent the recurrence of such neglect.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

	RS.	A.	P.
Value of work.....	12,952	3	11
Expenditure	3,010	8	8
	9,941	11	3

TRICHINOPOLY, 18th May 1868.

No. 97.

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq.,
Acting Collector of TRICHINOPOLY.
To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to report on the working of the Printing Press of this Collectorate for the year 1867-68, and to submit the accompanying Statement prepared in the form communicated with the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 478, dated 27th ultimo.

2. The operations of the Press have been very satisfactory. The value of work turned out during the year under review was greater than the outturn of the preceding year by Rupees 3,906, as follows:—

	1866-67.	1867-68.	Increase.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Collector's Department	5,348	8,830	3,482
Other Departments	417	794	377
Private work	123	170	47
Total...	5,888	9,794	3,906

3. Much time and trouble have been devoted to turning out the District Gazette in as attractive a form as possible, and every endeavour has been made in getting the village servants to subscribe to the Gazette in view to their becoming acquainted, as an indispensable part of their duty, with the orders and instructions contained in that useful medium of communication. The result, I am glad to report, is that the circulation of the Gazette has risen from 210 in 1866-67 to 744 in 1867-68, as shown below:—

	1866-67.	1867-68.	Increase.
Full Subscription	12	15	3
Reduced do.	198	729	531
Total...	210	744	534

4. I regret to find that no Selections were printed during the year under review. I joined the district only in January 1868. I will take especial care that several of the Selections already approved of by the Board* are printed during the current official year 1868-69.

* Proceedings, No. 1,388, 27th February 1866.

5. The Press Registers of the Collectorate are kept up to date in the prescribed form.

6. Several of the specimen forms of Accounts and Abstracts sent by the Board in May 1865, were printed and already brought into force. The remaining forms have just been printed and will at once be introduced. I will, as required, separately submit for the Board's inspection copies of the forms printed at the Press.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

No. 140.

From J. R. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq.,
Acting Collector of MADURA,

To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit my report, for the official year 1867-68, on the working of the Collectorate Press, together with a Statement prepared in the form received with the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 27th April 1868, No. 478.

2. The result of the operations of the year under report is satisfactory. Deducting one-twelfth of the value of work turned out this year, and comparing it with eleven months of last year, we have a total increase in the receipts amounting to 625 Rupees.

3. The value of office work turned out in same period is less this year than last by Rupees 690, but this can be accounted for by the heavy work performed for other Departments.

4. The marginal Statement shows the number of District Gazettes issued during the twelve months of 1867-68, to public officers, on full and reduced subscriptions, as compared with that of the previous year. The slight increase apparent in the number issued to public officers after making the necessary allowance for 1867-68, being composed of twelve months, is attributable

	Public officers.	Full subscription.	Reduced subscription.
1866-67 ...	1,373	689	1,772
1867-68 ...	1,557	757	2,840
Increase ...	179	68	1,068

to the opening of several new Regular Post Offices in the district to which District Gazettes are issued. There is a small increase in the number of subscribers on full rates, and a large increase in that of subscribers on reduced rates above the number of 1866-67, which is owing partly to the interest taken by the village officers in the publication, and partly to the exertions of the District officers who have done what they could to make it useful and interesting.

5. One of the Selections sanctioned by the Board has been printed this year. This correspondence relates to the Forest Department; five copies are enclosed as promised in letter No. 118, dated 9th May 1868. My attention will be directed to the publication of the other Selections approved of by the Board.

6. The value of work done for the Judicial Department this year is Rupees 457, and eleven-twelfths of it compared with that of the previous year shows an increase of Rupees 144.

7. The slight variations in the value of work done for the other Departments call for no special remark.

8. The value of work done under the head "Private work," exceeds that of the last year by Rupees 244. The amount of this work varies with the demand for it among the people.

9. The enclosed Statement will also show that after due allowance being made for one month, there is a general increase in almost all the Departments; and the favourable results of this year are chiefly attributable to the efficient working of the new Press which was received last year.

10. The charges when compared with those of the previous year are less by Rupees 1,179, although there is an increase in the cost of the fixed establishment which is charged for twelve months in the year under report against eleven in the previous year. The decrease is, however, mainly attributable to the fact that Rupees 1,393 were expended in stock in the year 1866-67.

11. The actual demand for the year is Rupees 1,419, of which Rupees 1,403 have been collected within the year, the balance of Rupees 14 has since been fully realized.

12. The Registers of the Press have been kept with care and regularity by one of the English Clerks in accordance with the instructions of the Board, under the supervision of the Deputy Collector in charge of the press.

13. The value of the work done during the year is Rupees 9,628, which deducting charges of all kinds, namely, Rupees 2,434, incurred on account of the Press Department, leaves a balance of Rupees 7,194 in favor of Government.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
Collector of COIMBATORE,

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to forward the annual printed Return connected with the working of the Printing Press of this Collectorate for the official year 1867-68, prepared in the form circulated with the Board's Official Memorandum, No. 478, of the 27th April 1868.
2. Subjoined is an Abstract of work done, together with its estimated value, as compared with the same details for the year 1866-67:—

Items.	1866-67.			1867-68.			Comparison of the value of work performed.		
	Number of papers.	Value of work.		Number of papers.	Value of work.		Increase.		Decrease.
		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	
Office Work...	183	1,422	0 7	266	2,293	14 4	871	13 9	.....
District Gazette...	49	5,363	7 0	53	6,574	8 4	1,211	1 4	.....
Judicial Department...	48	168	4 11	65	195	12 1	27	7 2	.....
Other public offices...	179	463	13 1	169	745	4 0	281	6 11	.....
Private work...	70	78	3 8	106	129	3 0	50	15 4	.....
Total...	529	7,495	13 3	659	9,938	9 9	2,442	12 6	.....

3. The value of "office work" executed during this year is Rupees 2,293-14-0, against Rupee^s 1,422-0-7, showing an increase of Rupees 871-13-9. The amount exhibited under "District Gazette" likewise shows an increase of Rupees 1,211-1-4. The actual number of papers struck off, as well as the net value of work done, is in excess of that for 1866-67.

4. The number of persons to whom Gazettes were supplied on reduced subscription was 573 against 543 in 1866-67; there is likewise an increase of 11 in the number of those who purchased them on payment of full subscription, the number in 1867-68 being 40 against 29 in 1866-67. The increase in the amount of work under the other heads needs no remark.

5. The annexed Comparative Statement exhibits the actual receipts during the year under report, as well as those for the year preceding:—

Items.	1866-67.			1867-68.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Private work ...	77	12	6	140	10	0	62	13	6	...	...	...
Subscription to } Arrears and Current	666	8	0	677	12	0	11	4	0	...	...	...
District Gazette. } Advance.	248	2	0	193	12	0	...	...	...	54	6	0
Sundry items ...	6	12	0	1	5	0	...	...	...	5	7	0
Total...	999	2	6	1,013	7	0	74	1	6	59	13	0
Deduct decrease...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	59	13	0	...	...	...
Net increase...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	14	4	6	...	...	...

6. The receipts on account of the several items mentioned in the above Statement exhibit an increase of Rupees 14-4-6 in 1867-68, upon those for 1866-67.

TINNEVELLY, 25th April 1868.

No. 187.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq.,
Collector of TINNEVELLY,

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to report on the operation of the District Press for the official year 1867-68.
2. The value of work done amounts to Rupees 7,765-9-3, or Rupees 730 more than the value of that done the year before. The total amount of collection was Rupees 1,385-13-9, or Rupees 252 more than that of the previous year.
3. The number of subscribers to the Gazette has diminished, but a good many names were added during the recent Jummahbundy.
4. The Press Registers are kept in the prescribed form.
5. Specimens of the Forms and Abstracts printed, are herewith forwarded for the Board's inspection. Copies of these have been struck off.
6. Now that additional material has been received, a commencement is being made to print Selections from the Records.

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8. The value of private work last year amounted to Rupees 113-6-3, this year it came to Rupees 153-14-8, being an increase of Rupees 40-8-5, which is chiefly due to the large quantity of Municipal forms which have been required by the Commission.

9. The collections and charges during the year under report, are exhibited in D. and E. Statements. The demand for the year including the balance of the previous year was Rupees 1,303-15-2, of which Rupees 1,282-10-2 has been realized, leaving a balance of Rupees 21-5-0 outstanding.

10. The demand of private work, inclusive of last year's balance, amounted to Rupees 166-7-8, of which Rupees 161-11-2 has been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 4-12-6 which has since been made good.

11. The demand of the year on account of Gazette subscription amounted to Rupees 1,137-7-6. Rupees 813-5-6, the balance remaining at the close of last year, is included in the year under report, so that the actual demand for the year was Rupees 819-2-0, or Rupees 397 more than that of the preceding year. The extended circulation of the District Gazette mentioned in paragraph 3, is one cause of this increase; but the principal reason is that a sum of Rupees 193-3-0 was incurred in the demand which is the subscription for the first quarter of the current year 1868-69, payable in advance, and which consequently fell due at the close or in the last month of the year under report. Out of the total demand of Rupees 1,137-7-6 mentioned above, Rupees 1,120-15-0 was collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 16-8-6 at the end of the year. Of this sum, Rupees 3-6-0 is irrecoverable which it is requested may be written off the accounts.

12. Under the head charges, the salary disbursed to the fixed establishment in the year amounted to Rupees 2,247; last year it was less owing to there being only eleven months in the year. The cost of extra establishment and of the repair and purchase of materials amounted to Rupees 941-15-6 and exceeded the Budget allotment by Rupees 341-15-6, owing to the purchase of a Columbian Press which was only the other day received, and which alone cost upwards of 600 Rs. The extra establishment was entertained for the purpose of striking off the Ryots Receipt books. The decrease in the item Saderward needs no remark. The total charges incurred during the year amounted to Rupees 3,297-9-2, or 22 per cent. on the value of the actual work turned out in this district against 31 per cent. in the previous year.

13. On comparing the collection and charges connected with the Presses of this district, it will be seen that the value of work done is calculated at Rupees 15,005-11-9. If the amount of charges, namely, Rupees 3,297-9-2, be deducted from this, there remains a balance of Rupees 11,703-2-7 to the Government good; or if the work of the Revenue Department is to be left out of the calculation, there still will remain a profit to Government of Rupees 2,093, as shown below:—

Establishment and Saderward	...	...	2,356
Collections	...	...	1,283
Value of individual work	...	...	668
Do. other offices	...	...	1,084

5,391
Deduct charges... 3,298
Profit... 2,093

14. The Demy size Columbian Press lately received from the Superintendent has been set up, and at work for the last two months. The want of this Press before its receipt was very much felt; the Department will, however, now with its valuable addition be able to keep pace with the demands made. The several Press Registers are all kept in the forms prescribed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 12th December 1866, No. 8,802, and all specimen forms of accounts and statements sent by the Board in May 1865, have been duly printed and forwarded to the Board for their inspection on the 20th May 1867.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

MANGALORE, 29th April 1868.

No. 419.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq.,
Acting Collector of SOUTH CANARA,
To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to submit my Report on the working of the District Press for the past official year 1867-68, accompanied by the prescribed returns.

	Rs.
1864-65.....	6,513
1865-66.....	10,083
1866-67 (11 months).....	11,382
1867-68.....	13,269

2. The outturn of the year is as satisfactory as it was during the past year, in which, as shown in the Report of that year, it was more than double the revenue of the year 1864-65,

from which year there has been an annual improvement on the operations of the Press generally.

3. The distribution of the District Gazette does not exhibit the improvement expected. Certainly every exertion is used to make this publication as attractive as possible, and no doubt it is appreciated by the educated of the people, but the great drawback is that our Heads of Villages who form the largest portion of our subscribers look on it with indifference and pay for it, generally speaking, because they are told to take it, and not because they actually have an interest in it. The men holding these hereditary offices are generally badly or not at all educated. Hence arises the indifference shown by them. Some of those again who can read know only Malayalam and not Canarese. During my recent Jummahbundy tours, I have taken the opportunity of showing to these men the usefulness of the Gazette, and impressed on them the necessity of providing themselves with it, as it conveys orders and other Circular instructions with which they require to be acquainted for the proper discharge of their official duties. I have also endeavoured to persuade three or four wealthy ryots in a village to club together to take in a private copy and promises were made, but I know not how they will end. But it must be more to the increase of education than anything else that we must look for an increased interest in official matters.

4. The work performed for my own and the Judicial Departments shows a satisfactory increase. Printed forms prescribed by the Board, of which specimens were sent to them, are in use in both the Huzar and Talook offices, and advantage is taken of the Press to supply many other forms of common occurrence. By these the manual work is much reduced, and more punctual despatch of business attained.

5. It is to be regretted that I have not been able to commence with the work of printing Selections, a list of which has been already submitted to the Board. The Government observed that there should be no more excuses for not undertaking this part of the work, as sanction for providing the Presses with a fresh supply of types was given for 1837-38. I am sorry to say that though I made early arrangements for providing myself with a new supply through the agency of the Superintendent of the German Mission Printing Establishment here, I have met with disappointment. Their Constituents selected in Europe to supply them on this occasion with Printing materials having been bankrupted, there has been a delay in the receipt of the supply which has lately arrived in Bombay and is now expected from that place. When the types reach me, I hope to be able to perform as much of this part of the work as can possibly be expected from the establishment already pressed with the ordinary work.

6. The collections of Gazette subscriptions and for private work have been fully made except the small sum of Rupees 23-15-0 in the former, part of which has been since realized.

7. The several Press Registers are kept in the prescribed forms and examined by me from time to time.

8. I beg to add that a stock of unserviceable Canarese types weighing 102 lbs. is now in my store, which may be sold as metal. The Mission Printing Establishment is prepared to purchase it, and I would recommend the sale by public auction, if not required to be returned to Madras.

9. I propose to add to the information given in the District Gazette a short statement of how the Road Cess has been utilized in the past, and how it is allotted for the future year.

10. I have lately commenced the notification in a concise form of published vacancies in the Public Service, and specially in the different departments in the district. It is useful to passed candidates and public servants, who are a considerable class.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

MANGALORE, 14th May 1868.

No. 452.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq.,
Acting Collector of SOUTH CANARA,
To A. MacGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

With reference to the Board's Official Memorandum of the 27th ultimo, No. 478, I have the honour to forward a fresh account of the Printing Press operations for 1867-68, in the revised form therewith received, to be substituted for the Returns forwarded with my report, dated the 29th ultimo, No. 419, in the old form.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq.,

Collector of MALABAR,

To R. A. DALYELL, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honour to report on the working of the District Press during the year 1867-68. The usual explanatory Statements are submitted.

2. The receipts of the Press-comprise the items noted, and amounted during the year to Rupees 1,509-4-1, showing an excess of Rupees 281-5-5 over those of 1866-67. The increase is chiefly in the value of work done for private

1. Subscription to Gazette.
2. Value of private work.
3. Sale proceeds of articles.

individuals, under which head the amounts paid by Municipalities for printing forms of bills, notices, etc., have been included.

3. It will be seen that the demand on account of subscription to the District Gazette is shown as Rupees 1,100, against Rupees 1,008 in the previous year. The excess is not as great as might have been expected, considering that the figures for 1867-68 embraced the transactions of twelve months, while those for 1866-67 comprised only eleven months, and that no collections were made in advance for 1867-68 in 1866-67, while Rupees 335 were collected in 1865-66 in advance of subscriptions to the District Gazette due in 1866-67. In fact the number of subscribers paying the higher rate has fallen off. The aggregate number of paying subscribers at the end of March 1868 was 724, against 765 in March 1867. The circulation of the Gazette has likewise fallen from 970 to 930.

The balance of Rupees 215-6-0 is due money from second class subscribers who are all Adhigaries and Menons of amshoms.

4. The value of the work turned out by the Press during the year, on account of the Gazette and various Government Departments and private individuals, is shown in comparison with that of the preceding twelve months in the annexed abstract:—

	Revenue Department.		District Gazette.		Selection from Records.		Judicial Department.		Other public offices.		Private work.		Total.	
	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of issue.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.
1866-67.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
From April 1866 to March 1867...	271	1,448	51	5,898	.....	.....	180	583	115	395	78	238	695	8,562
1867-68.....	313	1,777	52	6,328	.....	.....	189	640	112	345	131	582	797	9,672
Increase...	42	329	1	430	.....	.....	9	47	.....	.....	53	344	102	1,110
Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	50	.....	.....	.....	.....

It will be seen from the above abstract, that the work done for almost all departments has been greater in the year than in the previous twelve months. The slight fall under "Other offices" is due to the Military and Telegraph Departments having offered somewhat less work than usual.

The increased work shown under Revenue Department is mainly due to a greater number of puttahs than usual having been printed during the year for issue to ryots, consequent on the discontinuance of the practice of continuing puttahs in the names of deceased persons.

The increase in the value of Gazette work is mainly due to the increased bulk of the several issues, and this again is chiefly in consequence of lengthy notices from the Municipal and Currency Departments having had to be inserted.

The increase under private work has been explained in paragraph 2 of this report.

5. For the reasons stated in my letters, dated 14th February last, No. 48, and 22nd instant, No. 104, no Selections from Records have been printed during the year. Mr. Cameron's report on Chevayar Amshom is in the Press, and will be struck off shortly.

6. Alluding to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1863, No. 2,351, I beg to report that the Press Registers have generally been kept in the forms prescribed by the Board. But few forms of Revenue Accounts have been printed. But a list of those proposed will be submitted, as directed, in the course of a few days, and after approval, struck off without delay.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

MEMORANDUM.

THE undersigned beg to submit the following remarks on the Supervisor's Memorandum of the 24th ultimo, on the results of the meeting between them and Messrs. Ewing and Cookson on the 12th, and the arrangements made by him to ascertain and test the comparative results of Government printing by Contract and at their own Press.

They disclaim all ground of complaint in thus soliciting a further review of the subject in favour of the Government Establishment; on the contrary, they are impressed with a lively and grateful sense of the Supervisor's kindness and courtesy towards them, and the strict and careful impartiality with which the enquiry has been conducted. Subsequent consideration of the points discussed, has, however, forced them to the conclusion that the case in favor of the Government Press, was not left so strong at the end of the discussion as the facts demand:—

I. THE TRADE REPORT.—The Contractor's objection that the "Trade Report" was an exceptional work, peculiar in its application to the month of trial, and telling unfairly against them, is not founded in fact. It was commenced in the beginning of August and finished at the end of October, and other work similarly "exceptional" immediately followed it, and usually occurs all the year round. The Department is now vigorously occupied on the "Revenue Settlement Reports." Their objection that Rupees 4-0-0 per page is an exceptionally high rate, is also incorrect. The Statement appended shows that it can only be made, for a moment, to appear so, because the rate of Rupees 1-2-0 per foolscap page in their list, with which it is contrasted, is exceptionally low. Moreover, Rupees 4-0-0 is the price entered in the contract, and which has been paid to them. But even if they are allowed to alter it, *after* the event, and to suit their own purposes, it is clear that Rupees 3-0-0 is, by comparison, too low. Taking their charge of Rupees 1-2-0 per foolscap page as a Standard, the proper charge would be Rupees 3-5-4 per page for the trade returns; and that valuation we claim.

II. INK AND CONTINGENCIES.—The amount is so trifling, and its effect on the general result so slight, as to be scarcely worthy of much notice; but Rupees 7-9-0 is obviously too high an estimate for ink, since three-fourths, probably, of the whole consumption is used in the Gazette and Job Departments.

III. PAY OF COMPOSITORS.—Needs no further remark; the Contractor's objection being disallowed.

IV and V. GENERAL CHARGES.—We agreed that one-sixth should be charged for General expenses, Establishment, Superintendence, Interest, Depreciation, and House-rent, to bring the controversy to a conclusion, but we are still of opinion that that proportion is too high. All the valuable machinery, in use in the Gazette and Job Departments, was in the office long before the Revenue Board work, and would have to be kept if the whole of it was given out on contract. Why, then, should that Department be saddled with expenses not incurred by it? We believe the Contractors only raised this objection to increase the cost of the Revenue Board work, and that if we had taken the Job Department to compare with their cost, they would then have insisted on our charging *all* the machinery to that Department, instead of spreading its cost over the whole Press, in Departments to which it is not of the slightest benefit.

VI. DEPRECIATION OF STOCK.—The Contractors exception to the rate of depreciation proposed, was merely an endeavour to make our costs appear greater than they are. The material in their office must be badly looked after; or, they know from experience that type, as a general rule, lasts five, or even six years.

VII. HALF PAGES.—No remarks.

PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5.—No remarks.

PARAGRAPH 6.—We do not agree with the alterations in Statement B, for the reasons shewn in former remarks. Even if the alteration from one-seventh to one-sixth of the Establishment were allowed, we are of opinion that the reduction of one Rupee per page should not have been made, Rupees 4-0-0 being the price previously paid to them for the same work, and being also their "contract rate."

At the conference Mr. Ewing, without committing himself to positive assertion to that effect, evidently laboured to convey the impression that the Superintendent was wholly responsible for the application of this rate to the Trade Reports; and his remarks implied that a lower rate would have been adopted by the Contractors if they had been left to themselves. The facts establish quite a different, and, indeed, opposite case. The price, Rupees 4-0-0 per page, was asked by them in the first instance, and allowed (not suggested) by the Superintendent on the ground urged by them, that the pages were of the size of, and properly belonged to, the class designated "Folio" in their contract, although printed on smaller paper.

PARAGRAPH 7.—As already pointed out, if the Contractors charge of Rupees 1-2-0 per foolscap folio page is to be taken as a standard of comparison, Annas 10-8, only (not one Rupee) should be deducted from the Government cost. This would make every page of the Trade Report cost Rupees 3-5-4, and the account would stand thus:—

Cost at Government Press..... Rupees... 2,076 0 11
 „ Amended Contract rate..... „ 3,106 1 8

PARAGRAPH 8.—The alteration mentioned in last paragraph also applies to this, the Contractors rates having been calculated at Annas 5-4 per page too little on 300 pages. The last four lines of the paragraph, thus corrected, would stand—"still showing a balance in favour of the Government Press of Rupees 628-3-10, or a gain of upwards of 20 per cent. by employing the Government Press in place of the Contractors. It may be stated otherwise, that Government would lose 25½ per cent. by employing the Contractors in place of the Government Press."

Statement referred to under the head "Trade Report."

Name of Type.	Size of page.	Price per page by contract rates.			Correct charge if Small Pica foolscap folio is taken as the standard.			Excess above standard.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Pica.....	Royal 8vo.	0	12	0	0	7	8	0	4	4
"	Foolscap folio or demy 4to.	1	1	0	0	14	4	0	2	8
"	Folio.	1	12	0	1	4	8	0	7	4
Small Pica	Royal 8vo.	1	0	0	0	9	10	0	6	2
"	Foolscap folio or demy 4to.	1	2	0	1	2	*0	...	...	...
"	Folio.	2	0	0	1	10	8	0	5	4
Long Primer	Royal 8vo.	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	4	0
"	Foolscap folio or demy 4to.	1	11	0	1	6	4	0	4	8
"	Folio.	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
Bourgeois	Royal 8vo.	1	2	0	0	15	8	0	2	4
"	Foolscap folio or demy 4to.	2	0	0	1	12	8	0	3	4
"	Folio.	3	12	0	2	8	0	1	4	0
Brevier.....	Royal 8vo.	1	4	0	1	1	8	0	3	4
"	Foolscap folio or demy 4to.	2	4	0	1	15	0	0	5	0
"	Folio.	4	4	0	2	13	6	1	6	6
Nonpareil	Royal 8vo.	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
"	Foolscap folio or demy 4to.	6	0	0	3	4	0	2	12	0
"	Folio.	10	4	0	5	8	0	4	12	0

* Rupees 1-2-0 per Small Pica foolscap folio page, is the exceptionally low rate.

H. B. Smith,

Superintendent Govt. Printing Establishment.

A. Murgess

Deputy Superintendent.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, GOVERNMENT PRESS,
 21st November 1864.

OPINION.

The case submitted for my opinion is this, as I understand it from the documents to be hereafter noticed:—"Is it cheaper for the Government to have their printing done by contract, or at their own Press?"

2. The following documents were forwarded to me by Mr. Kerr, the late Supervisor of the Press, in connection with this subject:—

- 1.—Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, No. 1200, dated 14th October 1862, accepting Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s contract for printing the Book and Sudder Court work of the Government Press, with sundry enclosures.
- 2.—Do. No. 1255, dated 25th October 1862, approving and confirming the arrangements made by Mr. Ellis for making over, on contract, to Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., the Sudder and Book work.
- 3.—Do. No. 116, dated 30th January 1863, requesting to know if there is any objection to the printing work of the Inspector General of Police being given out on contract.
- 4.—Do. No. 687, dated 17th June 1863, renewing the contract with Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., for six months.
- 5.—Letter from Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., dated 21st October 1863, asking for an extension of their contract for, say, from two to three years.
- 6.—Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, No. 1638, dated 18th December 1863. From the Supervisor of the Government Press, submitting his report on the application of Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., for a renewal of their contract, with five enclosures.
- 7.—Letter from the Supervisor of the Government Press, dated 3rd February 1864, submitting with remarks an estimate of the cost of the printing work at present done in the Job Department at a private Press, at Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s contract rates.

3. I propose to confine my observations to the papers connected with Nos. 5, 6, and 7, the other numbers having been disposed of under the orders of Government noted thereon.

4. Paper 4 of the above is a letter from Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., asking for an extension of their contract for two or three years. The contract with Graves, Cookson, and Co., expired about the end of October 1863; their rate for doing the "Book" and "High Court" work only is Rupee 1-2-0 per foolscap folio of Small Pica; other description of type in proportion, the Government supplying paper, and, in addition, paying the salaries of those persons who examine Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s proofs. This charge under ordinary circumstances, would increase the contract rate by 10 per cent., making it equal to Rupee 1-3-9½ per page. If the "proofs" are very bad, a longer time is necessarily consumed in their examination, and the Superintendent of the Press would then assume a higher rate, even as high as 20 per cent.; but I submit that in such cases, when the "proofs" on a cursory examination appear to be so, they

Other descriptions of type are *not* paid in proportion. See Statement now submitted. Ten per cent. is not a sufficient charge for examining. It costs the Government Press, for examining *all work*, 16 per cent. Graves and Cookson pay 16 per cent. for rough proof readers. The Government Press pay 4½ per cent. Graves' readers cannot pass proofs for striking off. The Government Press pay 11½ per cent. for the readers who pass their proofs for press. A "cursory" examination would take at least half the time necessary to examine a proof for press, this, added to the proposed 10 per cent. would amount to 15 per cent.; added to the 11½ real cost in Government Press, would amount to 17½ per cent. (Mr. Dunn's salary was not included when 10 per cent. was stated to be about the cost of examining, as he was engaged in passing the proofs of the contract work for press.

This is contrary to the fact; the work *did cost* 16 per cent. for examining at the High Court, making contractors' charges amount to Rupees 5655, or Rupees 119 in favour of Government Press.

Add 16 per cent. for examination gives ...	...	...	...	Rupees 5,655
Difference in favour of Government Press...	...	...	...	" 543

This paragraph is incorrect from beginning to end. Graves, Cookson and Co., have multiplied their pages by the statement and small type pages, and have "assumed" that they have done work equal to 2378½ pages. Graves, Cookson and Co.'s Bills show that they printed 1650 appearing pages, and that number only should be compared with our 8733. The Government Press account does not show any but the actual number of appearing pages, whether statement or small type; it is, therefore, useless for us to attempt any rebutting calculations.

should be returned to the Contractors without examination, and they be requested to furnish others more accurate. This charge for "examination" forms an important item in the question at issue, as will be seen hereafter.

5. Paper 6 consist of the following documents, viz.,

1.—Letter from Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., to the Supervisor of the Government Press, dated 12th November 1863.

2.— Do. from do. to do. dated 30th November 1863.

3.—Memorandum from Mr. Smith, Superintendent Government Press, dated 30th November 1863.

4.—Memorandum from do. dated 3rd December 1863.

5.—Statement exhibiting the share allotted to the Revenue Board, and the Secretariat Department, and the difference of rate per page between the actual, and Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s cost.

6.—Mr. Kerr's report upon the foregoing papers.

The important papers here are Nos. 1, 3 and 6. The whole question is gone into in No. 1 by the Contractors, and replied to by Mr. Smith in No. 3. In Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s letter No. 1, alluded to above, they show in juxtaposition the quantity and cost of the work done by them in each of the two Departments, their contract comprises, 1st, the High Court, viz.,

Printed at the Government Press in the first six months of 1862-63, 6532 pages, costing Rupees 10,637-13-3, or 1-10-0 per page. Printed by Graves, Cookson, and Co., at their Press in the second half of that year 3400½ pages, costing Rupees 4867-7-8, or 1-6-10; omitting the Annas and half pages the case may be stated thus—If 6532 pages cost the Government to print Rupees 10,637, what will 3400 pages cost? the answer is... Rupees 5,536 0 0

But they did cost only...	...	...	...	4,867 0 0
Add 10 per cent. for "examination"...	...	...	...	486 0 0
				5,353 0 0

Difference in favor of Contractors...	...	...	...	Rupees 183 0 0
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Again, on the other side it must be admitted that on account of the reduction in price paid to Compositors in the Government Press, which commenced only in the *second half* of the year 1862-63, viz., from 11 to 9 Annas per page, the 6532 pages, had they been then printed at the Government Press, and assuming this to be the quantity of work done, would then have cost as follows:—

Actual cost...	...	...	...	Rupees 10,637 13 3
Deduct cost of 6532 pages, at 0-2-0...	...	...	...	816 8 0
				9,821 5 3

If 6532 pages cost Rupees 9821, what will 3400 pages cost? Answer.	...	...	...	5,112 0 0
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Did cost...	...	...	...	4,687 0 0
Add 10 per cent. for "examination"...	...	...	...	486 0 0
				5,353 0 0

Difference in favor of the Government Press...	...	...	...	241 0 0
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Turning to the Book Department work treated in the same manner, printed at the Government Press during the year 1862-63, 8733 pages, costing Rupees 21,227-10-6, or per page 2-6-10. Printed by Graves, Cookson, and Co., from 1st November 1862 to 30th April 1863, 2378½ pages, costing Rupees 3547-0-9, per page 1-7-10. If 8733 pages, cost Rupees 21,227, 2,378 will cost... Rupees 5,780 0 0

But they did cost only...	...	...	...	3,457 0 0
Add 10 per cent. for "examination"...	...	...	...	345 0 0
				3,802 0 0

Difference in favor of Contractors...	...	...	...	1,978 0 0
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Deduct 2 Annas per page on 8733 pages from the actual cost of the
Government work, viz..... 21,227 0 0
Is 1,091 0 0
20,136 0 0

If 8733 pages cost Rupees 20,136, then 2378 pages should cost... 5,494 0 0
Did cost, including 10 per cent. for "examination"..... 3,802 0 0
Difference in favor of Contractors..... 1,692 0 0

Taking the foregoing figures even at the reduced rate of 2 Annas per page, it will be seen that the High Court work cost the Government, omitting fractions,

For..... 6,532 pages Rupees 9,821 0 0
Book work..... 8,733 „ 20,136 0 0
15,265 pages, costing 29,957 0 0

Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s work in the same ratio should have cost as follows:—

High Court.... 3,400 pages Rupees 5,112 0 0
Book..... 2,378 „ 5,494 0 0
5,778 pages, costing 10,606 0 0

But it did cost including 10 per cent. for
"examination" as under,

High Court..... Rupees. 5,353 0 0
Book..... „ 3,802 0 0
9,155 0 0

Difference in favor of Contractors... 1,451 0 0

This difference in favor of the Contractors is quite exclusive of other items, such as interest on "plant," outlay of capital for purchase of plant, rent, savings in salaries effected by the transfer of the Book and High Court work, depreciation of stock, &c.

6. The other side of the case has now to be considered, and this will be found fully developed in Mr. Smith's letter of 3rd November 1863, Paper No. 3. Commencing with the High Court work, Mr. Smith adds, to the amount paid to Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., viz.,..... Rupees 4,867 7 8

The following items for "examination," viz.,

Salary of Examiner..... 600 0 0
Do. of Reader..... 126 0 0
Peon..... 42 0 0
768 0 0

Making the work cost... 5,635 7 8

or Rupee 1-10-6 per page. This charge of 768 for "examination" amounts to nearly 16 per cent. upon the sum of 4867 (excluding Annas) actually paid to Graves, Cookson, and Co., thus making the Government work cost Rupee 1-10-0 only against Rupees 1-10-6 of the Contractors. If 10 per cent. is considered (and I have ascertained that it is so) a fair charge for "examination," why are the Contractors to be charged with 16 per cent. It may, on the other hand, be urged that the salaries shown above were paid solely for examining the work of Graves, Cookson, and Co., and that their work was inferior, thus necessitating a longer time in examination. The remedy for this I have suggested in paragraph 3; and, in any case, if a fixed rate of 10 per cent. is to be departed from, the charge then becomes arbitrary, and may as well be called 20 per cent., or any other rate. What is fair between both the Government and the Contractor should alone be the judge and no other, and 10 per cent. seems to be generally admitted as a fair rate for both

As shown before, 8733 pages *does not* give the amount of work done in the Government Press, if estimated on Graves, Cookson and Co.'s principle; 11,600 would be nearer the mark, and the advantage would then be with the Government Press.

Same remarks apply to all these calculations.

Should be 16 per cent. Graves, Cookson and Co., cannot deny that their rough proof re-
ing costs that much.

It was not intended to add 33 per cent. to the Government matter, *while* reducing the contractors work by 69½rd. The Auditor is confounding two statements, in one of which 33 per cent. was added to carry out, in some measure, the plan of Graves, Cookson and Co., of reckoning every statement as 2 or 3 pages, according to type; while in the other, 69½ pages per cent. (previously *added* by Graves, Cookson and Co.,) was deducted from their number to show their work as the Government Press work is shown. Graves, Cookson and Co.'s data are opposed to fact throughout.

sides. The work of this Department, the High Court, though actually costing the Government at the rate of Rupee 1-10-0 per page, would only, in the second half of the year, have fallen to Rupee 1-8-0 by the reduction in the rate of wages paid to piece-work Compositors.

7. I will now pass on to the Book Department work. In paragraph 5, I endeavoured to show by figures that the work done in this Department cost less by contract to the extent of Rupees 1692, even after adding 10 per cent. to the Contractors' charge, and reducing the Government charges by 0-2-0 per page. Mr. Smith makes contrary results, and herein lies the whole pith of this vexed question, viz., estimating correctly the number of pages printed. This owing to the variety of the different kinds of work and type used, seems at present hopelessly entangled; and if the figures given in Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s letter of 12th November 1863, and admitted by Mr. Smith in his Memorandum of 30th November 1863, as the number of pages printed, is incorrect, then all calculations are useless, for the foundation is swept away and no man can then arrive at a correct result. For example—Mr. Smith goes on to show that the number of pages shown to be printed at the Government Press is *under-estimated*, while the number done by the Contractors is *over-estimated*. I will deal with the Press work first. The reason, Mr. Smith explains, is this, viz., that every page of the printing done by the Government Press is called *one* page only, irrespective of the *kind* of work, though, if a "tabular" or figured Statement, it should, for the purpose of comparison with contract work, be called two or more pages according to circumstances. This at once destroys all data upon which to calculate the true cost of the Government work. Upon the same plan the Contractors' work, though charged for in terms of their contract at certain rates, making as I understand 2378½ *ordinary* pages, was actually only, Mr. Smith states, 1650 pages. Of course I have no means of checking this difference, nor do I doubt for a moment Mr. Smith's technical accuracy. If Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co. only printed 1650 pages, the question will naturally arise, why were they paid for 2378½. The solution of this problem lies in what I have stated above; 1650 pages must have comprised "tabular" or figured Statements. Under this aspect, and assuming that 8733 pages printed in the Book Department by the Government were of different kinds, it follows that all the "tabular" comprised in that number have only been charged for a single and not double pages, and in this respect of course the Government work has been under-estimated; but as the proofs of that work, (the 8733 pages) Mr. Smith states have "long since been destroyed, it is impossible to set down exactly the number of pages that were more or less tabular." Mr. Smith therefore estimates that of the 8733 pages, one-third were "tabular," and calling each "tabular" page as two ordinary ones he adds—

One-third to.....	8733
Or say.....	2911

Making 11,644 pages as the estimated quantity printed by Government at a cost of Rupees 21,227-10-6, or Rupee 1-13-2 per page, instead of Rupees 2-6-10 as it originally stood. This is a very large reduction in the cost, but after all it is only an estimate, and it cannot be properly tested from not knowing accurately the actual number of pages, "tabular" or otherwise. Mr. Smith then proceeds to add the enormous sum of Rupees 1329 to the sums actually paid to Graves, Cookson, and Co., for the Book work, viz., Rs. 3,547 0 9

Examination charges, Mr. Dunn's salary.....	1200	0	0
Reading Boy.....	87	0	0
Peon carrying proofs.....	42	0	0
			1,329 0 0
Total...	4,876	0	9

This makes the charge for examination equal to 37½ per cent. upon the cost! and by reducing the pages printed from 2378 to 1650, the work is *reduced* by 69½ per cent.!! while to the Government work is *added* for "tabular" matter 33 per cent. These additions to the cost by the sum of Rupees 1329, and reduction of the work to 1650 pages appears to me arbitrary, and not calculated to arrive at a true solution of the question. Until a system of registering the daily work done both at the Press and outside upon some uniform principle be adopted, I do not see how the question of gain or loss can be mathematically demonstrated.

8. I now propose to glance at Mr. Kerr's letter of 18th December 1863, Paper No. 6, being the report upon Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s application for renewal of their contract. The tenor of this letter is to show that the Government work can be done cheaper at the Government Press. In this view I cannot say that I concur. Many elements of calculation have been entirely omitted in all these attempts to arrive at true results; and even admitting that Mr. Kerr is correct in his views given in paragraph 18 of his letter under notice, I can nowhere find that he has made allowance for interest on the cost of plant, office rent, savings in salaries which would accrue by a transfer to Contractors, depreciation of stock, &c. I have endeavoured to show in paragraph 7 that, if the estimated number of pages is altered in any way, either by reduction or addition, the whole foundation for calculating results is swept away; and, moreover, when I find such discrepancies of opinion as now appear between the Contractors, the Superintendent, and the Supervisor's views, it is hardly possible for an outsider to arrive at the true state of the case. The following rough Statement shows a cost per page of Rupee 1-3-8, but I do not pretend to exactness, because I may be met with the argument that of the 100,801 pages printed in 1863-64, the number of "tabular" has not been reckoned, and, furthermore, that possibly the proofs of the said work have been destroyed, so that the information can now not be obtained. Total expenditure in 1863-64 of the Government Press, including

Contingencies	Rupees 1,25,447 11 3		
Deduct the following items paid by the			
contract work.....	14,285 12 6		
Plant.....	14,385 4 6	28,671 1 0	
		96,776 10 3	

To this must be added the charges that a private printer would put down when estimating his profits and valuing his stock, viz., 10 per cent. interest on plant, standing in the books on 30th April 1864, inclusive of Rupees 14,385-4-6, at Rupees 1,15,320-4-7—

Say	11,532 0 0		
Depreciation of stock, at 10 per cent...	11,532 0 0	23,064 0 0	
		1,19,840 10 3	
		4,200 0 0	
Office rent assumed at Rupees 350 per month.....		1,24,840 10 3	
Total...		1,24,840 10 3	

This is exclusive of yearly outlays for plant. The number of pages printed in 1863-64, as per Statement D, forwarded with my Report dated 30th July 1864, shows 100,801 pages, thus making an apparent cost of Rupee 1-3-8 per page; but if 20 per cent. for depreciation of plant is calculated, the cost per page would then rise to Rupee 1-5-6.

9. On consideration of all the circumstances, I beg to say that I am of opinion that the Government printing can, on the whole, be done cheaper by contract, though I admit that the Government with their vast resources have many advantages over a private capitalist, and may apparently work under a private press, by omitting the items alluded to in paragraph 8; but the great motive of personal gain is altogether wanting, and this powerful incentive to watchfulness and economy being absent, it naturally follows that an individual can and does thrive in occupations when the Government would always work at a loss. If this view is incorrect, why have Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., and Messrs. Smith and Morgan, offered to contract for the Government printing, each showing a considerable saving to Government by giving out the work. I therefore beg to recommend—

- 1st.—A gradual extension of the system of printing by contract, dividing the business between such European firms as may be found willing, and able to undertake it.
- 2nd.—Never allow any one printing establishment to monopolize the whole work.
- 3rd.—Extend the present contract for two years from 1st January 1864.

And yet the Auditor, while admitting the contractors' estimates, which are shown by their own bills to be purely fictitious, declines to admit our estimates, which are at least as trustworthy as theirs. The whole of the Auditor's calculations in favour of Graves, Cookson and Co., are founded on an estimate exceeding the fact by 69½ per cent.

Our salaries are our personal gain. We intended to make at least Rupees 1000 per mensem on the Gazette, to make up for any seeming loss in the general printing. It may be as well to point out here that the only profit we require to make, after paying all the expenses of this large establishment, is our united salaries,—Rupees 1150. Graves, Cookson, and Co., must make Rupees 950 profit on their small establishment, to divide Rupees 150 each amongst the seven partners of which their firm consists.

The work has always been registered, but not separated into classes and described as plain, tabular, half tabular, &c.; now it is fully described.

Then what is the object of all the preceding calculations?

4th.—In spite of the failure of the former meeting between Graves, Cookson, and Co., and the Superintendent of the Government Press to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion, I suggest another under the auspices of the Supervisor, when the question may be re-opened, and at least some practicable plan hit upon for registering the work done, and this will be more than ever needful for purposes of comparison, if Graves, Cookson, and Co.'s contract is to be extended. In former days the Male Orphan Asylum worked largely for the Government, what objection could there be to inviting a tender from that Press for a portion of the work.

10. Finally, permit me to say that I feel that this question cannot be considered as settled. I have given the subject careful consideration, and am satisfied that at present the question cannot be *proved* by figures one way or the other; but, in viewing the subject as a whole, on which side does the balance of probability lean, to the Government or to the Contractor. I think the latter. I should have liked much to place myself in personal communication with Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., for the sake of more thoroughly ventilating the question, but I have abstained from doing so. I have, however, freely conversed with Mr. Smith, the Superintendent of the Government Press, to whom I am much indebted for the information he has given me.

Opinion of Mr. Cheary
on Contract and
Government Press
printing, with remarks
collected from the
Department.

Fuller D.
10/10/60

MEMORANDUM.

THE Auditor of the Press Accounts, Mr. Mackey, has stated in his Supplementary Memorandum that his impression is that the Contractors would do the work required by Government at less expense than the Government Press, but has given no reason whatever for his impression, acknowledging that he is unable to make anything out of the comparison of rates which Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co. and the Superintendents laid before him.

2. I could not but feel that no fair comparison had as yet been made, and I resolved to take a portion of the Press work as a standard. I chose the Revenue Board work as being a large Department, with work closely resembling that of the Sudder now performed by the Contractors. I directed that all the proofs during the month of September should be retained, and that care should be taken that all the work should, as far as possible, be executed at the same Presses. The Deputy Superintendent in charge, Mr. Morgan, was directed to submit a Statement of the results at the end of the month. This Statement (A) is appended. The rates attributed to the Contractors are those at which they contract to print.

3. On receiving the Statement I wrote to the Contractors, sending them a copy, and stating that I was prepared to place at their disposal all the vouchers, books, and proofs, that they might satisfy themselves that the Statement was accurate, and that I should be glad to have an interview with them on the subject. On the 12th, Messrs. Ewing and Cookson, the Contractors, and Messrs. Smith and Morgan, the Superintendents, met in my office, and the Statement was discussed at great length. I offered to give the Contractors all the information they desired, and the books were all brought up and referred to. The items were discussed one by one, and my notes on the discussion follow:—

I.—The Contractors object that the Trade Report, extending to 300 pages, form a part of this month's work, and that as they were formerly paid the exceptionally high rate of Rupees 4 per page for this one work, this exceptional case tells against them. This objection I overrule on the ground that I take *their rates*, the rates at which they ask for Government work, and that they cannot now be allowed to alter for the occasion any particular rate—(I purpose, however, to allow a reduction of Rupee 1 per page, reducing the charge to the actual proportion of that made for other work, in giving final results; since, had it not happened that this work was done in that month, there would have been a better case for the Contractors).

II.—The Contractors object that no ink or contingencies are charged against Government. It is eventually agreed, that Rupees 7-9-0 shall be charged for ink, and Rupees 10 for contingencies.

III.—The Contractors object that the piece work, at the rates understood to be paid to the Piece-hands of 9 Annas per page, would amount to much more than the sum entered under that head. The Superintendents reply that they cannot allow any inquiry into their rates, and that the saving is the result of management. In this I agree. The Contractors are allowed to satisfy themselves that the amount entered is the full amount paid, but I cannot consent to further inquiry.

IV.—The question is raised whether the proportion charged of general expenses, viz., one-seventh, is a fair one, the Revenue Board Department being the largest in the Press. After much discussion, in which the Superintendents insist that one-seventh is more than a fair share for the Department, owing to its being one so regular in its character and having a very full staff attached to it, it is agreed that one-sixth, or about the proportion drawn from Mr. Morison's Audit Report of 1862-63 (dated 10th August 1863, Appendix F), shall be adopted. In this the Contractors concur, the same proportion to be charged of General Establishment, Superintendence, and House-rent.

V.—In depreciation of stock and interest on value of stock, the Superintendents have charged on Rupees 6000 only, the value of the stock in use in the Revenue Board Department. To this the Contractors object, and claim that one-sixth share of the whole Press stock should be charged. The Superintendents state that the Revenue Board did their own work with the Rupees 6000 stock, which was transferred to the Government Press, and that no stock but that received from the Revenue Board is used or is necessary for the Department.

I admit the force of both arguments, and hold that, in calculating the Revenue Board Department charge, it might fairly be charged only the Rupees 6000; but I am ready to record the objection taken in the form that if the whole stock of the Press be not equally divided between the Departments, the Revenue Board Department is not a fair standard of comparison. It is agreed that Rupees 82,000, or the value of the Press stock given in Mr. Ellis's Report (excluding the Binding, and Paper, &c., stores), shall be taken as the full value of stock, and that, in the Contractors' Statement, Rupees 13,666 shall be taken as the Revenue Board Department's share of stock.

VI.—The Contractors take exception to the depreciation of 14 per cent., which should, they say, be more, and they claim a life of four years only for type. This I show to be $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (Small Pica costing 14 Annas and being, as old metal, worth 4 Annas, and therefore losing 10 Annas in four years, or $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas yearly, equal to $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) and as they claim 5 per cent. for other stock, and lay down that type is half the stock, I show them that this gives an average of $11\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. only, on which they agree to 14 per cent. being charged.

The 6 per cent. interest they agree to.

VII.—The question is then raised as to the charge for half pages mentioned in the remarks. It appears that the Contractors are invariably paid for half pages as pages, in work of the kind, and hence I allow no reduction.

4. The discussion here closed, and the Contractors evidently felt that the results were against them, and remarked that, while there was no doubt that great reductions had been made in the cost of printing in the Government Press, a fair share of the credit should be given to them for competing. To this I assented, with the observation that the transfer of all the work to one Contractor would do away with the healthy competition.

5. I should here mention that I have excluded "examining" from the charge on either side. Mr. Mackey could make nothing of this, and it seems to me that although a very material item of cost it is *not* one of comparison. From my knowledge of the Government work, I do not believe that Government could ever dispense with its own examiners, and hence I look on them as extraneous to the Press.

6. The Statement B shows the Government charge as corrected by the Contractors, the alterations being not only those in the columns of the Government charge, but also including an omission of 1 Rupee in the charge on Small Pica foolscap folio Tabular, as adverted to above in Note I on the discussion.

7. It shows a total cost for the work of the Department of Rupees 2076-0-11 in the Government Press, while the same work if performed by the Contractors would have cost at the contract rates (as amended) 3006-1-8. But I must here refer to an item which seems to have been lost sight of in all previous comparisons, viz., the value of prospects of pension in the Government service. To this I can make only a rough approximation, which, however, may suffice. I take my numbers from the Covenanted Service.

8. An Uncovenanted servant begins pension service at 22, and is (practically) entitled to half-pay pension after 25 years, or at 47. By the Civil Service Annuity Fund tables, an annuity of £400 at the age of 47 is worth Rupees 46,333; a Covenanted Officer's average final pay is, say, Rupees 2400 monthly, or £2880 yearly, the half of which is £1440, the value of which at the above rate is Rupees 1,66,798; the average payments of a Covenanted Civilian by his 4 per cent. subscriptions to the Fund are Rupees 24,500; hence, to have obtained Rupees 1,66,798, the value of pension of half salary, his contributions should have been more than 27 per cent. It is true that sick leave, furlough, &c., rather interfere with the calculation, but 25 per cent. may be perhaps taken as the contribution likely to raise the amount required. Hence all the salary items in the Statement, after deducting the salaries (amounting to Rupees 181-8-0) of those who draw Rupees 10 or less and are therefore not entitled to pension, must be increased by one-fourth to show the fair charge on Government, or an addition of Rupees 401-12-11 must be made to the Government charge, raising it to Rupees 2477-13-10, still showing a balance in favor of the Government Press of Rupees 528-3-10, or a gain of upwards of 17 per cent. by employing the Government Press in place of the Contractors. It may be stated otherwise, that Government would lose 21 per cent. by employing the Contractors in place of the Government Press.

This Memorandum will be placed in the hands of the Contractors, and they will be requested to furnish their remarks, when the whole correspondence will be laid before Government for consideration in connection with the Auditor's Report.


Supervisor.

24th October 1864.

A.
STATEMENT showing the actual cost of the work executed in the Revenue Board Department of the Government Press during the month of September 1864, compared with its cost if executed by the Contractors, Graves, Cookson, & Co., at their Contract rates or the rates, they have previously charged in their bills for work of a similar nature.

[illegible]

(Signed) H. MORGAN,
Deputy Superintendent.

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Actual number of pages.	Permanent Estab.			Furniture.			Piece Work Estab.			General Establish.			Share of Superintendence at 1-6th.			Contingent allowances.			Printing Ink & lbs.			House rent at 1-6th.			Depreciation of stock at 14 per cent. on Rupees 13,666.			Interest at 6 per cent. on the value of plant Rupees 13,666.			Total.			Average rate per page.			Messrs. Graves, Cookson, & Co's rate.			Total Amount at Contract rates.			Remarks.
	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.							
To printing.....	1820	975	7	7	1124	9	589	0	0191	10	8	10	0	0	7	9	0	50	0	0	159	7	0	68	5	32076	0	11	1	2	3	3006	1	8	Rupees 300, at the rate of one Rupee per page, has been deducted from the contract charge for Small Pica Foolscap folio, full Tabular.								
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FORT SAINT GEORGE,
GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 24th October 1864.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Supervisor

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Actual number of pages.	Permanent Estab-lishment.			Piece Work Estab-lishment.			General Estab-lishment at 1-5th.			Share of Superin-tendence at 1-5th.			Contingent Allow-ances.			Printing Ink & lbs.			House rent at 1-5th.			Depreciation of stock at 14 per cent. on Rupees 16,400.			Interest at 6 per cent. on the va-lue of plant, Rupees 16,400.			Pension value of salaries of more than Rupees 10 (Rupees 181-1-0 being excluded as under Rupees 10) at 25 per cent.			Total.			Average rate per page.			Messrs. Graves, Cookson & Co.'s rate.			Total Amount at Contract rates.			Remarks.
	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.				
To Printing. 1820	375	7		1124	9	5	106	12	9	230	0	0	10	0	0	7	9	060	0	0	191	5	2	81	15	10	413	13	5	2601	9	2	1	610	...	...	3006	1	8	Rupees 300, at the rate of one Rupee per page, has been deducted from the contract charge for Small Pica Foolscap folia, full Tabular.			

Difference in favor of Government Press of Rupees 404-8-6.
Or a gain of nearly 13½ per cent. by employing the Government Press in place of Contractor B.
Government would lose 15½ per cent. by employing the Contractors in place of the Government Press.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Supervisor.

**FORT SAINT GEORE,
GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 24th October 1864.**
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REMARKS BY MESSRS. GRAVES, COOKSON AND CO., ON THE COMPARATIVE
CHEAPNESS OF COST OF WORK EXECUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT
PRESS AND THEIR OWN PRESS.

BEFORE considering the Memorandum and Statements annexed thereto, prepared by order of the present Supervisor of the Government Printing Establishment, with copies of which we have been furnished, we think it proper and due to ourselves briefly to review some of the main features connected with the origin and cession to us of our Contract for Printing a portion of the Government work, and more especially to consider the circumstances which led to the controversy on the comparative cheapness of cost between work executed at the Government Press and that done at our own Press.

2. The Honorable Mr. Ellis in his Report to Government, after patiently, thoughtfully and carefully investigating the subject, thus expresses his opinion on the nature of our proposal to print the whole of the Government work on Contract.

“Applying the scale of prices to the work required by the Government for a year (as shewn in Tabular Statement Appendix II) the result is that there would be, supposing all the other conditions of the contract fulfilled by Messrs. Graves & Co., a gross saving to the Government by accepting their proposal of Rupees 55,952 per annum,”—and assuming that the services of a Superintendent of the Government Press would be necessary even under a contract system, he further remarks as follows :—

“Deducting the salary of the Superintendent from the gross saving, the result will be a net saving to the Government by the acceptance of Messrs. Graves & Co’s. proposal of Rupees 49,952 per annum.”

Remarking further on with reference to his proposal to give us only a portion of the Government work he observes that—

“ 16. The saving to Government by this modified contract would be as follows :—

“ If one-third of the Government printing is done by Messrs. Graves & Co. at their own Press, with their own type, it would cost Rupees 30,544, or Rupees 11,122 less than its present cost to Government.

“ If the same quantity of work is done by Messrs. Graves & Co., at their own Press, the Government however furnishing them with a portion of the material, &c., it would cost Rupees 25,113 or 16,553 less than at present.”

See also Appendix I annexed to Mr. Ellis’ Report “ Resumé” of which we give below—

Resumé.

	RS.	A.	P.
Present cost of Government Printing.....	1,25,000	0	0
Messrs. Smith and Morgan’s rates.....	1,09,365	0	0
Annual saving to Government.....	15,645	0	0
Present cost of Government Printing.....	1,25,000	0	0
Messrs. Graves & Co.’s rates marked E.....	69,048	0	0
Annual saving to Government.....	55,952	0	0

	RS.	A.	P.
Present cost of 1/3rd of the Government work.....	41,666	0	0
Cost at Messrs. Graves & Co.'s rates for Printing at their own Press and with their own materials.....	30,544	0	0
Cost at Messrs. Graves & Co.'s rates at their own Press, Government supplying materials, &c.....	25,113	0	0

3. Such having been Mr. Ellis' views on the subject (who from having been appointed Commissioner to enquire into the affairs of the Government Press, was fully conversant with all the details of its working) and the Government concurring therein, the Contract for the portion of the work consisting of the Book and High Court Departments, amounting to about 1/5th of the whole, was assigned to us for 6 months, whereby a saving to Government of 590 Rupees was at once effected by the transfer.

Vide Mr. Ellis' letter to Government dated 21st October 1862, paras 3 and 4, with the margin attached thereto.

4. In their order dated 17th June 1863, No. 687, the Government in sanctioning the renewal of the Contract for a further period of six months, among other remarks observed—"It does not appear that the Contract has been attended with any direct saving to Government, but on the whole there can be no doubt that the arrangement has relieved the Government Press of a description of work which could not be done there with due expedition."

5. On applying for a second renewal of the Contract in October 1863, we took exception to this observation, inasmuch as it seemed entirely opposed to Mr. Ellis' views on the subject in which the Government had previously concurred, and moreover, as it appeared to us to be a first step towards sapping the foundations on which our Contract was based. This point being ordered to be investigated, a controversy arose as to the comparative cheapness of Government work and our own, and we were called upon to show that we printed more cheaply for Government than the Government Press. Accordingly we sent in our letter to the late Deputy Secretary to Government and Supervisor of the Government Press, Mr. Kerr, dated the 12th November 1863, in which, as we think, we clearly established by statements and otherwise founded chiefly on the data afforded by the Auditor's Report on the Government Press for the official year ending 30th April 1863, that the cost of printing the Government work, at our Press, without taking into account the salaries of final Examiners who are paid by Government and not included in our calculations, was decidedly cheaper than that executed by the Government Press.

6. We subsequently addressed a further communication to Mr. Kerr, pointing out that we considered these employes as having been entertained by Government for its own convenience and advantage; that their salaries were not fairly chargeable to us, and that if they were, in some instances, in consequence of the small quantity of Book Work assigned to us during certain months, the salaries of the Examiners, if added to the cost of our charges, would more than double our rates.

7. Had the late Supervisor come to the same conclusion, which we believe to be but fair and just, as that arrived at by the present Supervisor in his Memorandum of the 24th ultimo, para. 5, viz. that "from his knowledge of the working of the Government Press, he did not believe that Government could dispense with its own Examiners, and that hence he regarded them as extraneous to the Press," our vindication of the cheapness of our rates as contrasted with those of the Government Press shown in our aforesaid letter, would have been triumphantly established.

* Dated 12th November 1863.

8. We have entered somewhat fully into this matter in order to show that at the period when the controversy on this point first arose, we had the decided advantage, and the objection we took to the observation of Government before alluded to had reference to the state of matters as it then existed, and *not* to the *present* comparative cheapness of cost between ourselves and the Government Press, as exhibited in the Statements now brought forward by the present Supervisor of the Government Press.

We now however proceed to discuss these Statements and his Memorandum thereon.

9. At our late interview with that Gentleman, we at once took exception to these Statements, or rather to the one first sent to us, (subsequently modified as per Statements A & B appended to the Supervisor's Memorandum) on the ground that it was not a fair comparison of the relative cost of Government work and our own, inasmuch as it included a particular work (the Trade Returns of the Board of Revenue) in which our rates, though sanctioned and approved by the Superintendent of the Government Press, are unfavorably contrasted with the Government cost, no rates being given at all in the Statements as a means of comparison, but the aggregate cost for piece-work paid during the month being merely inserted in a lump, while the money amount of several other columns are estimated according to an imaginary proportion of the relative cost of all the other departments, because they simply consisted of *seven* departments. These Trade Returns were charged for by us at an *exceptional* rate, viz., 4 Rupees per page, the rate contracted for for printing folio pages, because there were no intermediate sizes between foolscap and folio pages provided for in the Contract, and the pages of the Trade Returns were larger than the former, but not so large as the latter. A reference being previously made to the Superintendent as to what should be the proper rate of charge, he was of opinion that there was no alternative, but to charge according to the next higher rate, or the rate paid for folio pages. A large number of such pages (300) having been printed in the Revenue Board Department by the Government Press during the month of September last, afforded an unusually favorable means of comparison, we having been debited on account of that single item with the large sum of Rupees 1,200. Had the Superintendent not misled us, we might have charged less for these pages, but as he was of opinion that we were entitled to these rates, we made the charge accordingly and submit that we are not therefore to blame for having done so.

10. In addition to the foregoing reasons, we think we are justified in taking further exception to this work (viz. the Trade Returns) as a fair ground of comparison, because they have since been entirely withheld from us, and seem to have been apparently given to us, in one instance only, because the Government Press had more work on hand than it could then conveniently execute. These Returns moreover, forming as they do, a part of the Revenue Board Department's work, not legitimately assignable to us by the Contract, ought *not* to be considered as coming under the Contract at all, but should, we think, be regarded as a separate job for which an exceptional price was paid. If it be maintained that it formed part of the Contract as belonging to the Book Work Department, then why was it withheld from us on two occasions since? The Trade Returns for 1862-63 and 1863-64 having been printed at the Government Press for the last two years, it would seem that this work is not considered as forming a portion of the Book work, the whole of which we anticipated receiving under our Contract; if this be correct, then the rates we have charged for the Trade Returns of 1861-62 cannot we submit be fairly judged by the Contract scale of rates.

11. With this general protest against the Statements altogether, and the further remark made by us at our interview with the Supervisor, that the work done in some other month in which the Trade Returns did not occur would be a fairer standard of comparison, we now proceed to examine the Memorandum and Statements. We may remark, in passing, that there was no time for us to examine the vouchers, books and proofs, which the Supervisor kindly placed at our disposal, the interview having lasted a long time and was entirely taken up in the discussion of the Statement. We will however take it for granted that they were all correct.

12. In the first statement which we received from the Supervisor No. I. and in which, like the other modified statements furnished with his present Memorandum, no actual rates of the cost paid for piece-work was specified, an additional column was introduced in which the actual number of pages printed were converted to plain Small Pica pages, which we imagined afforded some clue to the rates paid for piece-work, but when we multiplied the number of such pages by 9 Annas, the sum generally supposed to be paid by Government for piece-work, we found that the amount gave a very different result to that marked in column 4, thus—

Actual No. of pages (1,820) converted into plain Small Pica pages 2,633 × 9 As. = Rs. 1,481	4	0
Amount stated to have been paid for piece-work as per Statements.....	1,124	9 5

Diff. Rs. 356 10 7

Head Examiner...	150
Assistant do.	100
2 Readers.....	25
	275

21. Accordingly we beg to append an Abstract Statement C. as prepared by us, shewing what the actual cost of the Government work in the Revenue Board Department for the month of September last should be if the sums which we have added to the different Columns of Statement B. were taken into account.

22. If the sum added under the head "Piece-work Establishment" be objected to as not having been actually paid by Government for that work in the Revenue Board Department for September last, then, deducting that amount from the total cost, the result is Rupees 2,864-9-0 or a difference of only Rupees 141-8-8 as the saving effected by the Government Press, without reference to the objections which we have urged against these Statements. Such a saving, if it really be one, is hardly worth taking into account, and is perhaps owing to that peculiar "management" of the Government Press in paying for Piece-work by which the Compositors seem to have been underpaid to the extent of Rupees 356-10-7.

23. We had written thus far when Mr. Mackey's Report, applied for on the 26th ultimo, but only furnished on the 3rd Instant, reached us.

This Report, taken as a whole, as well as his "Opinion" attached thereto, is apparently in our favor. We will however advert to it so far as it bears on the question now under consideration.

The first remark we have to make in reference to this Report is that we observe that the cost of printing the Revenue Board Department work during the year under review, so far from *decreasing* has actually *increased* in that year, as the following figures contrasting Mr. Morison's Report, Statement F, with Mr. Mackey's Report, corresponding Statement D. will show:—

Names of Auditors.	Revenue Board Establishment.	No. of pages printed.	Salaries.	Cost per page.
Mr. Morison.....	In 1862-63.....	20,439	17,439 8 8	1 2 9
„ Mackey.....	„ 1863-64	22,936	18,124 10 3	1 4 3
			Increase per page.	0 1 6

24. The cost during 1863-64 in this Department having thus been shewn to have increased over that of 1862-63, it may be presumed that the results of the present official year will not probably be found more favorable, and if we succeeded in demonstrating that, at the close of 1862-63, we worked cheaper than the Government Press, much more would the result tell in our favor if the cost were compared at the end of 1863-64, in which year the cost of Printing in the Revenue Board Department had increased.

25. The next remark we have to offer is, that the relative proportion of cost assignable to the Revenue Board Department in 1863-64—according to the latter Report is about *four and two-thirds* instead of *one-fifth*; thus—dividing the entire cost of printing for 1863-4 as per statement D. viz. 85,598-11-1 by 18,124-19-3 the cost of the Revenue Board Department for that year, the result is $4\frac{2}{3}$ or nearly $4\frac{2}{3}$ rds, hence if this proportion were taken in calculating the cost of the different heads affected by that proportion in the Statements, it would give still better results in our favor when comparing the cost of work done by the Government Press in that Department during 1863-64 with that done in our own.

26. We observe that *additional* Plant was purchased by the Government Press during the year 1863-64 to the extent of Rs. 14,385-4-6,* which sum, when added to the cost of the previous Plant valued at Rs. 82,000, gives a total of Rs. 96,385-4-6. This also will obviously be so much more favorable to us in the results arrived at in calculating the amounts to be set down in the several columns of the Statements affected by that sum. The calculations need not however be again repeated here in order to elucidate the point it being self-evident.

27. The charges for final examining which Mr. Smith the Superintendent of the Government Press has added to our own cost as referred to in this Report, seem to us ridiculously absurd, they are stated to be equal to $37\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the cost of printing, and by reducing the pages to the actual number printed it amounts to $69\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and we quite agree with the Auditor that these additions are quite "arbitrary, and not calculated to

arrive at a true solution of the question." We consider 10 per cent. the proportion fixed by the Auditor Mr. Mackey to be quite fair. He further adds "until a system of registering the daily work done both at the Press and outside upon some uniform principle be adopted, I do not see how the question of gain or loss can be mathematically demonstrated." No more it can be. Nothing seems to us to be simpler for this purpose than the plan of reducing all kinds of printed pages to a fixed standard, viz., the cost of plain pages, the confusion made by the Superintendent of the Government Press in estimating the cost of tabular pages will thus be entirely obviated.

28. Tabular pages are only of two kinds—full tabular and half tabular—the former are usually charged for at double the cost of plain pages, the latter is a medium between the two, and is charged for half as much again as the cost of plain pages. Keeping this standard in view, there can be no difficulty whatever in arriving at a correct result in ascertaining the actual cost of Printing in all kinds of type.

29. We should very much like to notice many other points in Mr. Mackey's interesting Report, but refrain, fearing that our observations may extend to a greater length than might be considered desirable. We are besides not called upon to review that Report.

30. Taking all the Statements together, and viewing their varied results, it seems clear that none of them can be said to be based on perfectly correct or reliable data.

In the first Statement sent to us by the Supervisor, the excess of cost in favor of the Government Press is given as.....Rs. 1,350-6-9 or 0-11-11 per page.

In Statement A. it is shown to be.....Rs. 1,405-0-9 or 0-12-4 per page.

In Statement B. it is.....Rs. 930-0-9 or 0-8-2 per page.

While according to our Statement C. it is only.....Rs. 141-8-8 or 0-1-3 per page.

And the per centage in favor of the Government Press is reduced from 74 per cent. in Statement A. and 45 per cent. in Statement B. to only 5 per cent. in Statement C.

31. None of the Statements furnished by the Supervisor contain the element of Pensions payable to the Government Employés of the Government Press which is referred to in para. 8 of Mr. Walker's Memorandum, the accuracy of which calculation we have no means of testing, but assuming it to be correct, we have not improperly taken credit for the amount supposed to represent it in estimating our Statement C.

32. The single fact that the cost of printing in the Revenue Board Department in 1863-64 exceeded that of 1862-63 as shown in para. 23 of our remarks—even after the reduction of the cost in piece-work paid by Government from 11 to 9 Annas per page was made, shows that the tendency of the cost of printing in this Department is evidently *upwards* or towards an *increase*, and not *downwards* or towards a *decrease*, and the exceptional result of the cost of printing in the Revenue Board Department for September 1864 is *no* criterion whatever of the cheapness of cost realized to the Government by printing in this Department.

33. With one further remark we will draw our observations to a conclusion. The Supervisor in para. 4 of his Memorandum says the "Contractors evidently felt that the result was against them"—this was certainly not the impression we intended to convey to his mind, as we felt that the matter had not yet been sufficiently sifted, and then giving us credit for working down the cost of Government printing by competition, he adds that "the transfer of all the Government work to one Contractor will do away with healthy competition." To this no objection exists on our part, competition we feel assured would rather benefit us than otherwise, and while we have no apprehensions on this score, we are still prepared to abide by our former proposition, in regard to undertaking the whole of the Government work, or such extension of our Contract as they may think fit to grant.

Francis Cookson

United Scottish Rep.
Madras 19th November 1864.

C. G. Walker Esq^{re}
Deputy Secretary to Government
and Supervisor of the Government Press
Fort Saint George.

Sir/

We have the honor herewith
to submit our remarks on your Memorandum
dated 24th October 1864, and the statements
which accompanied it, and respectfully
request that they may receive your im-
partial consideration.

Trusting that the result may
lead you to recommend a further renewal
and extension of our Contract.

We have the honor to be
Sir/
Your Most Obedient Servants
James Crockett

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STATEMENT showing the actual cost of the work executed in the Revenue Board Department of the Government Press during the month of September 1864, as prepared by
MESSRS. GRAVES, COOKSON AND CO.

Or deducting 336-10.7 not having actually been paid by Government—the result is 2,864-9, shewing only 141 Rupees in favor of Government, or 0-1-3 pice per page.

No. 1—first sent to us by the Supervisor.

STATEMENT showing the actual cost of the work executed in the Revenue Board Department of the Government Press during the month of September 1864, compared with the cost if executed by the Contractors, GRAVES, COOKSON AND Co., at their Contract Rates—or the rates they have previously charged in their Bills for work of a similar nature.

N. B.—To printing 1,820 Actual pages at the Government Press cost Rupees 1,955 10 11 or Rupees 1 1 2 per page.	
do. Messrs. Graves, Cookson and Co.	3 306 1 8 00
Do.	1 12 2
	* At As. 4 per form,
	3306 1 8

Do.	2,633	Converted pages at Government Press cost Rupees 1,955 10 11 or Rs. 0 11 11 per page.
Do.	do.	Graves, Cookson and Co. 3,306 1 8 or 1 4 1 do.
		Difference in favor of Press 1,350 6 9 or 0 8 2 do.

(Signed) H. MORGAN, Deputy Superintendent.
(Signed) C. G. WALKER, Supervisor

From
C. G. Walker Esq.
Supervisor, Government Press

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Smith, Ariz.

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you, for the consideration of Government, in connection with the Auditors Report on the Press Accounts of the past year, a Memorandum prepared by me, on the result of an enquiry instituted into the relative cost of printing executed in the Government Press and by the contractors. The Memorandum speaks for itself and gives the details of the enquiry. I have called for the remarks of the Contractor and the Superintendent of the Press on my Memorandum, and I now submit these papers together with remarks by the Superintendent on Mr. Mackey's "Opinion" with the following observations on the whole subject.

2. In an establishment like the Government Press, where work of the most varied kinds is executed, it is all but impossible,

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as it is unnecessary, to reestablish fixed rates
for work, or rather, to carry out fixed rates into
all kinds of work. It is frequently the case (I
take an example) that tabular figured
statements received from 19 different sources
(districts) have to be printed, each statement being
precisely similar in form. The headings and
items in each are identical. and the figures
only differing, while a large part of the state-
ment may be blank. In this case, after the
striking off of one statement, it is a perfectly
simple matter to alter the figures requiring
alteration (putting on a compositor to do this
at so much an hour) the great bulk of the
statement remaining untouched. This operation
may be 18 times repeated. and it is obvious that
it would be absurd to try to introduce fixed
rates here. The compositor makes up the
statement at first at so much the page.
he alters it at so much the hour. he gets
his fair pay and Government gain by the
economy of labour or the management. Now
this is not the case with Contractors. Govern-
ment must pay them so much for each
page and for the 19 pages referred to above,
Government must pay 19 times the cost
of

of one page - and this is regrettable. But it
appears to me that it renders the adoption
of one system of calculating average cost per
page of printed matter impossible. I am
more and more convinced that the only true
system of comparison is that which I have
made an essay to put on its trial. The
problem is: Given any quantity of work to be
done - what will it cost to get it done by Con-
tract - what in the Government Dept? From
the above consideration, it is evident that
to answer the latter question is impossible,
until after actual performance of the work.
But, the Contractors working at fixed rates,
it is possible to state with perfect accuracy
what they must be paid for the given work.
Hence I consider, that, for any fair comparison,
work actually done in the Government Dept,
and whose actual cost in salaries and
other payments has been carefully noted,
should have its cost computed at the
fixed contract rates - when the actual
difference of cost per cent (not per page - I
consider this a futile comparison) can be
found.

found.
3. This was the system I adopted, taking one month's work of one department only; but I shall be ready, if Government consider it desirable, to make a comparison which shall take in the whole work of the prep (excluding the Binding Department) for any period Government may think fit to prescribe, since it may be done by the addition ^{to the Prep Accounts} of one register, of no very complicated form.

4. With reference to the Auditor's report, I may be permitted to remark that between the two contending parties, he appears to have been completely puzzled, and I think that he would allow that, as a decisive proof of the greater cheapness of contract printing, his supplementary report was quite valueless.

5. Messrs Graves, Jackson & Co's remarks on my Memorandum, call, I am sorry to say, for rather lengthy comment, while, in fact, they throw but little light on the matter.

6. They go out of their way to introduce remarks on Mr. Ellis' "patent investigation", and with this exception, I have nothing

nothing to say as to Paras 1-6. On para 7 I must note that this is a remark on Mr. Kerr's comparison - not my memorandum.

7. Paragraph 9 needs little comment. I allowed the Contractors far more reduction than they were entitled to - and would note here that in case work of the kind be hereafter sent them, I shall offer them the No 3 for which they stipulate, in place of the No 4, per page which they consider themselves to have been unwarrantably forced to accept.

8. Paragraph 12. No actual rates for Government Prep work are specified by me for reasons already laid down at length. In the Statement which was first prepared, Mr. Morgan had made a reduction to pages. This went out unnoticed by me, but on the day of the conference, I distinctly refused all reference to the column, and at once struck it out of my copy. I still contend that such reduction is useless - utterly so - on the same grounds as those stated in para: 2. The reference to ^a suggestions from the Deputy Superintendent

"Superintendent" is a slight mistake, since he had introduced the column while I struck it out.

9. Para: 14. From my monthly examination of the price work compositor's pay abstract, I am decidedly of opinion, that, without reference to the very valuable prospect of pension, our compositors get better pay than elsewhere in Madras. We never have difficulty in getting even temporary hands - and hence the contractor's mismination is, I believe, unfounded. If Messrs Graves Cookson & Co are wishful to reduce their rates, there is no contract now, and I shall be prepared at once to recommend any reduction (if they choose of $\frac{1}{4}$ as in the Trade Return Statement) for the acceptance of Government. Graves Cookson & Co's argument is absurd. They ask for a long contract at their present rates. To this I reply that the Government Press can do the work at less cost, whereupon they claim to modify their rates for comparison. Though I suppose they will not do so, for entry in their bills! I do not think that the September work differed

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differed in any way from that of another month.

10. On para: 16, I must make longer comment. In the Government Press there are two orders of what the contractors choose to call "examiners". Rough readers - and examiners proper. Our "rough readers" answer, almost exactly, to Messrs Graves Cookson & Co's "examiners", the difference being that the latter turn out rather worse work than our rough readers. The proofs of ordinary book work, as is well known, are pretty nearly always, sent to the authors for correction, i. e. authors "examine" their own work. The time of the authors of Government work is generally too valuable to be spent in correcting proofs - and hence I say that Government must have its own examiners (whoever may be its printers) who are, practically, the editors of its work, and who are responsible for the outturn of the work bearing their signature, the examiners doing the duty ordinarily performed by authors themselves. Hence I consider that the cost of the examiners should be absolutely excluded from

from any comparison of cost of printing,
since the same amount of work, wherever
limited, needs, approximately, the same
amount of examining.

11. This disposes of Messrs Graves
Cookson and Co's remark in the beginning
of para 17. Although speaking accurately
Messrs Graves Cookson & Co's work needs more
examining proper than Government work.
Their proposal therefore to add Rs 275 to
the Government Press cost without making
any addition to their own is one of those
last straws at which drowning men will
clutch - and only needs to be pointed out to
be repudiated.

12. In paras 18, 19 and 20, the Contractors
are correct, and from the statement whence
we agreed to draw our standard proportion,
it is evident that my very hasty calculation
was erroneous, and that $\frac{1}{5}$ should be the
share of the 5 general heads, and this I
think is correct, since I cannot assent to
the Superintendent's arbitrary proportion of
 $\frac{1}{4}$. Hence the addition of Rs 66-2-1.

31-13-0 and 13-10-9 must be made.

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13. The proposal in para 22 to add
Rs 356-10-7. and the insinuation that
the Government Press Compositors had been
underpaid by that amount I can only
characterize as two more straws.

14. With the Contractor's remarks on
Mr Mackey's inconsequent report, I have
nothing to do.

15. On para 26 I may just remark
that the valuation of Plant at Rs 82,000
was taken 5 years ago and at 14 per cent
depreciation per annum, its present value
would be some Rs 25,000, or including additions
during that period of about an equal sum,
Rs 50,000. Hence if the Contractors are
anxious to raise the question on that ground
I must reduce the cost as against the Govern-
ment Press by $\frac{3}{8}$. ^{reasoning in this paragraph} This may be adopted
as a sample of the arguments used by
Messrs Graves Cookson & Co.

16. In para 27, Mr Mackey is quoted,
and with him I quite agree, as to the
system of registration of daily work in the
Press. ~~For the Contractor's work no registration~~

For the Contractors work, no registry is needed, their bills contain every item, and as they print at a fixed rate, registration is valueless.

17. I may here refer to the Superintendent's remarks on the trade report and the statement appended to their remarks. I protest against any reduction to plain pages as being unnecessary and, owing to there being no recognized standard of reduction, an introduction of a new element of discord. I cannot call it, debate.

18. I have prepared a final statement adopting the $\frac{1}{5}$ proportion shown by Mr. Morris's report to be the correct one and including also the value of pension at the rate given in my memorandum.

19. I must say that the conclusion to which, with a good deal of surprise, I have come is that the Government Press works at a much lower rate than Graves' for them and for. But I think that much of this result has been obtained by the feeling that there was a real competition. and hence I should be

be loath to recommend the discontinuance of out-door printing.

20. I think it right here to mention a matter of no little moment in the consideration of the question of giving over all the Government work to a contractor. I have already stated why I consider it absolutely necessary that Government should always retain its own examiners. I must also point out that with heavy bills to scrutinize, Government could never dispense with the services of a practical printer as Auditor; and hence an officer of the rank of one of the present Superintendents must always, in my opinion, remain attached to the Government establishment; and, in considering the project of transferring the whole work, his salary and that of the examiners must always be reckoned as an extra charge. The utter failure of a mere officer of account to understand, as it seems to me, the points at issue in the controversy, and the complications which I (without understanding) also see to exist

in bills for printing work, have compelled me to come to this conclusion: and the items which Messrs. Graves & Co. have attempted to introduce into the present comparison have strengthened a suspicion I have for some time entertained, that these bills will always need very careful professional scrutiny to prevent the introduction of similar items into them.

21. I must apologize for the length of this letter, but the subject is one which, I think, justifies and requires a full and complete examination, and this I have striven to give it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Wm. Walker.
Superintendent, Int. Reps.

Fort St. George,
8th December 1862

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Ag. Supervisor, Government Press.

Here, under 16th October 1867

Order, thereon 15th November 1867 N. 142.

With the foregoing
letter the Acting Supervisor,
Government Printing Establish-
ment, submits with his support
an application from the
Acting Superintendent for an
addition to the numerical
strength, as well as for an
increase to the salaries of
certain servants, of the present
Establishment - at a total
expenditure of Rupees 579 per
mensem. Of this sum, Rs. 469
appear to have been paid from
the amount allowed for
piece-work, so that the proposed
increase to this extent is only
nominal. ^{It is now suggested that} the ^{who have hitherto} have

N.
W.M.
W.P.

Public 16th Oct. 1867

From
the Supervisor, Govt.
Press.

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Submits to be seen -
then on the relative
cost of printing presented
in the accompanying paper
and by the Contractor,
Messrs. James Jackson & Co.

been paid from the above source,
~~the same should be~~ should be
brought on the permanent es-
-tablishment. This is accordingly
sanctioned.

2 In consideration of the
work in the Preps having, as
it is stated, considerably aug-
-mented, the increase proposed
to the pay of the Prep Over-
-seer, Head Examiner and
Under-warehouseman in all
Rs. 110 per mensem is also
sanctioned.

3 The additional ex-
penditure to be incurred
under these orders will be
included in the monthly
Statement of fresh charges,
and the Government of
India requested to sanction
the same as a permanent
charge.

To the Supervisor G. P. Estab.
Acct. General
S. P. Harris

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