

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	923	Press Mis.
Dated	1-8	19/8/8

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
1st August 1868.

No. 1 Read the following letter from TUDOR TREVOR, Esq., Auditor of the Accounts of the Government Press for 1867-68, to the Chief Secretary, to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 22nd July 1868.

I have the honor, in conformity with Government Order, No. 617, dated 20th May 1867, Public Department, to submit, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the following report of my audit of the accounts of the Government Press for the official year ended 31st March 1868.

2. I have examined the entries in the Cash Book, and found them supported by the necessary vouchers, as well as those in the Ledger, which are correctly posted from the Cash and Day Books.

3. The accounts are so simple and well kept that I have very little to say regarding them, as I prefer to let the figures speak for themselves.

4. I accordingly annex Statements, marked, as per margin, I and II, which indicate the amounts of the several balances.

5. It will be observed, however, that both "receipts" and "disbursements" exceed in amount those of last year, but this is owing to the year under audit having consisted of twelve months, whereas the last official year consisted only of eleven.

6. The numerous petty items which Mr. Donald, in his report on the last year's accounts, pointed out as having remained for a long period unadjusted, have been written off in accordance with paragraph 4 of Government Order, No. 1408, dated 8th November 1867.

7. I understand that no valuation of the stock of either "plant" or "stores" has been made since 1860. The consequence is that no allowance has been made in the accounts since that time for wear and tear of presses, machines, and furniture, &c.; and, if an average at 5 per cent. per annum be reckoned on these heads, the undebited loss to Government since the last valuation will amount to something considerable. This state of things is, obviously, not only unsatisfactory, but renders the respective balances under these heads more and more fictitious every year. I beg, therefore, to suggest that a valuation of the present stock of "plant" and "stores" be forthwith made.

8. It ought to be stated, however, that a sum of Rupees 5270-9-0, as per margin, has been written off on account of worn-out types, leads, brass rule cuttings, &c.

9. With regard to the valuation of "plant," I would draw attention to paragraph 11 of Mr. Macleod's report for 1865-66, dated 3rd December 1866, and to paragraph 9 of Government Order thereon, dated 13th February 1867, No. 152. In this Order, Government observe that they concur with the Auditor "in considering it desirable that a fresh valuation of the stock of plant should be made," and that this measure "would be imperative in the event of the whole or greater part of the printing now done in the Government Press being given out on contract;" but, as these arrangements for relieving the Press have not been carried out, the valuation has been delayed, and its necessity has, I submit, become doubly imperative.

	RS.	A.	P.
Types, lbs. 3171-14-0, at 1 Rupee	3,471	11	0
Leads, lbs. 2508-5-0, at 8 Annas	1,254	2	6
Brass rule cuttings, 697 lbs., at 12 Annas 6			
Pie per lb.....	544		6
Total...	5,270	9	0

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10. I consider also that a valuation of the stock of "stores" would be advantageous to Government, as the usefulness of such a measure of this kind is not only recognized by the universal practice of all in trade, but is generally adopted in other Departments of Government.

11. I beg, in conclusion, to acknowledge, in common with previous Auditors, the ready assistance I have received during my audit from the Accountant of the Press, T. Murugasa Moodelliar, and to express my sense of his general intelligence and acquaintance with Book Keeping.

12. Not wishing to delay my report any longer, I am obliged to forward it without the usual statements of the work done by the Press and on contract, as the Superintendent has omitted to furnish me with them. He will doubtless forward them direct to Government himself.

I. Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 1868.					
Dr.					Cr.
Names.	Ledger Folio.	Amount.	Names.	Ledger Folio.	Amount.
		RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.
Plant	5	1,42,347 2 6	Messrs. Arbutnot & Co.	52	0 12 0
Stores	8	26,710 1 1	„ Biunty & Co.	54	2 0 0
Administrator General.....	48	2 6 0	Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.....	61	1 12 6
Collector of Ganjam.....	72	2 4 6	Messrs. Shaw and Aldritt.....	75	0 9 0
Major W. F. B. Lowrie.....	79	0 9 6	Postage.....	138	511 9 0
Subscribers.....	88	831 0 0	Government of Fort Saint George.....	183	1,71,741 15 6
Cash.....	166	941 4 8	Messrs. Brockman, Pritchard, and Barclay.....	190	66 2 0
Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.....	195	1 9 0	Agent, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.....	192	25 0 0
Messrs. P. Aroolamundon & Son	201	750 0 0	Messrs. Parry & Co.	217	0 5 0
Deputy Collector of Tinnevely	212	11 5 9	G. P. Johnstone, Esq.....	317	7 0 0
Collector of Kistna District.....	231	30 0 0	T. Vudharajooloo Naidoo.....	326	4 1 0
Chellacunnoo Maistry.....	236	484 6 0			
Captain W. H. Beauchamp.....	238	0 6 6			
Collector of Malabar.....	244	93 12 0			
Mr. S. Ottuman.....	253	0 4 6			
Civil Judge of Tinnevely..	254	130 6 0			
Mr. E. Grant.....	256	3 6 0			
Secretary, Revenue Board.....	333	2 12 4			
Resident of Travancore.....	334	2 4 0			
T. Dorasawmy Naicker.....	336	6 12 0			
Lieutenant F. K. Stevenson.....	337	5 10 0			
T. Daivasegamony Moodelliar.....	..	0 2 6			
Manavala Moodelly	349	0 3 0			
Deputy Commissioner of Chendwara.....	361	3 7 0			
Total...		1,72,361 1 6	Total...		1,72,361 1 6

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE,
1st April 1868.

21st July 1868.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) H. MORGAN,
Superintendent.

(Signed) T. TREVOR,
Auditor.

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II. Government Press in account with the Bank of Madras.					
Dr.					Cr.
	RS.	A.	P.		RS. A. P.
1867. April 1st.—To cash on hand.....	414	6	0	1868. March 31st.—By Cash paid into the Bank of Madras during the year 1867-68.....	10,038 4 5
1868. March 31st.—To cash received from private parties for subscriptions, postages, advertisements, sale of Acts, Gazettes, &c., during the year 1867-68.....	11,876	3	8	„ cash expended for postage, &c.	1,311 0 7
Total...	12,290	9	8	„ cash on hand...	941 4 8
				Total...	12,290 9 8

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No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1868, No. 923.

The Government consider the audit of the Government Press accounts to be satisfactory, and they resolve to pass the usual honorarium of Rupees (300) three hundred to Mr. Tudor Trevor for this audit.

2. The suggestion that stock of plant and stores be taken is also approved, and the Supervisor of the Government Press will make the necessary arrangements for taking stock as soon as the printing of the Administration Report for the past year is completed.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Supervisor, Government Press.
To T. Trevor, Esq.
To the Accountant General.
„ Examiner of Claims.

Edw. J. H. Burns.

No 20 May/68 No: 155-156-
-8 Nov/67 - 71-72
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Public 1860. DEPT.
Pros & Augt.

From
J. Sever Co.

Dated 22 July } 1860
Received 27 }

Here

No. 1362

Forwarded to the
Audit of the Dept. Reps
Account to Feb. 1871/60.

4.

W.D.

by

1st August 1868 No 923.

We have considered the
audit of the Govt Prep
accounts to be satisfactory
and they resolve to
pay the usual honorarium
of Rs 300 ^{per day} to Mr. Tucker
for this audit

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year is completed.

Bill

deposed by
The Officers for Ours
J. Henry Esq.
Racine Co.
Ill.

25/11/25

Office Mr. Duffell
No 23.

Receipt of Book

Given 1st August 1868.

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Ed. Duffell