

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd August 1869.

No. 22. Read the following letter from the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 30th June 1869, No. 94.

Ordnance Department.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, a report by the Superintendent of Stationery, on the operations of the Depôt under his charge, for the year ending 31st March 1869.

2. This report is in itself so complete and exhaustive, that I have preferred to submit it in its integrity, rather than to embody it in a report from myself.

3. I have, however, to observe that I quite concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent in favour of the Manager of the Stationery Office, Mr. James Clark ; and should Government be pleased to comply with that recommendation, the services of a zealous and deserving public servant will not, in my opinion, be more than adequately rewarded.

5. I would also beg to add that I consider the salary at present granted to the Superintendent is altogether inadequate to the heavy responsibilities and work which the care and supervision of the Stationery Office entails on him. These have increased so much during the last few years, that I would respectfully call the attention of Government to this point, and solicit its reconsideration of the same ; and that the anomaly is presented in the Stationery Office of the Manager (on whom no responsibility falls, though his duties are arduous,) drawing a higher allowance, in the office, than is granted to the Superintendent.

From the Superintendent of Stationery, to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 24th June 1869, No. 212.

I have the honour to forward, for submission to Government,* the report of the operations of the Stationery Office for the official year ending 31st March 1869.

Procs. Govt., 28th Nov. 1861, No. 1577.

I. *Stock.*—The value of stock on hand, at the commencement of the year, was Rupees 5,31,548-8-7. The value of receipts from all sources during the year aggregate Rupees 1,26,303-2-10, while that of issues is Rupees 2,67,620-5-8. The value of stock is thus reduced at the close of the year, as shown in statement appended, (marked A,) to Rupees 3,90,231-5-9.

The value of stock remaining in hand has been considerably reduced from that of last year. This is owing to the delay in the receipt of articles included in my General Indent on the Home Government, No. 58, dated 20th December 1867, which have not yet been received.

2. This delay has necessitated the attempt to purchase locally a supply of Medium and Demy-paper, to meet urgent requirements. The local market was unable to meet this demand though small, and the necessity arose of applying to the Stationery Office at Calcutta for a further supply of these two items. This supply has not been furnished as yet. These papers ought to have reached this office from Home in time for issue to the Public Offices at the Presidency and in the Mofussil for the current official year 1869-70. The inconvenience to Public Departments would, however, have been much greater had I not maintained a large reserve stock to meet extraordinary requirements.

II. *Receipts from England.*—The value of receipts from England aggregates Rupees 45,712-10-2, against Rupees 6,05,947-8-3 for the year 1867-68. This large difference is accounted for by the non-receipt of the annual supply, and by the supplemental demand mentioned in my last report in 1867-68 for 8000 Reams of Double-Double Pott Printing-paper, thick.

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3rd August 1869.

2. My communications have already brought to notice deficiencies of Foolscap-paper in

	Mean price per Ream between 1856 and 1861.		Less draw-back of duty at 1½d. 2 lbs.		Present prices.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Imperial, 72 lbs.....	88	...	79	...	89	...
Royal, 44 ,, ...	52	9	47	3	58	6
Medium, 34 ,, ...	40	3	36	...	42	3
Demy, 24 ,, ...	27	1	24	1	29	...
Foolscap, 15 ,, ...	18	4	16	5½	18	6

packages received from England, and that subject is alluded to in Proceedings, Madras Government, Nos. 93 and 616, dated 23rd January and 12th May 1869, respectively. I need, therefore, remark no more on the matter.

3. I beg to state that I have compared the present prices of hand-made papers with the invoice lists received between the years 1856 and 1861, and I annex, in the margin, these prices together with those now charged.

This statement shows that increased prices are now paid, while the experience of this office shows that there has been a fall since the years alluded to in the prices of paper.

III. *Local Purchases.*—The local purchases of country articles and French-paper aggregate in value Rupees 79,747-8-0, against Rupees 1,04,678-4-7 for 1867-68. This difference is occasioned by a delay till after the expiration of the past official year in purchasing certain French-paper, the result of references to Bordeaux for its supply by contract for three years having had to be waited for.

2. The consequence of a direct communication with the French-paper manufacturers in

1st sort at Rupees 1-11-3 per Ream.
2nd sort at ,, 1-6-9 ,,

Bordeaux has been the acceptance of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.'s tender, on behalf of Messrs.

Glenison and fils, to supply French-paper by contract for three years. The required deposit security has been received from them and lodged in the Madras Bank, but the Contract Bond itself has not been completed on account of information having been demanded by the Government Solicitor as to the exact names of the individual partners of the Bordeaux Firm, and on account of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. not holding a formal Power of Attorney to execute the Contract Bond on their behalf. This document has been applied for by that Firm.

IV. *Water-marked Paper.*—The water-marked papers for "Privilege Remittances" and "Service Remittances," alluded to in my last report, have since been expended by issue to the Military Accountant in reference to the Order of Government in the Public Department, No. 1454, dated 25th November 1868, and on this subject I shall merely remark that the Military Accountant and the Controller of Military Accounts have been in error in supposing that any mistake or any omission has been made by this Department with regard to this paper.

V. *Issues.*—The cost of issues to Public Offices during the year aggregates Rs. 2,64,958-15-0, against Rupees 3,60,463-9-7 in 1867-68. The particulars of issues are shown in statement appended, marked B. The unusually large cost in the latter year was explained in my last report.

VI. *Stowage Room.*—The want of stowage-room continues to be felt. It is not in proportion to the largely increased stock maintained in this Department for public requirements; but it is hoped that when the Grand Arsenal is removed to the Mount ample space will be available; meanwhile every possible precaution is taken to protect the paper from weather damage, and hitherto this has been carried out with complete success.

VII. *Rail Charges.*—The representation of this Department regarding the rates of Railway charges having trebled since December 1863, have been so far attended to that stationery is now carried at fourth, instead of fifth-class rates, by which a saving of about Rupees 2000 per annum has been effected.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd August 1869.

Collector of Madras, letter dated 4th September 1868.
Superintendent, Central Jail, Rajahmundry, letter dated 15th September 1868.
Adjutant General, letter dated 20th April 1869.
Superintendent, Gun-Powder Manufactory, letter dated 12th May 1869.

VIII. *Complaints.*—Several complaints have been received of the inferior quality of supplies from England from Departments as per margin. These may be summarized as follows:—

1. Blacklead pencils are stated to be of "very inferior quality, being very hard and making light but almost indelible marks." A sample of the blacklead pencils, procurable in the local bazaars at a quarter of an anna each, alluded to in the Madras Collector's letter, is herewith attached. The article is of better quality and cheaper than those supplied to this Department from England.

2. Penknives are stated by the Adjutant General to "approximate" more nearly to iron than "steel, and to be incapable of being sharpened."

3. Blotting-paper is complained of as "being more like paper used in copying presses." "A letter placed on it can be easily read on the reverse side." It is doubtless a thin inferior "article."

4. Foolscap machine-made paper stated to be of a spongy, and at the "same time of a brittle texture. In many respects unsuited to the climate." The slightest dampness of the hand indelibly stains it with a greasy mark. "It tears easily after being folded, and appears to be prepared with some chalky or other material which speedily clogs up the pens."

IX. *Quills and Steel-pens.*—A representation has already been made from this Department on the subject of quills and steel-pens, and it has been recommended that the option at present allowed to Departments by Proceedings of Government, No. 597, dated 23rd April 1860, of drawing either quills or steel-pens should cease, and that they should be ordered to adopt the allotment which prevails in Bengal, viz., four steel-pens and two quills monthly. For the current year Departments have indented for 946,931 quills, and 16,012 steel-pens. If good steel-pens of a moderate price are sent, I have no doubt that a saving will be effected. There was one argument in favour of this plan which I omitted before to urge. It is this; that natives are able to write in most of their own languages with quills, whilst steel-pens are useless for that purpose, and there is, therefore, not the same temptation for the adoption of the latter as the former for other than Government purposes.

X. *Taking Stock.*—The whole stock in the Stationery Department was taken in September last by Mr. Greenfield, and the result was very satisfactory, and proves the correctness with which the very numerous packages sent from this Department had been made up.

XI. *Cost of Establishment.*—The whole cost of the Stationery Office Establishment and superintendence for the past year is Rupees 7764-10-6. If from this are deducted the sums realized in the margin, the net cost will then be Rupees 4166-1-9, or only little more than one per cent. of the cost of the receipts and issues. This, in my humble opinion, proves the Department to be conducted with the most unusual economy. A considerable saving, however, to this department is, of course, caused by its goods being disembarked and complete guardianship being taken of them by the Grand Arsenal Establishment.

2. I cannot conclude this report without again bringing to notice the zealous and intelligent manner with which Mr. Clark, the Manager, performs all his various and responsible duties, and his watchful scrutiny in the matter of indents and receipts of purchased and other stores. I feel sure that to him Government is indebted for many of the savings that have been effected in the department, and I humbly agree with my predecessors in strongly recommending that an additional salary should be granted to him. The number of packages made up and despatched has increased nearly five times since the salary of his appointment was recommended by the Commissioners on Public Establishments to be fixed, in 1859, at Rupees 150 per mensem. I beg, at the same time, to bring again to notice that my own salary is, in my humble opinion, scarcely in proportion to the money

risk and general responsibility of my office ; but I attach much more importance to an increase in Mr. Clark's salary than to my own, and should Government not deem fit to make an addition to the salary attached to his office, I trust that a personal addition may be made to his pay.

P. S.—Since I drafted this report a portion of the supply of stationery for the current year has arrived in the *Mofussilite* and *Blackwall*, and the Power of Attorney alluded to in paragraph 2, head "Local Purchases," has been received.

R. C.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1869, No. 1079.

With the letter above recorded, the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines submits a report on the operations of the Stationery Depôt during the year 1868-69.

2. The value of the stock at the beginning of the year was Rupees 5,31,548-8-7; and the Depôt received supplies from England valued at Rupees 45,712-10-2, from local purchases at Rupees 79,747-8-0, and from other sources at Rupees 813-0-8, the total value of supplies being Rupees 1,26,303-2-10; deducting the money value of the issues, viz., Rupees 2,67,620-5-8, the net value of stock at the close of the year under review was Rupees 3,90,231-5-9.

3. The delay in the receipt from England of Medium and Demy-paper, due for 1868-69, necessitated, it is observed, the resort to the local market for a supply; but as the demand could only be partially met, application was made to Calcutta for the remainder. Owing, however, to delay in obtaining from this quarter the required supply, the deficiency was finally met from the large stock usually in reserve to provide for emergent demands.

4. With reference to the explanation given in Section 2 of the report in regard to the large difference between the value of the receipts in 1868-69, and that of the year 1867-68, it is understood that stationery supplies from England are expected to reach India by the November preceding the year for which they are required, to admit of their issue to Public Offices five months prior to the period for which they are due.

5. The attention of the Secretary of State for India will be drawn to paragraph 3 of Section 2, relative to the enhanced prices of the hand-made papers now received, compared with the cost at which they were supplied between 1856 and 1861, notwithstanding the fall, since then, in the prices of papers of this description.

6. It having been brought to the notice of Government that a very large supply of French-paper had been purchased in the local market in 1868, at prices beyond what it could have been obtained from France, the Inspector General was authorized, in November of that year, to place himself in direct communication with the manufacturers of the paper in Bordeaux, and ascertain from them the precise rates at which they would supply the paper for the use of this Government. The result, as appears from Section 3, has been the acceptance of Messrs.

	Per Ream.
1st sort, at Rupees.....	1 11 3
2nd " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 6 9

Arbuthnot and Co.'s tender in behalf of Glenison et fils to supply paper by contract for three years, at the rates specified in the margin.

7. The Government notice the large savings, viz., Rupees 2000 per annum, stated to be effected by the change recently ordered for the conveyance of stationery according to the fourth, instead of the fifth, class Railway rates.

8. The attention of the Secretary of State will be requested to the remarks contained in Section 8, regarding the very inferior quality of some of the stationery obtained from England. The blacklead pencils, for instance, procured from the local market, are, it appears from the sample submitted, of better quality and cheaper than those sent out by the Home Government.

9. The subject of Section 9 has, it is observed, been disposed of in the Proceedings of Government of the 13th instant, No. 949.

10. The Government are not prepared to reconsider their decision,* declining to recommend the grant of

increased salaries to the Superintendent of Stationery and the Manager of his Office.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines,
with two statements returned.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

No 112

From
The Superintendent of Stationery
To The ~~Inspector~~ General
of Ordnance & Magazines
Fort George.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
for submission to Government the
P. G. 28th Report of the operations of the Stationery
November 1861 Office for the Official year ending
No 1577 31st March 1869.

The value of Stock on hand
at the commencement of the year was
Rupees 5,315/18-8-7. The value of receipts
from all sources during the year aggregated
Rupees 126,303-2-10, while that of issue
Rupees 26,762-5-8. The value of stock
is thus reduced at the close of the year
as shown in statement appended (marked
A) to Rupees 39,023-5-9.

The value of stock remaining
in hand ~~therefore~~ has been considerably
reduced from that of last year. This is
owing to the delay in the receipt of
Articles included in my General Account

Reviewing the report on the operations of the
Stationery Dept. during 1868-69.

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1st Dec August 1861
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G. O. 304 August 1861 No 1079

THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE ARMY AND NAVAL STORES
G. O. 304 August 1861 No 1079

RECEIVED.

1st Dec August 1861

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The value of Receipts from ^{Receipts from} ~~England~~ ^{England} aggregates Rupees 45712-10-2 against Rupees 605947-8-3 for the year 1867/68. This large difference is accounted for by the ~~large~~ ^{small} receipt of the Annual supply and by the Supplemental demand mentioned in my last report in 1867/68 for 8000 Reams of Double Double.

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Patt Printing paper sheet.

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Royal-44 lbs	52	47	58	received between
Medium-36 lbs	40	36	42	the years 1856 and
Demy-24 lbs	27	24	29	1861 and January
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III Local Purchases The local purchases of County Articles and French paper aggregates in value Rupees 79747-8-3 against Rupees 104678-4-7 for 1867/68. This difference is occasioned by a delay till after the expiration of the past Official year in purchasing certain French paper, the result of reference to

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The Watermarked papers for Privilege Remittances and Service Remittances alluded to in my last report, have since been expended by issue to the Military Accountant in reference

1st Sorlat 100/11-3
2^d Sorlat 1-69.

IV Water marked Paper

reference to the order of Government in the Public Department No. 1154 dated 25th November 1868 and on this subject I shall merely remark that the Military Accountant and the Controller of Military Accounts have been in error in supposing that any mistake or any omission has been made by this Department with regard to this paper.

V Issues.

The cost of issues to public Offices during the year aggregated Rupees 261,958-15- against Rupees 260,463-9- in 1867-8. The particulars of issues are shown in statement appended marked B. The unusually large cost in the latter year was explained in my last report.

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The want of storage room continues to be felt. It is not in proportion to the largely increased stock maintained in this Department for public magazines but it is hoped that when the Carpenters' Arsenal is removed to the new Magazine ample space will be available, and every effort will be made to protect the papers from fire and theft and hitherto this has been carried out completely successful.

VII Rail charges

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14th September 1868
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Adjutant General letter dated
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IX Quills & Steel Pens.

Representation has already been made from this Department on the subject of Quills and steel pens and it has been recommended that the option at present allowed to Departments by proceeding of Government No. 23 of April 1860 of drawing either Quills or Steel pens should cease and that they should be ordered to adopt ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~different~~ ^{different} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~prevails~~ ^{prevails} in Bengal viz. to Steel pens and 2 Quills monthly. For the current year Departments have indentured for 9,46,931 Quills and 160,179 Steel

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The whole stock in the Stationery Department was taken in September last by Mr. Greenfield and the result was very satisfactory and proves the correctness with which the very numerous packages sent from this Department had been made up.

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From this are Commission realized on sale Indents 814-5-7
deducted the Sale of Waste paper Printing materials 8-3043-8-6
sums realized Contractors Deposits forfeited 236-
in the margin Gain by sale of India Office sheets 2314-10-8
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I have the honor to be

Yours Most Obedient Servant

Bladell Colwell

Superintendent of State

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25-1-69.

Fort George
Stationery Office
24 June 1869

P.S. I have drafted this report
a portion of the supply of stationery for the
current year arrived in the "Hesperides"
and "Blackwell" and the price of
stationery attached to the same. I should
not have been able to see it.

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Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE:

Fort Saint George,

30th June 1869.

No. 94.

Colonel A. V. Cadell

Chief Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

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2.— This report is in itself so complete and exhaustive, that I have preferred to submit it, in its integrity, rather than to embody it in a report from myself.

3.— I have however to observe, that I quite concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent in favor of the manager of the Stationery Office, Mr. James Charles, and should Government be placed to comply with that recommendation, the services of a zealous and deserving public servant will not, in my opinion, be more than adequately rewarded.

Delivered by the Chief Secretary
August 1869 No. 94

No.
From

The Department of State

To the Inspector General

of Ordnance and Magazines

at Fort St. George

Dated 24th June 1869

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Enclosure 2

Sample Enclosure 1.

Reports of the

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year 1868/69.

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I have the honor to be,

Your most Obedient Servant,

W. G. Lindell Colonel
Acting Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Acting Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines.
(Here enter 30th June/69 No 94.)

Order thereon 3rd Augst 1869 No 1079

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above recorded the Acting
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Sub. No. 6897 31st Dec
August 1869 No 28.

With the 1869 No 11
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of the Acting Inspector General
of Ordnance and Magazines
to the Secretary
to Government.

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Order 31 June 1869.
Received 1 July

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Per annum
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2nd lot. " " 1. 6. 9

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The black lead pencils
for

for instance, procured
from the local market,
are, it appears from
the sample submitted,
of better quality and
cheaper than those
sent out by the Home
Government.

9. The subject of
Section 9 has, it is
observed, been disposed
of in the Proceedings
of Government of the
13th Instant No 949.

10. The Government ^{Min. Sec.} ~~decline~~
^{proposed} to reconsider their decision,
declining to recommend the
grant of increased salaries
to the Superintendent of Sta-
tionery and the manager of
his office.

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