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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
10th December 1869.

No. 43. 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, 1st December 1869, No. 266-G.

[Ordnance Department.]

I have the honour, herewith, to forward, for submission to Government, a copy of a report* from the Superintendent of the Stationery Department, affording the information called for in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of its Order, No. 1467, dated 27th October 1869.

* Letter, dated 19th November 1869, No. 459.

2. Considering the extensive operations of the Stationery Office, the explanation afforded appears to me to be very full and satisfactory, and I trust it may be thus viewed by Government.

3. With regard to the 5th paragraph of the Order of Government above referred to, I beg to state that I concur with the Superintendent of Stationery in considering that a casemate, if such was available, would not, from the want of ventilation, and the chances of damp, be such a good place for the storage of the stationery, for which there is no cover, as where it now is in the Arsenal yards, protected with tarpaulins.

4. I request that an expression of the wishes of Government as solicited by the Superintendent of Stationery in the 5th paragraph of his report may be given, as to whether he is required to open his business books, and expose the financial operations of his Department, to the scrutiny of Mr. Greenfield, or whoever may be deputed like him, to take stock of the Stationery Office.

5. The accounts of the Stationery Department pass through, and are checked in this office, and I do not suppose it can be the intention of Government that, beyond having access to the Ledgers showing the receipts, issues, and remains of stock, any further scrutiny of the Stationery Office books should be entered into by the Examiner of Stock, or be permitted.

From the Superintendent of Stationery, Fort Saint George, to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 19th November 1869, No. 459.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 4102, of the 6th instant, forwarding for my observations Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 1467, of the 27th ultimo.

2. With reference to the 1st paragraph of this Order, I beg to attach explanation of the cause of deficiency and surplus.

3. With regard to the 2nd paragraph, I beg to observe that the Order of Government, No. 1483, of the 27th November 1867, was promptly obeyed by this Department, and an offer of the Royal-paper was duly made to the Governments of Bengal and Bombay. Five hundred reams were issued to the former, but the latter declined to receive any. Inquiries were also made for its disposal in the local market, and it was fully ascertained that there was no demand, and that if it was forced into the market, a heavy loss would be sustained. It was consequently considered expedient to keep the remains for the present in case of any public demand arising, and not to indent on England for any more of it till there was an immediate prospect of the stock being exhausted. A demand for the public service has since arisen for it, and I have received estimates for 1000 reams for

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the Registrar-General of Assurances for the ensuing two years. There is, therefore, every probability of the course which I have adopted being economical and beneficial to Government, and I trust it may be approved of.

4. The 3rd paragraph of the order refers to certain Prayer Books which Mr. T. E. Greenfield reports to be in a very bad state. I beg to differ in opinion from Mr. Greenfield. The books are in excellent order, with the exception of the outside of their covers being sticky and apt to adhere to any substance with which they may be brought in contact. No similar supply was ever received from England, these being first sanctioned by Government in August 1864, and there being an ample supply, I do not anticipate having to indent for more for some years. The packets containing these Prayer Books were carefully examined on receipt as is every article received on the books of this Department. If this course was not invariably and rigidly adhered to, it would be impossible in a Department which receives such an enormous quantity of goods in bulk, and issues them in detail, to show such a satisfactory balance after a strict scrutiny at the close of a year's transactions. I am asked whether the Prayer Books were separated from each other so as to prevent their sustaining any injury. Such separation was necessary in counting them at first, and at subsequent periods, but it is only within the last year that a chemical action has operated on the varnish of the covers which has caused them to become sticky. This is frequently observed with many other articles of a similar nature after being kept for some years in a tropical climate. No complaint, however, has been made regarding any of the Prayer Books issued, and I have reason to believe that the varnish of the covers hardens again on being exposed to constant open air and use. Every possible care will be taken with these books; but it is impossible to keep the covers in every part from touching something, and if the books were left continually outside of any press and open they would soon become injured by the climate.

5. With regard to the 4th paragraph of the order, I would respectfully solicit an expression of the wishes of Government as to whether I am bound to open all my business books and expose the financial operations of the Department under my charge to the criticism, favourable or unfavourable, of Mr. T. E. Greenfield. Hitherto every information on every subject has been fully given to him, although I consider that his duty was simply to see whether or not the actual stock in hand corresponded or not with the remains after my accounts had been duly submitted to official audit. Should Government wish it, I can have no personal objection to the operations of the Department being in every way scrutinized by Mr. T. E. Greenfield or any one else; but at the same time, I beg to observe that considerable valuable time may thus be lost, and hasty conclusions be come to by one who has not had an opportunity thoroughly to study the subject.

6. With regard to the 5th paragraph of the order, I beg to observe that I am not aware of any casemate in the Fort, which could be made available for storing paper, and in fact, as far as the preservation of the stationery itself is concerned, it is less likely to be injured in the open yard of the Arsenal, where it now is, than in a casemate where there would be certainly more or less dampness, and little or no circulation of air. The principal objection, in my humble opinion, to the manner in which a portion of the paper now stored prior to issue is not the risk it runs from damage of the weather so much as the cost which is necessarily incurred in providing serviceable tarpaulins to protect it from rain and sun. Stowage space under the Arsenal roof is not now available for the whole Stationery stock, because that stock, with the responsibilities attached to it, has increased twentyfold since the stationery was appended to the Arsenal.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1869, No. 1690.

The Government consider the explanation furnished by the Superintendent of Stationery in his letter to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines to be satisfactory.

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2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the letter above recorded, the Government observe that the suggestions made by Mr. Greenfield arose naturally from the taking of stock.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 459.

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Fort St. George.

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To

THE ACTG. INSPECTION-GENL. OF ORDNANCE
AND MAGAZINES

Dated December, 10th.

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G. O. 10th December 1869. No. 1090.

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Considering the explanation furnished by the Superintendent of Stationery on certain points in connection with the examination of the Stock in the Stationery Report on 1st September 1869, to be satisfactory.

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 in providing an ample quantity to protect
 it from rust and loss. It was found under the
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 of the Stationery Office that it has increased largely since
 the Stationery Office was approached to the Bureau.

Stationery Office }
 Fort St. George }
 19th Decr 1859 }

From the Hon. Secy to the
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 Superintendent of Stationery

(True Copy)

Mr. P. C. C. C. C.
 of the Stationery Office

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Statement of Surplus and Deficient Stores in the Stationery Depot on the 1st September 1869.

Articles	Surplus Deficient						Remarks
	Wrens	Quills	Sheets	Wrens	Quills	Sheets	
1. Antiquarian —————	"	"	6	"	"	"	Full Wrens are issued in bulk as received from England but when ordered for issues in detail over two sheets are usually found surplus in each Wren.
26A. Pen & Ink 17 lbs —————	"	20	"	"	"	"	One Bais uton opened was found to contain 25 Wrens instead of 22 marked on the outside.
63B. Pen & Ink Quills for Schools —————	"	"	"	1	"	"	These Pens are received from England in bottles each containing 25 quills. Their examination etc. Packet was found not to contain 25 quills but 24 and when opened contained 24 instead of 25 quills.
66. Quills Case —————	"	"	"	466	"	"	Sent for sale by Auction
95. Pen & Ink —————	"	"	"	1	"	"	One broken when unpacking job received in "10 of 100"
104. Pen & Ink long Quills —————	9½	"	"	"	"	"	In each piece there is usually a surplus from 2 to 1 yard from the upper corner
Bibles and Prayer Books							
82. Bibles pocket 24 Mo. with Clasp No. —————	4	"	"	"	"	"	4 "Prayer Books pocket 24 Mo. with Clasp" were issued upon the order on
92. Prayer Books pocket 24 Mo. with Clasp —————	"	"	"	4	"	"	received Bibles pocket 24 Mo. with Clasp.

Red St George
Stationery Office
14. 1. 1869.

(True Copy)
W. G. Lusk & Co.
Ag. Supr. Genl. of M. & P. Hall & Co.

(Signed) R. Cuthbert Lusk
Superintendent of Stationery

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 From No. 10 Dec 1869.
 The Adj. Inspector General
 of Ordnance & Ammunition
 The Chief Secretary to Government
 Public Department
 Fort St. George

Dated 1st Dec 1869.
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Forwards copy of a Report
 from the Superintendent of
 Stationery affording certain
 information called for.

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From 10th Dec 1869
 To 10th Dec 1869

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Dy. Supt. Genl. of Ordnance & Magazines, He writes 1st Decr/69 No 266.

Order thereon No 1690. 10 Decr/69.

The Government considers the explanation furnished by the Superintendent of Stationery in his letter to the Inspector General of Ordnance, and Magazines, to be satisfactory, ~~and recommends that~~ ~~no further action be taken~~ ~~by the~~ ~~Inspector General of~~ ~~Ordnance and Magazines,~~ in para. 5 of the letter above recorded.

A.A.

With reference to para 5 of the letter above recorded, the Govt observe that the suggestions made by Mr. Greenfield arose naturally from the taking of stock.

M.L.

To

The Dy. Supt. Genl. of Ordnance

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The 23. Aug. 1869. }
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Concerning the explanation
submitted by the report of
the Commission on certain points
in connection with the
Bureau of the State in
the Commission report on 1869
Sept. 1869, as the Commission.