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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
28th June 1869.*

No. 158. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 23rd June 1869, No. 89.

Budget and Resource Department.

I have the honour to forward, for the orders of Government, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stationery, No. 111, dated the 13th ultimo, applying for the restoration of the sum of Rupees 16,000 retrenched by the Government of India from the budget grant for his department for the current year. At this early period of the year I am unable to point to any other grant from the savings of which this large expenditure can be met, and I would, therefore, beg to suggest that the Superintendent of Stationery be requested to wait till November to see how the present grant works, when, if necessary, the Government of India may be moved to sanction the additional grant in the absence of savings under some other head.

2. As observed by the Superintendent of Stationery in the concluding part of his letter there is apparently some error in the actuals on account of contingencies in 1866-67 and 1867-68 as set down by the Government of India.

From the Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Accountant General, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 13th May 1869, No. 111.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter* annexing extract from the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, relative to a reduction of Rupees 16,000 from the budget estimate of this office for the current

official year 1869-70, and in reply to state that it will be absolutely necessary for the sums included in my estimate to be provided in full for the requirements of the public service, more so that there was a saving of more than 13,000 Rupees in last year's estimate for local purchases on account of the delay in the purchase of French paper pending the receipt of replies to references to Bordeaux at the instance of Government to obtain this article by contract for three years, and which article I was obliged to purchase in April only from the present contractors Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.

2. The increased charges since 1864 is not owing, as the Government of India suppose, to the purchase locally of Europe stationery articles, but rather to a change† of system in showing the whole charges on this account in the estimate of this office only instead of as heretofore separately in the several public departments.

3. Europe stationery articles, as a rule, are never purchased locally except in cases of urgent and immediate requirements, and also, as in the present instance, when there is delay in the receipt of stationery stores from England, the articles included in my general indent‡ not having as yet been received.

4. The increase may also be properly accounted for to supplies being made from this office to the following departments some of them organized since 1864, and others for which stationery articles are non-issued instead of money grants heretofore given to the increased rail charges sanctioned by Government, the necessity of providing funds to meet the Master Attendant's charges for conveying stationery goods by the pier, and the purchase locally of black-ink powder as sanctioned by Government instead of obtaining it as heretofore from England.

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28th June 1869.

1. Arsenals, Magazines, and Ordnance Manufacturing Establishments.
2. Police and Jail Hospitals and Civil Dispensaries.
3. Military Hospitals.
4. Medical Storekeepers at out-stations.
5. Vaccine Department.
6. Forest Conservancy Department.
7. Barrack Master's Department.
8. Mofussil Police District Superintendents, &c.
9. Accountants General at Bangalore and Hyderabad.
10. Paper Currency Offices.
11. Money Order Offices.
12. Inam Commissioner.
13. Sanitary Commissioner.
14. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
15. General Superintendent Public Works Stores and Workshops.
16. Inspector General of Jails and Mofussil Jails.
17. District Moonsiffs.
18. Registrar General of Assurances and District Registrar, Madras.
19. Government Pleader.
20. Curator Government Book Depôt.
21. Geological Survey.
22. Government Quinologist.

5. In conclusion I beg to point out there is evidently some error in the actuals shown by the Government of India instead of Rupees 80 and 300 being the contingent expenses of this office in 1866-67 and 1867-68, respectively. The cost for rail charges, cooly and cart hire only for these years amount to Rupees 5548 and 7732, respectively.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1869, No. 875.

The Superintendent of Stationery will act on the suggestion of the Accountant General contained in paragraph 1 of his letter.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
,, Accountant General.

Oct. 15th 1891.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, OF
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G. O., 28th June 1869, No. 875.

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Nos. 158-159.

Directing the Superintendent of Stationery to act on the suggestion of the Accountant General for meeting the sum retrenched by the Government of India from the Stationery Budget of 1869-70.

Public Department
From the Assistant Quarter
Master General
of the Ordnance
at the Ordnance
Office
Dated 23rd June 1869
Read 24th June 1869
Enclosure One
No. 89.

Forwards copy of a
letter from the Asst. Q. M. G.
of the Ordnance to the
Secretary of the Treasury
16000 Rupees available
by the Govt of India
in the current year
Budget and states
his inability to find
savings from any
source to meet the
same till a later
period. With an order

No 89 of 20 June 1869.

The Superintendent of the Ordnance
Office
and General, confidential in form.

The Asst. Q. M. G. of the Ordnance
Office
Dated 23rd June 1869