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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1277.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1032, dated 14th June 1870, and to express the acknowledgments of the Government of Madras for the readiness with which the Supreme Government has arranged for the adjustment of the excess expenditure on Stationery and Printing in this Presidency in 1869-70.

2. I am to state that orders were long ago issued, prohibiting public Officers from giving out printing work to private presses; and the Government are not aware that this is now done in any office, except the High Court, where the existing arrangements, which are convenient and economical, have been allowed to continue. From the beginning of next official year, the system described in the Order of the Government of India, noted in the margin, will be introduced as regards printing work executed for public offices in the Government Press, and this Government anticipates that the check which the system will impose upon extravagant demands, by requiring Budget provision to be made and not exceeded, will be productive of the best results. It is impracticable to introduce the system during the current year, as Heads of Offices have not made the necessary provision in their Budgets.

Notification of the Government of
 India, Financial Department, dated
 7th June 1870, No. 1035.

3. With regard to the circulation of translations of the Acts with the *Fort Saint George* and *District Gazettes*, and the consumption of stationery for those periodicals, the statistics required will be forwarded to the Government of India in the Home Department. The subject had engaged the attention of this Government, as will appear from the marginally-noted Proceedings, G. O., 25th January 1870, No. 99. " 13th May " " 607. copies of which are forwarded herewith. Under the system now in force, the Acts in the vernaculars are printed at the Presidency, where there are machine presses, in which the large number of copies required can most economically be struck off, and then forwarded to the districts. The Government strongly deprecate any change in the present system, and consider that beyond securing that no more copies than are really required are printed, and that these are printed as economically as possible, no alteration should be made.

* G. O., 19th February 1870, No. 207.
 " 16th February " " 185.
 " 4th March " " 267.
 " 9th April " " 417.
 " 31st May " " 683.

4. I am instructed to submit further Orders* of this Government, showing that every endeavour has been made to reduce the public charges on account of Stationery and Printing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

12th October 1870.

Exd. J. Wright.

Chief Secretary.

1870.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Financial Department.

Dated 12th Oct. 1870.

Recd.

No. 1277.

Enclosure.

Affording explanation regarding the excess
expenditure on Stationery and Printing in this
Presidency for 1869-70.

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No. 1032.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
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To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIMLA, THE 14 JUNE 1870.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 78 and 118, dated 16th February and 8th March 1870, and in reply to observe as follows.

2. In the first of the letters it is reported that the expenditure for Stationery and Printing for 1869-70 was likely to exceed the Budget Grant by Rs. 105,260; and in order to meet this partially, transfers to the amount of Rs. 45,200 are proposed from the grants for Marine, and for allowances and assignments under treaties and engagements, and an additional grant of Rs. 11,000 is requested. The aggregate of these being only Rs. 56,200, is intended to postpone adjustment of the difference to the amount, really, of Rs. 49,060, but of only Rs. 21,469, as supposed by the Governor of Madras in paragraph 2 of their Order No. 284, dated 8th March 1870.

3. According, however, to the Regular Estimate for 1869-70, the expenditure for Stationery and Printing is not likely to exceed Rs. 4,30,000; or a sum greater by Rs. 88,300 than the grant for 1869-70. Instead of postponing adjustments to 1870-71, the Governor General in Council authorises the adjustment of actual expenditure of 1869-70 in the accounts of that year. The transfers of grant which are proposed in your letter thus become unnecessary, and I am to express a hope that the actual expenditure in 1870-71 will be kept short of the Budget Grant by the amount of expenditure of 1869-70, which, but for this order, would have been charged to that grant.

4. Mindful of the earnest and effectual endeavours of the Madras Government to meet the financial pressure of the past and present years, by reducing expenditure under other heads, and by improving the revenue, the Governor General in Council responds thus readily to the wish of His Excellency the Governor in Council for the adjustment of the expenditure in excess of grant, under Stationery and Printing; but I am to point out that, whereas the gross sum retrenched in this Department from the Local Estimate for 1869-70 was Rs. 40,000, the excess of expenditure over the Budget Grant is Rs. 88,300, or Rs. 48,300 more than the Local Estimate.

5. In the second of the letters now acknowledged, this is explained partly by the large increase of the expenditure for Stationery in 1869-70 over the previous year, and partly by the growth of Printing charges, including more particularly certain extravagant expenditure by the Government Translators.

6. His Excellency the Governor in Council has taken the steps which seemed necessary to reduce the expenditure under both heads; but I am to invite attention to a seeming defect of system under which Officers in the subordinate position of the Telugu, Tamil, Persian and Hindoostanee Translators were able to exceed their Budget Grants by Rs. 30,000, through the giving out work to private Vernacular Presses. Though they have been restrained from similar proceedings, yet, if there be a defect in system, instances of similar disregard of Budget Grants may be repeated by other Officers.

7. It is observed that the extravagant charge for the work given out by the Government Translators to Vernacular Presses, occurred in the printing of 29,000 copies of Act VIII. of 1869 in Tamil, and 22,500 copies in Telugu, chiefly for distribution with the Fort St. George and District Gazettes. I am to request that you will be good enough, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to favor this Government with particulars of the circulation of the Fort St. George and District Gazettes, and of annexures to them, such as the Act VIII. of 1869, also of the annual consumption of Stationery for that circulation. These particulars may be submitted to this Government in the Home Department, for comparison with corresponding statistics from the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

John W. W. W.
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COPY forwarded to the Home Department, and to the Accountant General, Madras.

The Board has been asked to forward a statement showing the consumption of Stationery for the District Gazettes.

G.O. 25 Jan 1870 No 99.

" 13 Aug 1870 No 607.

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For Lt. Col. Genl.
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Pub. No 24 May 1870 — 116-117
 — 31 May 1870 — 121-122
 — 13 — 67-68
 — 9 April — 56-58
 — 8 March — 45-46
 — 4 — 30-31
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 — 16 — 62-63
 — 3 — 23-24
 — 24 Jan — 102-103-100-101
 — 25 — 110-111
 — 11 Dec 1869 — 46-47
 — 16 Aug — 110-112
 — 11 June — 55-56
 — 18 May — 106-107
 — 8 March 70 — 13
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 — 11 Dec 1869 — 33-34
 — 12 October — 30-31
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 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
 FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

To
 THE CHIEF SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF
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Dated Simla, 14 June 1870.

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To The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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