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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	12-10-19	1870

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
12th October 1870.

No. 70. Read the following Report from W. DONALD, Esq., Auditor of the Government Press Accounts for the year 1869-70, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th September 1870:—

I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, the following report of the audit of the accounts of the Government Press for the official year 1869-70, which I conducted in virtue of my appointment in Proceedings of Government, dated 29th June 1870, No. 818, Public Department.

2. I carefully checked every entry in the Cash Book with the vouchers, and the posting thereof, and of the Day Book entries into the Ledger, and found every thing in order with the following exception, viz., the record in the Cash Book of the receipt and disbursement of money on account of the salaries of the establishment. The Cash-keeper, in place of entering, as he should have done, the exact sums received from the Examiner of Claims in payment of the nett amount of the Salary Bills, has shewn, as receipts, these several sums, *plus* the Income-tax which was deducted from the various members of the establishment, and to square the account he has entered, as payments, the amount of the Acquittance Rolls, *plus* the tax. The effect of this is that the Cash Book is not a record of actual cash transactions, for he neither received nor paid the sums he has entered.

3. The revenue of the press during 1869-70 was less by Rupees 558-0-3 than that of 1868-69. It was derived from the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Subscriptions to Gazette	1,755	0	0
Do. do. in advance	1,713	0	0
	3,468	0	0
Do. for Acts, &c.	13	8	0
Do. „ General Orders, &c.	26	4	0
	3,507	12	0
Sales of Acts... ..	2,388	2	8
Do. Gazettes, &c.	82	6	3
Do. Stores	17	8	9
Do. old Metal	611	14	0
	3,099	15	8
Advertisements... ..	1,702	14	0
Postage... ..	514	2	0
Do. in advance	631	15	9
	1,146	1	9
Job printing... ..	9	10	0
„ binding	1	4	0
	10	14	0
Extraordinary receipts	19	10	7
Total...	9,487	4	0

which was disposed of as under:—

Remitted to Madras Bank... ..	8,227	2	5
Expended in postages... ..	1,008	0	6

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Refunds to Subscribers—	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
B. Vencata Row, postage ...	...	...	...	1	5	6						
Mr. Ansell, subscription ...	9	0	0									
Do. postage...	3	4	0									
				12	4	0						
							13	9	6			
Payments to Compositors, not attached to the Press, for setting up Canarese and Malayalam papers ...				4	5	7						
Balance carried forward to 1870-71 ...				234	2	0						
As above...							9,487	4	0			

The above figures are exclusive of the balance of cash with which the year opened, viz., Rupees 112-12-9. This sum was in due course sent to the Bank as usual, so that the remittances to the Madras Bank aggregated Rupees 8,339-15-2, as shown in Appendix B.

4. The expenses connected with the press amounted to Rupees 1,63,416-3-3, as under :—

Salaries, less Income-tax—	RS.	A.	P.
Of permanent Establishment, including Superintendent's			
Horse Allowance ...	60,670	11	11
„ piece-work Establishment...	62,704	5	0
	1,23,375	0	11
Contingencies...	2,162	0	10
Bills to private presses for printing ...	9,483	6	0
Purchase of Plant ...	20,313	8	6
Do. Stores ...	8,037	3	0
Gratuity...	45	0	0
	1,63,416	3	3

received from Government upon duly audited bills.

5. The number of issues of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* to private individuals in the course of the year was as follows :—

During the quarter ended 30th June 1869 ...	286
Do. 30th Sept. „ ...	276
Do. 31st Dec. „ ...	273
Do. 31st March 1870 ...	294
	1,129

And the following statement shews that these have all been paid for :—

	RS.
1129 multiplied by Rupees 3 (the price of the <i>Gazette</i> per quarter) gives...	3,387
Add balance of Subscribers' account as on 31st March 1869 ...	750
	4,137
Deduct subscriptions received during 1869-70...	3,468
Less refund of subscription to Mr. Ansell...	9
	3,459
Remainder...	678

the balance of subscribers' account upon 31st March 1870, as shewn in balance sheet appended to this report.

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6. A sum of Rupees 20,313-8-6 was expended in the purchase of plant, and the additions to former stock consisted of one printing machine, complete, one iron lever press, and five super-royal Columbian presses, besides types and other materials.

7. Rupees 611-14-0 were received as proceeds of the sale of worn-out types, leads, &c.; but of this sum, Rupees 555 were written off from "plant" account, prior to 31st March 1869, as value of materials sold in 1868-69.

8. Stock of plant was taken in November and December 1869, and, in accordance with the Order of Government, dated 4th April 1870, No. 382, Public Department, the value thereof, on 31st March 1870, is entered in the balance sheet as Rupees 1,39,679.

	RS.	A.	P.
On 31st March 1869, the value of plant, as per			
Ledger, stood at ...	1,64,424	9	4
Add cost of purchases ...	20,313	8	6
	1,84,738	1	10

DEDUCT—

Value of worn-out materials sold in 1869-70.....	56	14	0
Amount written off on account of depreciation.....	45,002	3	10
	45,059	1	10
Total...	1,39,679	0	0

9. The amount expended on the purchase of stores (entirely for the use of the press) during the past year was Rupees 8,037-3-0. The value of stores received from the Stationery Department was Rupees 21,801-15-3, and of those sold, and expended for public offices, was Rupees 31,080-6-2.

10. Under the sanction accorded in Government Order, dated 1st September 1869, No. 1230, Public Department, the sum of Rupees 24-6-0, referred to in paragraph 8 of the Auditor's report on the accounts of 1868-69, was written off the books during last year.

11. It is with pleasure that I again record my opinion of the ability of T. Murugésa Moodelliar, the Accountant of the Press, and express my obligations to him for his intelligent help in the audit now concluded.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1870, No. 1279.

The Governor in Council considers the report of the audit of the Government Press accounts to be satisfactory, and is pleased to sanction the payment of the sum of Rupees (300) three hundred to Mr. W. Donald for the audit.

2. The attention of the Supervisor of the Government Press will be drawn to the remarks of the Auditor in paragraph 2 of his report.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Supervisor of the Government Press.
„ Accountant-General.
Ed. J. Wright.

Madras 12th September 1870.
 From W. Donald Esq
 Auditor of the Government Press Accounts
 for the year 1869-70
 To The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George
 Public Department

I have the honor to submit, for the information
 of His Excellency The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the
 following report of the Audit of the accounts of the Government
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 Book with the Vouchers, and the footing thereof, and of the
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 order with the following exception; viz the record in the
 Cash Book of the receipt and disbursement of money on
 account of the salaries of the Establishment. The
 Cash keeper, in place of entering, as he should have done,
 the exact sums received from the Examiners of Blanks in
 payment of the ~~net~~ amount of the salary Bills, has shown
 as Receipts, these several sums plus the Income Tax which
 was deducted from the pay of the various members of
 the Establishment, and to square the account he entered,
 as payments, the amount of the Acquittance Rolls plus
 the Tax. - The effect of this is that the Cash Book is

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PUBLIC.

THE SUPERVISOR OF THE

GOVERNMENT PRESS.

By Order of the

Dated October 12th.

Read.

G. O., 12th October 1870, No. 1279.

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Nos. 70-71.

Passing orders on the Report of the audit of the
 Government Press Accounts for 1869-70, and sanc-
 tioning the payment of Rupees 300 to Mr. Donald,
 for the audit.

not a record of actual cash transactions, for he neither received nor paid the sums he has entered.

3. The Revenue of the Press during 1869-70 was less by Rs 558-11-3 than that of 1868-9. It was derived from the following items—

Subscriptions to Gazette	Rs 4755 . .
Do in advance	1713 . .
Do for Acts &c	Rs 3468 . .
Do General Orders &c	13 8 .
	26 4 .
	Rs 3507 12 .

Sales of Acts	Rs 2388 28
Do Gazettes &c	82 63
Do Stores	17 89
Do Old metal	611 14

Advertisements	3099 15 8
Postages in advance	1702 14

Job printing	Rs 631 15 9
binding	1116 19
	1 4

Extraordinary receipts	10 14
	19 10 7

Total Rs 9487 4

which was disposed of as under—

Remitted to Madras Bank	Rs 8339 15 2
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Expended in Postages	1008 6
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Refunded to Subscribers	
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R. Venkata Rao - Postages	Rs 150 6
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M. Ansell - Subscription Postage	69
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Payments to Compositors not attached to the press for setting up Canarese and Malayalam papers	1396
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Balance carried forward to 1870-1	457
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	234 3
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As above	9487 4
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The above figures are exclusive of the balance of cash with which the year opened vizt Rs 112-12-9. This sum was in due course sent to the Bank as usual, so that the remittances to the Madras Bank aggregated Rs 8339-15-2 as shown in Appendix B.

14. The expenses connected with the Press amounted to Rs 163,416-3, comprised—

Salaries, less Income Tax	
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Permanent Establishment, including Superintendent's	
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Assistant's Horse Allowance	Rs 6067 11 11
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Press work Establishment	62744 5
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	Rs 123,575 7 11
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Contingencies	2162 10
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Bills to private presses for printing	9403 6
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Purchase of plant	20,213 8 6
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Do Stores	8,037 3 1
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Gratuity	45
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	Total Rs 163,416 3 3
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Received from Government upon duly audited bills

5. The number of issues of the Fort Saint

George Press to private individuals in the course of the

year was as follows

During the quarter ended 30 June 1869	286
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Do 30 Sept.	276
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Do 31 Dec.	273
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Do 31 March 1870	294
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	1129
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and the following statement shows that these have all been

paid for

1129 multiplied by Rs 3 (the price of the Gazette for quarterly issues)	Rs 3387
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Add Balance of Subscribers' A/c as on 31 March 1869	750
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	Rs 4137
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Deduct Subscriptions received during 1869-70	Rs 3468
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Less Refund of Subscription to M. Ansell	9
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	2459
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	Remainder Rs 678
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the balance of Subscribers' Account upon 31st March 1870

as shown in Balance Sheet appended to this

Report.

6. ... of Rs 20,313.8.6 was expended in the purchase of plant, and the additions to former stock consisted of one printing ^{machine} complete, an iron lever press, and five Super Royal Columbian presses, besides types and other materials.

Rs 11.14 were received as proceeds of the sale of worn out types, leads &c; but of this sum Rs 555 were written off from plant A/c prior to 31 March 1869, as value of materials sold in 1868-9.

8. Stock of plant was taken in November and December 1869, and, in accordance with the Order of Government dated 4th April 1870 No 382 Public Department, the value thereof on 31st March 1870, is entered in the Balance Sheet as Rs 1,39,679. On 30th March 1869 the value of plant as per Ledger stood

at	
Add Cost of purchases	Rs 1,34,738 1 10
Deduct	
Value of worn out materials sold in 1869-70	Rs 56 14
Amount written off on account of depreciation	Rs 45,002 3 10
	Rs 1,39,679

9. The amount expended on the purchase of Stores (entirely for the use of the press) during the past year was Rs 8,037.3. The value of Stores received from the Stationery Department was Rs 21,801.15.3, and of those sold, and expended for public offices, was Rs 31,080.6.2.

10. Under the sanction accorded in Government Order dated 1st September 1869 No 1230, Public Department, the sum of Rs 24.6. referred to in

in para 8. of the Auditor's report on the Accounts of 1868-9 was written off the books during last year.

11. It is with pleasure that I again record my opinion of the ability of T. Murugesu Moodelliar, the Accountant of the press, and express my obligations to him for his intelligent help in the Audit now concluded.

I have the honor to be

Sr
Your most obedient servant
[Signature]
Auditor of the Accounts of the Government press for 1869-70.

Balance Sheet for the Year ending 31st March 1870.

	Dr	Cr		Dr	Cr
	Page	Amount		Page	Amount
Plant	185	139,679	Postage	210	532 46
Stores	187	24,611 02	Government of Port		
Subscribers	196	675	St. George	217	1,65,387 12
Administrator General	222	49	Agent Tellanage		
Secretary and Treasurer			Madras Railway	225	3 8
Bank of Madras	224	19	Messrs Archibald & Co	233	12
Messrs. H. & Co	257	165 2	Messrs. P. & Co	235	2
Messrs. P. Arulamparan	252	575 10	Messrs. P. Arulamparan	243	37 12
The Dy Collector of Trimmally		64	Messrs. S. C. Clarke	271	6 12
The Commissioner of Police	272	9	Messrs. Parry & Co	278	5
Cash	276	234 2	Messrs. Shaw & Mearns	281	9
The Dy Collector of Kistna	283	6	Agent P. & Co. S. T. Co.		25
The Collector of District Malabar		93 12	Messrs. P. Arulamparan		7
T. Perumal Nayakar	284	6 12	G. P. Johnstone & Co	282	7
Mr. F. H. Stevenson		5 10	T. Kurvarajapoo Karim		4 1
Manavala Mudali	285	3			
Messrs. R. P. Carr & Co	298	1 12			
C. Waters & Co		3 6			
Messrs. C. & Co	295	1 6			

Total Paid 1,66,058 4 2

Total Received 1,66,058 4 2

For St. George
Government Press
1st April 1870
J. M.

M. J. J. J.
Superintendent, Govt. Press
Examined & found correct
M. J. J. J.
Auditor

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Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Auditor of the Government
Press Accounts for 1869-70, dated
12th September 1870,

Order thereon 12th Oct 1870.

The Governor in Council
considers the report of the
audit of the Government
Press Accounts to be satis-
-factory, and is pleased to
sanction the payment of the
sum of Rupees ^{three hundred} 300/- to Mr.
W. Donald for the audit.

2. The attention of the
Supervisor of the Government
Press will be drawn to the
remarks of the Auditor in
paragraph 2 of his report.

To The Supervisor of the Government Press }
Accountant General. }
W. Donald Esq - 24/10

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The Auditor of the Govt
Press Accounts for 1869-70
to the Chief Secretary & the Govt
of Madras

Recd 12
12/10/70

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Submitting his report on
the audit of the Govt Press
Accounts for 1869-70

25-26
12/10/70

Out of 118 Minutes.

To
J. H. H. H.

The Superintendent of the
as

Dated, rec'd 12. }
Recd. 1870, No 1279.

Nos. 70. 71.

Having, on the report
of the audit of the (admission
to the school for 1869-70. and
sanctioning the payment of
the \$300 to the Board for
the same.