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Government of Madras.

*Public* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,  
24th October 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 163. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1870,  
No. 5807.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th June 1870, No. 810, Public  
Department.

ABSTRACT.—Directing the Superintendent of the Government Press to place,  
forthwith, his accounts before the Board of Revenue, who are to report the reason of  
the advances made to him for the purchase of materials for the Collectorate Presses  
remaining unadjusted.

From H. MORGAN, Esq., Superintendent of the Government Press, to the Acting  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 2nd July  
1870, No. 673.

In forwarding the accompanying duplicates of indents for printing material,  
I have the honour to request that I may be allowed to place the supplying of these  
materials in the hands of Aroolauden, Type-founder, residing at Poodoopet, the  
largest native type-founder in Madras. He casts all the vernacular types in use  
both in this Office and in the Mofussil, and procures English materials from Home,  
and will, I believe, do justice to all orders he may receive.

2. I propose that, as soon as he can finish an order for one Collector, he may  
be allowed to send in his bill through me, without waiting for others, and that the  
amount may be made payable to him.

3. I have spoken to him on the subject, and he undertakes to attend to any  
orders he may receive from Collectorate Presses, or from the Government Press,  
before all, or any, native presses.

4. I recommend this, because I find, with the very great amount of labour  
required to manage the Government and Penitentiary Presses, it is impossible, for  
either myself or Assistant, to attend properly to the despatch of goods to up-country  
stations.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Indent.

From the same Officer, dated Fort Saint George, August 1870, No. 837.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, and to the personal  
conference I have had with the Board's Sub-Secretary  
and Head Sheristadar, I have the honour to submit the  
following explanation. In doing this, I have only to  
reiterate what I have already personally stated to the  
two gentlemen above named, viz., that I have no regular accounts kept of any  
transactions with the Collectorate Presses and the Board of Revenue, and that those  
which I had in an irregular shape have been lost, with many of my own books and  
papers, some months ago, when changing my place of residence; I am, therefore,  
unable to submit the accounts called for. I have, however, a Memorandum Book

Order of Government, No. 810, dated  
28th June 1870.

Board of Revenue, No. 710, dated  
19th July 1870.

Board of Revenue, No. 808, dated  
9th August 1870.

in which the letters from Collectors, &c., and my replies to them are copied in full. In supplying Collectors' requirements, I have been chiefly guided by this book.

2. I also beg to bring to the notice of the Board that my work in the Government Press has much increased, as will be evident from the fact that the number of pages printed in 1868-69 was 168,800, against 124,000 pages in 1864-65, being 3000 pages more per mensem. The introduction of printing in the Penitentiary has also thrown much work on me. Besides this, during the past two years I have been frequently ill. Under these circumstances, I was unable to supply articles to Collectors when required, and, therefore, could not adjust accounts with the Madras Bank at the proper time.

3. Since the date of the Accountant-General's letter of 9th April 1870, I have paid into the Bank Rupees 1,144-12-0, bills passed by the Board for articles supplied to Collectors, but amounts not yet received amount to Rupees 4,020. These two sums will reduce the advance account to Rupees 2,962-13-0. A sum of Rupees 200 from Vizagapatam, and another of Rupees 608 from Bellary, have been due since 1868; these sums, if received, will further reduce the advance to Rupees 2,154-13-0. I have also bills for Rupees 670 against Collectors for submission to the Board, which will further reduce the amount due to Rupees 1,484-13-0.

4. I have with me a number of articles returned by Collectors to the value of upwards of Rupees 400, besides the machines which were lately refused by the Board. These articles remain to be disposed of to the best advantage. Their proceeds will far more than pay the amount still due. Under any circumstances, I have determined to close the transactions in the course of this month with the assets above detailed.

5. I now beg the Board will be pleased to excuse me for the delay and neglect on my part in the adjustment of my accounts with the Bank, and for my inability to submit the accounts required, for reasons stated above.

Official Memorandum from the same Officer, dated Fort Saint George, 1st September 1870, No. 899.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, 17th June 1870, the Superintendent of the Government Press has to state that he has received the amounts sanctioned from Tanjore, Ganjam, Trichinopoly, Kurnool, Salem, Coimbatore, and Cuddapah.

2. There was an error in the statement of money paid into the Bank; it occurred from the fact of the receipts up to the end of June having been forwarded to the Accountant-General. The amount should stand as below:—

|                   | Rs.   | A. | P. |
|-------------------|-------|----|----|
| Paid in June 1870 | 353   | 1  | 0  |
| „ July „          | 887   | 2  | 0  |
| „ Aug. „          | 379   | 12 | 0  |
| „ Sept. „         | 168   | 8  | 0  |
| Total             | 1,788 | 7  | 0  |

3. Remaining bills will be forwarded immediately.

4. The balance due will be paid within a week.

In the foregoing Order of Government, Mr. Morgan, the Superintendent of the Government Press, was directed to place his accounts before the Board, and the Board were requested to report the result.

2. It will be observed from Mr. Morgan's letter, dated August 1870, that he has kept no regular accounts of any money transactions with the Collectorate Presses and the Board of Revenue, and that such accounts as he says he kept were all lost, with his other books and papers, when changing his place of residence. He had, therefore, no accounts of any kind to place before the Board.

3. With the help of materials in the Board's Office, and with such information as Mr. Morgan was able to give orally, an account was made out of the assets in his favour compared with his liabilities, and the results made up to date stand thus: towards the end of April 1870, the balance of advances received from the Bank, and remaining unaccounted for by the Superintendent, was Rupees 8,127-9-0. He has since paid into the Bank Rupees 1,788-7-0, thus reducing his liability to Rupees 6,339-2-0; against this, he holds bills for articles supplied which have been more or less recently passed by the Board, and for which remittances are due to him from various Collectors to the amount of Rupees 3,573-13-0. A sum of Rupees 808 is also due to him from two Collectors on account of articles supplied some years ago, and he holds bills for articles supplied, amounting to Rupees 670. Thus, the total assets in his favour are raised to Rupees 5,051-13-0, and his liabilities reduced to Rupees 1,287-5-0.

4. Mr. Morgan proposes to liquidate the entire outstanding balance against him, first, by paying into the Bank the several items of assets as soon as they are realized; and, secondly, by paying immediately the deficit of Rupees 1,287-5-0 out of his own private funds. As a set-off against this deficit, however, Mr. Morgan states that he has a number of articles returned by Collectors to the value of upwards of Rupees 400, besides certain valuable printing-machines which he will now dispose of on his own account; so that eventually Mr. Morgan will not be any loser by his official connexion with the District Presses.

5. This seems to be the only feasible arrangement that the case admits of, and the Board, accordingly, recommend that it be accepted on the distinct understanding that the balance unaccounted for is paid in *at once*. Mr. Morgan promised to pay it in before this, and the Board cannot recommend any further indulgence being granted him in a transaction where he has shown, to say the least of it, the most serious negligence and incapacity.

6. With reference to the remarks of Government in paragraph 2, the Board concur in the opinion that the present position of the Superintendent, in respect of the supply of material and stores to District Presses, is an anomalous one. The Superintendent is himself, after what has passed, anxious to be relieved of this duty, which, he states, his other duties prevent him from performing satisfactorily. He is virtually called upon to perform, in his own person, two offices—the one appertaining to his position as a public officer, and the other that of a tradesman—and is liable to personal pecuniary risks. He himself admits that, for want of time, his supplies to Collectors have been made very unpunctually, and the evil must have been much aggravated by his extraordinary want of method.

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7. The Board, therefore, recommend that the Superintendent be formally relieved of his further connexion with the supply of materials to the District Presses. They have, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, ceased to send him any more indents for press material, and have arranged to purchase what is wanted in the open market. The arrangements made involve no advances of money whatever, and the Board propose reporting on them to Government after a few months' trial of their working.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,

*Acting Sub-Secretary.*

*To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.*

Transferred to the Public Department with reference to G. O., 29th June 1870, No. 810.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
1st October 1870.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

*Actg. Secy. to Govt., Rec. Dept.*

Referred to the Accountant-General for early report as to the amount of unadjusted advances still standing against the Superintendent in the books of the Bank.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
4th October 1870.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

*Under Secy. to Govt.*

No. 195.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 163-A.

The undersigned has the honour to report that the outstanding unadjusted advances against Mr. Morgan amounted, on 1st October 1870, to Rupees 5391-12-0.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
4th October 1870.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,

*Offg. Accountant-General.*

*To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

No. 164.

ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1870, No. 1352.

The Government regret exceedingly to learn that the result of the Board's investigation, regarding the advances outstanding against the Superintendent of the Government Press, in connexion with the supply of printing materials to the Collectorate Presses, has been so unsatisfactory.

2. It appears that Mr. Morgan was unable to furnish any accounts whatever; but, as far as the Board have been able to ascertain from the records of their office, and Mr. Morgan's statements that he held bills not paid amounting to Rupees 4,243-13-0, that Rupees 808 were due to him for articles supplied to two Collectorates some years ago, and that the assets available for the liquidation of the advances were thus Rupees 5,051-13-0. He had, up to the date of the Board's Proceedings, reduced, by payments, the amount of advances standing against him to Rupees 6,339-2-0, so that a sum of Rupees 1,287-5-0 remained uncovered by assets. This

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sum Mr. Morgan, in his letter of the 1st September 1870, promised to pay within a week.

3. It is clear, however, that he has failed to do this as, on the 1st October, the amount of advances unliquidated was Rupees 5,391-12-0, or Rupees 947-6-0 less than when the Board wrote. It is also probable that a portion of, if not all, this reduction was effected by the encashment of transfer receipts for the amounts of which credit has been taken under the head of "bills held;" and that the real deficiency of Rupees 1,287-5-0 is, in great part at least, still to be made good.

4. The Board will at once instruct all Collectors, against whom the demands above mentioned for Rupees 5,051-13-0 were proved by Mr. Morgan, to send to the Board the transfer receipts for the amounts, which the Board will themselves pay into the Bank against the advancers. The Board will also ascertain, through the Accountant-General, whether any, and what, transfer receipts have been received and cashed by Mr. Morgan since the 1st September; and having thus obtained security that the proceeds of the bills, which may be still outstanding, shall be applied to clearing off the advances, and having ascertained the exact deficiency to be made good, they will call on Mr. Morgan to pay up the amount. Should he fail to do so, he will be suspended until the advances are cleared off.

5. The arrangements, adverted to in paragraph 7 of the Board's Proceedings, are approved.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Supervisor of the Government Press.

„ Accountant-General.

Ed. J. Wright.

Debit. of 1870 ~~STANDARD~~

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To  
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,  
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 24th.

Recd.

Ind.

G. O., 24th October 1870, No. 1352.

OCTOBER.  
Nos. 163-164.

Passing orders on the result of the inquiry made by the Board of Revenue regarding the advance outstanding against the Superintendent of the Government Press in connection with the supply printing materials to the Calcutta Presses.

Public Department.

Proceedings of the Enquiry Committee

Read the following Res.  
of the Board of Revenue.  
H. E. 22. The 8th Dec 1870.

Order thereon 26 October 1870, No. 1342

The Government  
desire accordingly to learn  
that the results of the Board's  
investigation regarding the  
advances outstanding against  
the Superintendent of the  
Govt Press in connection with  
the supply of printing materials  
to the Collectorate premises  
has been ascertained.

2. It appears that  
the Enquiry Committee  
is empowered to examine  
all the accounts, and to  
the Board have been able  
to ascertain from the  
records of the Office and  
the Enquiry Committee  
that the bills were  
not submitted to the  
Board.

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H. E. 22.

that Rs 808 <sup>were</sup> due to him  
for articles supplied to him  
collectible some 4 years  
ago and that the assets  
available for the liquidation  
of the advances were  
then Rs 5051-13-0. He  
had up to the date of the  
Board's proceedings reduced  
by payments the amount of  
advances standing against  
him to Rs 6339-2-0, so that  
a sum of Rs 1287-5-0  
remained uncovered by  
assets. This sum Mr  
Eubank in his letter of the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1870, promised  
to pay within a week.

Mr Eubank, however,  
has failed to do  
this as on the 1<sup>st</sup> October  
the amount of advances  
undisputed was Rs 5891-  
18-0 or Rs 947-6-0 less  
than when the Board met.  
It is also probable that a  
portion, if not all, this  
redemption was effected  
by

by the encashment of transfer  
receipts for the amount  
of which credits have been  
taken under the head of  
"bills held", and that the  
real deficiency of Rs 1287-5-0  
is in great part at least  
still to be made good.

4 The Board will at  
once instruct all collections  
against whom the amounts  
above mentioned for  
Rs 5051-13-0 were  
provided by Mr Eubank  
to send to the Board the  
transfer receipts for  
the amounts which the  
Board will themselves pay  
into the Bank against  
the advances. The  
Board will also ascertain  
through the Accountant  
General whether any  
and what transfer receipts  
have been received and  
cashed by Mr Eubank  
and having thus obtained  
Security

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> September

primarily that the parents  
 of the child which may  
 be still continuing  
 shall be applied to  
 settling of the advances,  
 and having ascertained  
 the same to be correct to  
 make good the same with  
 the balance to pay  
 to the mother. Should  
 the father refuse to  
 make the same good until  
 the advances are cleared  
 up. H.S.

Feb 23rd 1891

The amount advanced  
 to the mother in part of the  
 Board's proceedings  
 should be approved.

J. N.

The arrangements referred  
 to in paragraph 7 of the Board's  
 Proceedings are approved.  
 H.S.

The Board of  
 Supervisors for Child  
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To  
The Board of Revenue

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Res. to the

Passing orders on the result of  
the inquiry made by the Board  
of Revenue regarding the advance  
substantiating against the Dept.  
of the Govt. Press in connection  
with the supply of printing  
materials to the Collectorate  
presses.