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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	206	Press
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Dated	19-2-	1870

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
19th February 1870.*

No. 81. Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Supervisor of the Government Press, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th January 1870, No. 142.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G. O., 24th January 1870, No. 96, Public Department, in the last paragraph of which I am called on to state whether it is practicable to reduce the quantity of work printed in the Government Press for the several departments of the Secretariat, the Board of Revenue, and the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. Mr. Hamnett's suggestions brought to the notice of Government in my letter referred to in that paragraph were communicated to the several Secretariat, Departments early in July 1869, and the following statement, showing appearing pages printed, exhibits their effect in each department :—

DEPARTMENT.	APRIL TO JUNE, THREE MONTHS.				JULY TO DECEMBER, SIX MONTHS.			
	1868-69.	1869-70.	Increase + Decrease —	Average per ensem.	1868-69.	1869-70.	Increase + Decrease —	Average per ensem.
Chief Secretary's.	5,117	5,946	+ 829	+ 276	11,505	9,097	— 2,408	— 401
Revenue... ..	3,843	5,443	+ 1,600	+ 533	6,040	8,421	+ 2,381	+ 397
Military... ..	5,284	7,334	+ 2,050	+ 683	12,240	9,028	— 3,212	— 535
Public Works... ..	5,732	6,654	+ 922	+ 307	12,143	13,499	+ 1,356	+ 226
Total...	19,976	25,377	+ 5,401	+ 1,800	41,928	40,045	+ 1,883	— 312
Revenue Board...	7,729	9,075	+ 1,346	+ 448	13,000	16,054	+ 3,054	+ 084
Total...	27,705	34,452	+ 6,747	+ 2,249	54,994	56,599	+ 1,605	+ 267

3. It will be seen from this statement that, in the Military and Chief Secretary's Departments, the exertions that have been made to keep down the printing have been attended with marked success, an average monthly increase of 959 pages for the first three months of this official year having been converted into a monthly decrease of 936 pages for the subsequent six months, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. In the other departments the rate of increase has been sensibly reduced though an increase still remains; and the result for the Secretariat as a whole is that an average monthly increase of 1800 pages observed in the first three months has become an average decrease at the rate of 312 during the six months ending with December 1869. I believe that if efforts similar to those made in the Chief Secretary's and Military Departments had been made in the Revenue and Public Works Secretariats, a decrease of work in the latter, equivalent to what has been effected in the former, might have been brought about. I still observe from time to time long proceedings printed in the Revenue Department, the order on which consists of the word "recorded;" and in the Public Works Department printed files numerous orders of the old stamp recording or communicating to the officer concerned, orders of other departments. Each of the latter counts, with its docket, for two appearing pages. I have nothing to add to the suggestions already made for diminishing the Secretariat printing except that they should be more rigorously enforced, and that greater care be taken in the Revenue and Public Works Offices. It is satisfactory, however, to notice that the

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normal tendency of printing work to increase rapidly has been checked in the Secretariat.

4. The statement above given shows that the printing work of the Board of Revenue so far from diminishing is increasing in a rapidly progressive ratio. I do not know whether a miscellaneous list, to which routine proceedings and those not required for permanent record might be relegated in abstract, is kept in the Board's office; certainly none such is printed for them in the Government Press. I believe that if such a list were properly worked in the Board's Office, and the other suggestions made by Mr. Hamnett carried out, the Board's printing might be diminished by one-third. I recommend that the papers recorded in G. O., 13th July 1869, No. 972, be communicated to the Board, and that they be requested to take measures to reduce their printing to the limit of absolute necessity.

5. As regards the Sanitary Commissioner's printing I would recommend that he be required to file his proceedings in MS. I do not know what public utility the printing of his proceedings subserves, but I can testify to the fact that the greater portion of them exists in print elsewhere. I once went through his proceedings for three consecutive months and found that of 219 pages, all except 43½ consisted of reprints of Government Proceedings; and, in making this calculation, I gave him credit for letters addressed to Government on which orders had not yet been passed, but which must ultimately have been printed in the Government Proceedings. The cost of printing the Sanitary Commissioner's Proceedings for the last nine months has been Rupees 1200.

6. I take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government that, under the system which now obtains in the High Court, the expenditure of the State on the Court printing is made to appear much larger than it really is, although no loss actually accrues. The work is now executed by Messrs. Graves and Cookson at very low rates, and the arrangement under which that Firm have placed presses and compositors for the purpose within the Court precincts is found exceedingly convenient; I believe that, for these reasons, the High Court printing was made an exception when it was ordered that Government printing work should no longer be given out on contract.

7. Messrs. Graves and Cookson's bills amount to from 800 to 950 rupees per mensem, but of this amount not more than one-fourth is due for work done for the Court itself, and properly chargeable to Government. The remainder of the work consists of petitions of appeal, records, &c., which are printed for suitors in the Court, the cost being recovered from them and paid in to the general credit of Government. I base this statement on an examination of some of the bills, and on a conversation which I have had with the Acting Registrar of the Appellate Side on the subject. I believe that I am within the mark in saying that the apparent expenditure of Government on printing and stationery is, under this system, exaggerated by Rupees 7000 per annum.

8. I would suggest that the High Court should be requested to cause Messrs. Graves and Cookson's accounts for work done for the Court itself and for suitors to be separately kept, and the bills for the former only to be submitted for payment as public charges. I would further submit that, inasmuch as Messrs. Graves and

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Cookson, in consideration of the monopoly of the High Court work secured to them by the present arrangement, do the suitors' work for them at much lower rates than they otherwise would, it would not be so inequitable, as it at first sight appears, if the rates charged to suitors by the Court were enhanced so as to cover the cost of the *bond fide* work of the Court, as well as Messrs. Graves and Cookson's charges for the suitors' work itself. I am unable to say exactly what enhancement would be required, but I think that a report from the Court on the whole subject should be called for.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1870, No. 206.

The Government notice with satisfaction, from the foregoing report of the Supervisor of the Government Press, that there has been a large decrease in the printing work in the Secretariat, as compared with the work done in the preceding official year. The attention of the Revenue and Public Works Departments will, however, be drawn to the remarks contained in paragraph 3 of the report, with a view to the suggestions already made in Mr. Stokes' letter, dated the 24th June last, No. 301, being more rigidly enforced.

2. A copy of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 15th July last, No. 972, will be forwarded to the Board of Revenue; and they will be requested to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient for the immediate reduction of printing in their office.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner will be directed to report on the suggestion made by Mr. Stokes, in regard to the submission of his Proceedings in manuscript. The Government are of opinion that, if only papers of real interest and importance were printed, a considerable saving might be effected in the cost of printing the Sanitary Commissioner's Proceedings.

4. The Honourable the Judges of the High Court will be requested to favour Government with their opinion on the remarks and suggestions contained in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of Mr. Stokes' letter.

(True Extract.)

J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Honourable the Judges of the High Court.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Military Department.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Board of Revenue with No. 972.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Supervisor of the Government Press.

Exd. J. Wright.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 207.

To

THE HON. SIR C. H. SCOTLAND, Kt.,

Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

HONOURABLE SIR,

I am instructed to transmit copy of the Proceedings of Government of this date, No. 206, and to request that the Honourable the Judges of the High Court will favour Government with their opinion on the remarks and suggestions contained in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of the letter from the Supervisor of the Government Press, regarding the printing work of the High Court, and the charging of higher rates to suitors for the work executed for them.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th February 1870.

I have the honour to be,
Honourable Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Cont. of 1870; Madras

PUBLIC.

To

THE HON. THE JUDGES OF THE
HIGH COURT
Esq.,
Esq.,
Esq.

Dated February, 19th.

Recd.

Exd.

G. O. 19th February 1870, No. 206.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 81-83.

Passing orders on the subject of reducing the printing work of the several Departments of the Secretariat, the Sanitary Commissioner, the Board of Revenue, and the High Court.

Debts of 1870 ~~and~~

PUBLIC.

To

THE HON. THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE
HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT
Madras

Dated February, 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 19th February 1870, No. 207.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 81—83.

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Requesting opinion on certain remarks made
the Supervisor of the Government Press in view
reducing the printing work of the High Court.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

letter from the
Superior Govt. Secy
(No. 28th Jan 1870, N-142)

Order thereon 14 February 1870, No. 208

The Government
notice with anticipation
from the foregoing report
of the Superior of the Govt
Secy that there has been
a decrease in the printing
work in the Secretariat,
as compared with the
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financial year. The
attention of the Revenue
and Public Works Dept.
will, however, be drawn
to the remarks contained
in paragraph 3 of the
report, with a view to the
suggestions already
made in Mr. Stokes's
letter

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letter dated the 24th June
last No 301, being more
rigidly enforced.

2. A copy of the
Proceedings of Govern-
ment dated the 18th
July last, No 972, will
be forwarded to the
Board of Revenue;
and they will be requested
to make such arrange-
ments, as they may
deem expedient for the
immediate reduction
of printing in their office.

3. The Sanitary
Commissioners will
be directed to report
on the suggestion made
by Mr. Stokes in regard
to the submission of his
proceedings in manu-
script. The Govern-
ment are of opinion
that, if the paper is
of great interest and
importance

importance were
printed, a considerable
saving might be
effected in the cost
of printing the Sanitary
Commissioners' proceedings.

4. The Hon^{ble} the
Judges of the High
Court will be requested
to favor Government
with their opinion on
the remarks and
suggestions contained
in paragraph 5-6-7
of Mr. Stokes' letter.

To the Hon^{ble} the Judges
of the High Court.
- Revenue Dept.
- ^{Public Works Dept.}
- Board of Revenue.
- Sanitary Comm.
- Supervisor of the
Government Press.

date 24/2

Sept 24/2
with 8 copies of
No. 200.

Public
Judicial Department
No 207

To the Honble Sir C. H. Scottam, Kt.,
Chief Justice of the High Court
of Judicature, Madras

Honble Sir,

I am instructed
to transmit copy of the
^{of Government}
Proceedings of the 11th
Feb 1870; and to request
that the Honble the
Judges of the High Court
will favor Government
with their opinion on
the remarks and
suggestions contained
in paragraph 2 of
the letter from the
^{Superintendent}
of the Government Press, regard-
ing the printing work
of the High Court,
and the charging of
higher rates to
suitors for the work
executed for them.

February 1870

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For the Secy.
19 Feb 70

Govt. of M S Madras.

Public

To
The Honble Judges of the
High Court

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Dated Feb. 19. 1870, No. 200
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Nos. 81, 83

Being order in the
High Court of Madras
bearing date the 19th
Feb 1870, in the
case of the Government
Press and the
Honble the Judges
of the High Court.

25-11-12

1870

(Public)

At the High Court
of the County of London
in the
Chancery
Division

At the High Court of Chancery
in the County of London
on the 19th day of July 1870.

At the High Court of Chancery
in the County of London
on the 19th day of July 1870.

The undersigned (Plaintiff) do hereby
declare that the above is a true and
correct copy of the original
document in his possession
and that he is the owner of the same
and that he is entitled to the same
by virtue of the same.