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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
31st May 1870.*

No. 141. Read the following letter from the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th April 1870, No. 795 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Minchin's letter to the Chief Justice, dated 19th February 1870, forwarding Proceedings of Government, Public Department, of the same date, No. 206, and requesting the opinion of the High Court on the suggestions made by the Supervisor of the Government Press regarding the printing work of the High Court.

2. In reply, I am instructed to forward a Statement of the Receipts and Charges on account of printing in the High Court, during the last three years, arranged under three heads :—

		Circular Proceed- ings, Forms, &c.			Records of Suits.			Authorized Reports.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1867.....	{ Receipts... ..	...	...	...	6,680	6	2	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	820	6	0	5,553	0	0	221	7	0
1868.....	{ Receipts... ..	...	...	...	8,029	13	9	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	1,880	8	0	8,114	4	3	367	12	2
1869.. ...	{ Receipts	...	...	...	7,994	14	0	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	1,956	6	0	5,985	2	3	465	6	0
Total.....	{ Receipts	...	...	...	22,705	1	11	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	4,657	4	0	19,652	6	6	1,054	9	2
Average..	{ Receipts... ..	...	...	...	7,568	5	11	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	1,552	6	8	6,550	12	10	351	8	4

It will be seen that, under the first head, the actual cost to Government for printing charges, during the past three years, averages about Rupees 1550 *per annum*, and that the profit under the second head averages about Rupees 1000 *per annum*, so that the actual expenditure is only about Rupees 550 *per annum*. The charges under the third head are more than counterbalanced by the sale of the reports which is conducted under the immediate superintendence of Government, and of which the High Court have no account. The receipts from the sale of the reports should properly appear as a set-off against the printing charges and the salary of the Reporter.

3. I am to observe that the cost of paper, which is now supplied gratis from the Government Press, must be added to the charges in the above statement; but it is believed that there is still a considerable profit on the printing work undertaken on behalf of suitors. The Chief Justice and a majority of the Judges are of opinion that the rates now paid should not be enhanced as proposed by Mr. Stokes so as to cover the cost of the *bonâ fide* work of the Court, and that suitors ought not to be called upon to pay more than the actual cost of the printing and the paper.

4. The present system of crediting to Government, when received, deposits from parties on account of printing, and submitting monthly bills for payment, appears to be the most convenient course, but the receipts should be set-off against the disbursements. I am to suggest that the receipts might, with advantage, be

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kept in a deposit account in the Madras Bank, and the accounts be adjusted at the close of the calendar or official year. Bills should be at the same time forwarded by the Government Press for the paper supplied to Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., so as to exhibit clearly the actual cost of printing in the High Court.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1870, No. 683.

The Government consider that the cost of the printing work required for the High Court itself, including authorized reports, should alone be brought into the Government printing account, and that the printing for suitors should be made a matter of separate arrangement under the control of the Court.

2. If paper is required for the suitors' printing work, the Registrar should, from time to time, indent for it on the Superintendent of the Government Press, who will supply the paper on payment.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 142-A. To the Hon. Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, *Kt.*, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 31st May 1870, No. 683-A.

I am directed to transmit copy of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 31st ultimo, No. 683, and to request that the Honourable the Judges of the High Court will be good enough to arrange for the cost of the printing work required for the High Court itself, including authorized reports, being brought into the Government printing account, and that the printing for suitors be made a matter of separate arrangement under the control of the Court.

2. The paper required for suitors' printing work will be supplied by the Superintendent of the Government Press on payment.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No 795.

From

H. Wigram, Esq^{re},

Acting Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature at Madras.

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis, C.B.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Honorable Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr Minchin's letter to
the Chief Justice dated 19 February 1870,
forwarding proceedings of Government
Public Department of the same date,
No 206, and requesting the opinion
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ment Press regarding the printing
work of the High Court.

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forward a Statement of the receipts

Obdt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE HON. THE JUDGES OF THE
HIGH COURT.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 31st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 31st May 1870, No. 683.

MAY.

Nos. 141-142-A.

Considering that the cost of the printing work
required for the High Court itself, including autho-
rized reports, should be brought into the Govern-
ment Printing Account, and that the printing for
authors should be made a matter of separate
arrangement under the control of the Court.

and charges on account of printing in
the High Court during the last three
years arranged under three heads.

	1867		1868		1869		Total		Average	
	Receipts	Disbursements	Receipts	Disbursements	Receipts	Disbursements	Receipts	Disbursements	Receipts	Disbursements
Circular Proceedings, Forms, &c.	"	820-6-	"	1880-8-	"	956-6-	"	4687-4-	"	1552-6-8
Records of Trials	6680-6-25553-	3029-13-98114-4-3	7994-14-5985-2-3	22705-1-11	19682-6-67568-5-11	6550-12-10				
Authorized Reports	"	221-7-	"	367-12-2	"	465-6-	"	1054-9-2	"	351-8-4
	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13	506.13
	Per 1	885.2	Per 1	1325.10.8	Per 1	432 5.2	Per 1	10559.1.9		

It will be seen that under the first head the actual cost to Government for printing charged during the past three years averaged about Rs 1550 per annum and that the profit under the second head averaged about Rs 1000 per annum so.

that the actual "expenditure" is only about
Rs 550 per annum. The charges under

the third head are more than counter-
balanced by the sale of the Reports
which is conducted under the im-
mediate superintendence of Govern-
ment and of which the High Courts
have no account. The Receipts from
the sale of the Reports should properly
appear as a set off against the printing
charges and the salary of the Reporters.

This cannot be done. The cost of printing the reports would be as great as the cost of printing the original reports.

* Both for sister
dearest friend

3. I wish to observe that the cost of paper which is now supplied gratis from the Government Press ^{4/4} must be added to the charges in the above statement, but it is believed that there is still a considerable profit on the printing work undertaken on behalf of Sutors. The Chief Justice and a majority of the Judges are of opinion that the rates now paid should not

be enhanced as proposed by Mr Stokes
so as to cover the cost of the bona fide
work of the Court and that suitors
ought not to be called upon to pay more
than the actual cost of the printing
and the paper.

4. The present system of crediting
to Government when received deposits
from parties on account of printing and
submitting monthly Bills for payment
appears to be the most convenient course,
but the receipts should be set off against
the disbursements. I am to suggest that
the Receipts might with advantage be
kept in a deposit account in the Madras
Bank and the accounts be adjusted
at the close of the Calendar or Official
year. Bills should be at the same
time forwarded by the Government

Press

The Court's printing
deposits may be
kept as a separate
fund, on which the Govt.
should draw for the charges
properly debitable to it
& which are now
shown separately in
Messrs. Fraser & Co's
Bills, & for the cost of
the paper supplied, which
might be adjusted annually.
The existing system of monthly
Bills must be continued
as regards the Court's own
work. It will be reduced by Rs 6000 to 7000 per annum.

The cost of paper Press for the paper supplied to Messrs.
appears now in an
account in the
Graves, Crookson, & Co., so as to exhibit
clearly the actual cost of printing
in the High Court.

High Court of
Judicature,
Madras,
25 April 1870.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. Digby

Acting Registrar
Appellate Side.

W. Digby
Hamilton.

Public Department

N^o 683 A

To The Honble Sir C. H. Scottland, K^c,
Chief Justice of the High
Court of Judicature, Quebec.

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Proceedings of Government
dated the 31st Ultimo,
N^o 683, and to request
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Court will be good
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the High Court itself,
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and that the printing
for suits be made
a matter of separate
arrangement.

Copy of the 6th of
of the 18th of 1883.

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Hon^{ble} Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Montreal.

The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Decd 25th } April 1890.
Recd 26th

No 616.

No 795

Transmitting the opinion
of the High Court in the
suggested made by the
Superior of the House.
- must be made regarding
the printing work of
the High Court.

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arrangement under the
control of the Court.

2 The paper
required for printers'
printing work will
be supplied by the
Superintendent of the
Government Press on
payment.

J. M. H.

Fort Saint George
31st May 1870

Printing work of
the High Court

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